



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

9 APRIL 2019

PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH PRIMARY EDUCATION PROVISION FOR THE LLANILID HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND INCLUSION SERVICES IN DISCUSSION WITH THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION (COUNCILLOR J ROSSER)

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise Members of the outcome of the recent publication of a Statutory Notice in respect of proposals to establish new primary education provision to serve the new housing development at Llanilid, Llanharan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Cabinet:

- 2.1 Note that no objections, or comments were received in response to the publication of the statutory notice to progress this proposal;
- 2.2 Agree to implement the proposal to increase the capacity of Dolau Primary School and construct a new extension to the current school.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To implement the proposal in accordance with the process outlined in Welsh Government legislative guidance (the School Organisation Code).

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Members will recall that, at the meeting of the Cabinet held on 20th September 2018, approval was given to begin a process to formally consult on a proposal to establish new primary education provision to serve the new housing development at Llanilid, Llanharan. This will be achieved in the first instance, by treating the new building that will be

provided by the housing developers as an extension to the dual-language provision at the existing Dolau Primary School.

- 4.2 Following the conclusion of the consultation period, and at a subsequent meeting of the Cabinet held on January 24th 2019, a decision was taken to progress to the next phase of the statutory process and to publish the Statutory Notice. A copy is attached at appendix A.

5 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Equality and Community Impact Assessments were prepared in respect of this proposal and were published on the Council's website together with the consultation document that outlined the proposal in detail. Copies of both reports have been provided to Cabinet previously.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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's website.

7. THE STATUTORY PROCESS

- 7.1 The Statutory Notice which is included at Appendix A for this proposal referred to:

- Increase the capacity of Dolau Primary School and construct a new extension to the current school. The school will continue to be maintained by RCTCBC, to be a dual language school for boys and girls aged 3-11 years:

- 7.2 If the proposals are agreed, the Council must publish a Decision Notice that formally outlines the reasons for the implementation of these proposals.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The capital cost of constructing the new school will be met by the housing developers (Persimmon Homes) as part of their Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) responsibilities.

9 LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.

- 9.1 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 seven well-being goals in the Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

10 CONCLUSION

- 10.1 Members are asked to formally approve the proposal as consulted upon and agree to increase the capacity of Dolau Primary School and construct a new extension to the current school.

Other Information:-

Relevant Scrutiny Committee: Children and Young People

Background Papers

The appendices to the report are:

- Decision Notice

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Officer to contact:

Appendix A

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Education and Inclusion Services Directorate, Ty Trevithick, Abercynon CF45 4UQ

Notice is given in accordance with sections 42 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (RCTCBC), having consulted such persons as required, proposes to:

Increase the capacity of Dolau Primary School and construct a new extension to the current school. School to continue to be maintained by RCTCBC, to be a dual language school for boys and girls aged 3-11 years:

Dolau Primary School, Bridgend Road, Llanharan, Pontyclun CF72 9RP

RCTCBC undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish these proposals. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the proposer's responses and the views of Estyn is available on the Council's website at

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/GetInvolved/Consultations/SchoolConsultations/SchoolsConsultations.aspx>

It is proposed to implement the proposals by 1st September 2021.

The current capacity of Dolau Primary School is 441 plus Nursery, and the increased capacity of Dolau Primary School will be 921 plus Nursery. The admission number for pupils aged 4 into the Reception Class at the new school, in the first school year in which the proposals have been implemented, will be 131. There will be 124 part time nursery places.

Pupils will be provided with transport in accordance with RCTCBC's Transport Policy. At present, RCTCBC provides free transport for pupils who attend their relevant Primary, Infant or Junior School, if they reside beyond 1.5 miles walking distance to that school. The relevant school is the catchment school or the nearest school.

Within a period of 28 days of the date on which these proposals were published, that is to say by March 20th 2019 any person may object to the proposals. Objections should be sent to the Director of Education and Inclusion Services, 21st Century Schools, Ty Trevithick, Abercynon, Mountain Ash CF45 4UQ, e-mail schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk.

RCTCBC will publish a summary of any such objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with their observations thereon, within 7 days of the determination of the proposal.



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For Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Date: 18th February 2019

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The construction of 1,850 dwellings is considered to be the first phase of what is likely to be a much larger development in forthcoming years for this area.

The new school building will form part of the education provision that will serve this wider area and its provision will be delivered under the management and guidance of Dolau Primary School. At a point in time, the Council will make an assessment of the requirements and demand for school places, including the likely language medium choices being expressed by parents, and will consider establishing the new school building as a new school in its own right.

The Headteacher of Dolau will be able to utilise the new building to accommodate classes between the two buildings as he sees fit to make the best use of all available resources. The school will then 'grow' as more houses are constructed.