



## **RHONDDA CYNON TAF**

### **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

#### **RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2014**

#### ***Agenda Item 2***

#### **SUBJECT:**

Improving Primary Education Provision in Wattstown

#### **Cabinet Members Present County Borough Councillors:**

A.Morgan (Chairman), P.Cannon, R.Bevan, A.Crimmings, M.Forey,  
E.Hanagan, G.Hopkins, K.Montague and M.Webber

#### **Other Members in Attendance County Borough Councillors:**

P.Jarman, W.L.Langford, M.Powell, L.Walker, M.Weaver and  
E.Webster

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

- To note the information contained within the consultation report as appended to the report, which included details of items of correspondence received during the consultation exercise and the notes of the various meetings held.
- To the publication of the Consultation Report as required by the Welsh Government.
- To progress the proposal to close Aberllechau Primary School to the next stage of the review process by issuing an appropriate statutory notice.

**Note:** With the permission of the Chairman, County Borough Councillor W.Langford spoke on this item and raised concerns with the proposal to close Aberllechau Primary School and referred to a recent letter which he sent to the Director, Education and Lifelong Learning. The Director, Education and Lifelong Learning responded to the concerns raised by Councillor Langford and also indicated that the issues outlined in the letter would be responded to in writing within the next few days and that copies would also be sent to the Cabinet Members, for information.

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

- The need to advise Members of the outcome of the recent consultation in respect of the proposal to close Aberllechau Primary School and transfer pupils to Pontygwaith Primary School, subject to parental preference in January, 2015.

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

- Report to Cabinet – 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.
- Formal consultation undertaken in accordance with the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code (consultation period ended on the 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2014).

**4. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:**

- In accordance with the Code of Conduct, County Borough Councillor R.Bevan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter as he is a Governor of Pontygwaith Primary School – "Because of the proposed closure of Aberllechau Primary it is intended for the pupils to attend Pontygwaith Priamry where I am a Governor". Councillor Bevan left the meeting when the matter was being discussed and voted upon.

**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. **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2014** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

**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)



24<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

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(Proper Officer)

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(Dated)