



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 17 October, 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

Agenda Item : 8

SUBJECT: HWB TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME FUNDING

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To acknowledge the receipt of £3.99 million funding for financial year 2019/20 from the Welsh Government; and
2. To approve the approach outlined in Section 6 of the report.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to advise the Cabinet of the receipt of funding from Welsh Government as part of the Hwb transformation programme for improving the use of digital technology for teaching and learning in schools.

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

As detailed in Section 11 of the report, the programme supports the Council's Corporate Plan Economy priority, specifically the theme Rhondda Cynon Taf's schools will be amongst the best in the country, with all children achieving the best they can.

The programme also supports the Well-being of Future Generations Act in the following ways:

- **A prosperous Wales** – provides the platform that allows for more innovative teaching and learning for the development of children and young people's digital skills and in turn, employability skills.
- **A healthier Wales** – by children and young people accessing relevant and accurate information to support them in their decision making, building aspiration and independence through online tools and research materials.
- **A more equal Wales** – equality of provision and access for all children and young people irrespective of social demographics.
- **A Wales of cohesive communities** – By providing the infrastructure and access to the latest technologies where pupils and young people can collaborate effectively and safely with schools, further and higher education establishments along with businesses nationally and internationally. This will allow pupils and young people to learn together, receive advice and support and collaborate on projects together.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

Consultation with key stakeholders with regard to the programme has been undertaken. Further engagement will be undertaken with stakeholders in relation to the planning and delivery of the project.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

None

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

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 PRESIDING MEMBER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER 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:

.....NA.....
(PRESIDING MEMBER)

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(Dated)

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