



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**

***Agenda Item 2***

**SUBJECT:**

Improving Primary Education Provision in Ferndale

**Cabinet Members Present  
County Borough Councillors:**

A.Morgan (Chairman), R.Bevan, A.Crimmings, M.Forey, E.  
Hanagan, G. Hopkins & J. Rosser.

**Apologies for Absence  
County Borough Councillors:**

K. Montague & M Webber.

**Other County Borough Councillor(s)  
in Attendance:-**

A Davies, S Pickering & P Wasley

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

1. To note that objections were received in response to the publication of the statutory notice to progress the proposal contained within the report and that the objections report attached as appendix 1 of the report summarised the objections received and the Council's response.
2. To implement the proposal to close Ferndale Infants' School and transfer its pupils to Darran Park Primary School, subject to parental preference, in September 2016, noting that works to improve and extend the site and buildings of Darran Park Primary will be undertaken prior to this date.

**N.B** With the permission of the Chairman, the following County Borough Councillors and members of the public addressed the Cabinet on this item:-

- County Borough Councillor:- A Davies
- Members of the Public - A Jones and L Barry.

**2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:**

- The need to advise Members of the outcomes of the recent publication of a statutory notice in respect of a proposal to close Ferndale Infants School and transfer its pupils to Darran Park Primary School, subject to parental preferences in September, 2016.
- The proposal proposed to improve educational outcomes; improve educational provision and improve leadership and management (Cabinet report on this item of the 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2015.)
- Following consideration of the report, the need to implement the proposal in accordance with the process outlined in Welsh Government legislative guidance (the School Organisation Code).

**3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:**

- Consultation process in respect of this proposal was undertaken under the arrangements outlined in the Welsh Government's School Organisation code.
- Consultation took place between the 2<sup>nd</sup> November - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.
- Cabinet Decision – 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2015; 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**4. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:**

- County Borough Councillor R Bevan declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the meeting when the item was discussed and voted upon: - "I know 2 Members of staff working within the School".

**5. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):**

- N/A

**6. (a) IS THE DECISION URGENT AND NOT TO BE THE SUBJECT OF ANY CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

YES      NO ✓

**Note:** This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 5 clear working days after its publication i.e. **25<sup>th</sup> March 2016** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

(N.B This decision is capable of implementation from the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 although officers will note that the next working date is the 29<sup>th</sup> March)

**6. (b) IF YES, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS URGENT:**

N/A

**6. (c) SIGNATURE OF MAYOR OR DEPUTY MAYOR OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:**

N/A

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)



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(Proper Officer)

**17.03.16**  
(Dated)