



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 04 October, 2021**

**Cabinet Members Present:**

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

**Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-**

Councillor G Caple  
Councillor P Jarman

***Agenda Item : 3***

**SUBJECT: Review of Special School Provision In Rhondda Cynon Taf County  
Borough Council**

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

1. To note the content of the report.
2. To acknowledge the pressures on the Council's special schools and the need for significant investment to increase capacity and manage increased demand.
3. To note that investment has been included within the Council's revised 21st Century Schools Strategic Outline Programme to invest in a new special school within the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT).
4. To receive further reports as the proposal develops and progresses in accordance with the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code, and Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools and Colleges statutory approval processes.

**N.B** with the permission of the Chair, County Borough Councillor P Jarman spoke on this item.

**2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:**

The need to provide Cabinet with updated information following the report presented to Cabinet in February 2021 where Cabinet agreed to additional scoping work being undertaken including feasibility studies, where appropriate, to inform potential proposals for change in the Council's special school provision.

To address the demand for additional capacity in special schools in the County Borough of RCT to accommodate the growth in learner numbers.

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

The proposals will ensure that two of RCTCBC's three key priorities will be met. These include:

- Economy: Building a strong economy.
- People: Promoting independence and positive lives for everyone.

The proposal will ensure that some of the Council's most vulnerable learners will have the best chance of achieving positive outcomes. The proposal will ensure more efficient and effective use of resources which promotes the development of social inclusion and positive outcomes for learners. This will also have a beneficial impact on transport costs and on carbon emissions.

**4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:**

None

**5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:**

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**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 to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

**The closing date for Call-In is 5pm on the 7 October 2021**

**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 OFFICER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER 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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(PRESIDING OFFICER)

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(Dated)

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