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**RHONDDA CYNON TAF**  
TREFADAETH GADARN | DYFODOL SICR

## **CABINET STATEMENT**

**TITLE: WELSH HERITAGE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE AWARDS**

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I would like to make a statement regarding some very good news, which I am sure all members will welcome.

For the very first time in the twenty year history of the Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative Awards, which were held at the National Botanic Garden of Wales near Carmarthen, Rhondda Cynon Taf pupils represented the only local authority ever to be placed first in three categories.

These categories were Infant, Primary & Secondary.

Three further schools also achieved “highly commended” recognition in other categories, giving a total number of awards to Rhondda Cynon Taf pupils overall of 6 out of the 20 awards in the Initiative. Again, this is the highest total received for one authority since the Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative began.

I am sure members would wish me to pass on their congratulations and thanks to pupils and staff for all their hard work.