



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 24 January, 2019

Cabinet Members Present:

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Vice-Chair),
Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor G Hopkins, Councillor M Norris,
Councillor J Rosser and Councillor R Lewis

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor R Bevan and Councillor C Leyshon

Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-

Councillor J Bonetto
Councillor S Bradwick
Councillor G Caple
Councillor G Thomas
Councillor L Hooper

Agenda Item : 4

**SUBJECT: 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME - PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE
EDUCATION PROVISION IN CYNON VALLEY**

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note the information contained within the Consultation Report (as attached to the report), which includes details of items of correspondence received during the consultation exercise and notes of the various meetings held.
2. To note that the consultation report recommends that an amendment to the consultation proposals be made, which **will** allow new English medium admissions to Penderyn Community Primary School until such time that the change in category of Penderyn Community Primary School, from a dual language school to a Welsh medium school, comes into effect.
3. That following consideration of the responses set out in the report to progress the proposals plus the amendment to the next stage of the review process by firstly agreeing to publish the Consultation Report, and secondly issuing an appropriate Statutory Notice two weeks after the Consultation Report is published.
4. That the modified proposals are to:
 - create a new school for Hirwaun Primary School by September 2021;
 - change the category of Penderyn Community Primary School from a dual language school to a Welsh medium school from September 2021;
 - continue to allow new English medium admissions to Penderyn Community Primary School until such time that the change in category of Penderyn Community Primary School, from a dual language school to a Welsh medium school, comes into effect.

N.B With the agreement of the Chair, County Borough Councillor G Thomas spoke on this item.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

To improve and extend the range of education provision available in the Cynon Valley area of Rhondda Cynon Taf.

The need to progress the proposal in accordance with the process outlined in Welsh Government legislative guidance (the School Organisation Code).

3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES/FUTURE GENERATIONS - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

The Council's Corporate Plan commits to "Continue to invest in improving school buildings, to ensure the County Borough's pupils have the learning environment fit for the 21st Century." The proposals considered in the report contribute to all 7 well-being goals within the Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

The consultation process in respect of this proposal has been undertaken under the arrangements outlined in the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code. A consultation was undertaken during the period 1st October 2018 and 31st December 2018 between all stakeholders and interested parties, as listed within the consultation report. The proposal was also consulted upon with the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee on the 19th December, 2018.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

[Cabinet](#) – 20th September, 2018

[Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee](#) – 19th December, 2018.

6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

County Borough Councillor G Thomas declared the following personal interest in respect of the item- "I am on the Governing Body of Penderyn Primary School but my interest is not prejudicial because of the exemption contained within paragraph 12(2) (a)(iii) of the Members Code of Conduct"

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

N/A

8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

Yes

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication i.e. **30 January 2019** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

8.(b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:

I. COUNCIL / SCRUTINY FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-

Reason: N/A

II. URGENT DECISION:-

Reason N/A

8.(c) IF DEEMED URGENT - 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:

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)

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