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Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE EDUCATION PROVISION IN CYNON VALLEY

The Council's Cabinet, at their meeting held on April 9th 2019 resolved to implement the proposals, with effect from 1st September 2021.

A copy of the Objection Report that was prepared in respect of the proposals can be viewed on the Council website at the link below. Hard copies are available on request.

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

The reasons for and rationale behind the proposals, and the reasons for this decision to implement them, were fully outlined and explained in the consultation document that was widely circulated in October last year. Cabinet also fully considered all comments received following the consultation process that ended in December 2018 and objections received following the publication of the statutory notice, together with the several impact assessment documents that were prepared. A summary of the reasons for the decision to implement these proposals is given below:

- They will deliver greater flexibility and opportunity for pupils due to an extended, more enhanced educational environment in which to learn and grow;
- They will deliver significant capital investment from the construction of a modern, state of the art purpose built school for Hirwaun Primary School, that meets all the required standards of a 21st Century learning environment;
- They will improve educational outcomes and provision as pupils will be taught, in the main, with their year group.
- They will provide total immersion in the Welsh language for all pupils at Penderyn Community Primary School
- They will create a critical mass of Welsh-medium learners;
- They will support the development of increased Welsh-medium provision at secondary level;

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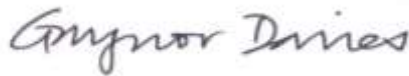
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Further information on the summary is detailed within the consultation document that was circulated widely to all consultees in October 2019. This document is still available on the Council website for any person to view.

The conclusion therefore reached by Cabinet when making their final decision was to approve the proposals as published within the Statutory Notice. That is to improve education provision in Hirwaun by investing in a new school for Hirwaun Primary School; and to improve Welsh medium education provision and increase the supply of places in the Upper Cynon Valley by making Penderyn Primary School, currently a dual language school, a Welsh medium Primary School. All works are subject to the satisfactory outcome of the relevant statutory consents.

Yours Sincerely,



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