



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 09 April, 2019

Cabinet Members Present:

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

Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-

Councillor G Davies
Councillor T Williams

Agenda Item : 4

**SUBJECT: 21st Century Schools Programme - Proposals to improve education
provision in the Cynon Valley**

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note the information contained within the Objection Report attached at Appendix A of the report, which includes a summary of the 9 objections received during the Statutory Notice period, and the comments given in response to the objections.
2. To implement the proposals as published in the Statutory Notice which will:
 - 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.
3. To note that a separate report on funding arrangements will be presented to Council in due course.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

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

The need to improve and increase education provision in Hirwaun by investing in a new school for Hirwaun Primary School; and improve Welsh medium education provision by increasing the supply of places in the Upper Cynon Valley by making Penderyn Community Primary School, currently a dual language school, a Welsh medium Primary School.

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 Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

As outlined within section 6 of the report the consultation process in respect of this proposal has been undertaken under the arrangements outlined in the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code, which was introduced on 1st October 2013 and recently updated in November 2018.

Consultation took place between 1st October 2018 and 31st December 2018 and full details of this process were published in a Consultation Report, which was presented at the meeting of Cabinet held on [24th January 2019](#) and subsequently published on the Council website.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

Cabinet – [20th September, 2018](#)
Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee – [19th December, 2018](#)
Cabinet – [24th January, 2019](#)

6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

None

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. **15 April 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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