



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 14th May, 2015.

Agenda Item 4

SUBJECT:

Realignment of Learning Support Classes for Pupils with Special Educational Needs.

**Cabinet Members Present
County Borough Councillors:**

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

**Apologies for absence
County Borough Councillors:**
P Cannon & K Montague

**Other Member(s) in attendance
County Borough Councillor(s)**
J Rosser

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

- To note that no objections to the proposals have been received during the statutory notice period.
- To approve implementation of the proposals to align the following Learning Support Classes:
 - To close Aberdare Park Primary Foundation Phase LSC for Complex Learning Difficulties
 - To close Capcoch Primary Provision LSC for Speech and Language Difficulties
 - To close Perthcelyn Primary Key Stage 2 LSC for Complex Learning Difficulties
 - To open a new learning support class at Pontypridd High School – a key Stage 3 / 4 LSC for Social Emotional & Behavioural Difficulties.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

- The need to allow the planned re-alignment of Learning Support Classes to be progressed with effect from 31st August 2015, which will allow the Authority to be better equipped to meet the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs, and will ensure a high quality education for all learners within Rhondda Cynon Taf.

3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

- Cabinet reports – 12th February, 2015 & 30th October, 2014.
- Series of meetings with affected schools and a public consultation process, including consultation with Estyn.

4. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

- County Borough Councillor A Crimmings declared a personal interest – “I am chair of governors of Aberdare Park Primary school but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption set out in paragraph 12(2)(a) of the Code of Conduct.”

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. **22nd May 2015** 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)



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(Proper Officer)

14.05.15
(Dated)