



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 13 December, 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

**Apologies for Absence:**

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

***Agenda Item : 7***

**SUBJECT: 21st Century Schools Programme - Proposals to Improve English Medium  
Primary Education Provision For Glyncoch, Tonysguboriau and Maesybryn**

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

1. To note the content of the report;
2. To give formal approval to commence consultation with relevant stakeholders on the proposal to close Cefn Primary and Craig-yr-Hesg Primary Schools and open a new community primary school on a new site to serve the combined existing catchment areas of Cefn Primary and Craig-yr-Hesg Primary Schools;
3. To note any proposal, should it be approved following completion of the required statutory processes, would be implemented no later than September 2026;
4. That subject to 2.2 of the report to give delegated authority to the Director of Education to make any minor changes that are required to the proposed consultation document (attached at Appendix B to the report) prior to its publication and the consultation commencing;
5. To agree to a Strategic Outline Business Case for three proposed MIM Projects being submitted to the Welsh Government – the projects being a new community primary school for Glyncoch; a replacement community primary school for Maesybryn Primary School and a replacement community primary school for Tonysguboriau Primary School. Such submission to be subject to the outcome of the statutory consultation in relation to the new community primary school proposed for Glyncoch, noting that any that formal approval to proceed to deliver any new project will be brought back to Cabinet for further determination.

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

- To increase capacity and improve the quality of the English medium primary education provision available to learners in the Glyncoch area of Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- To continue the Council's ambitious school modernisation agenda.

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

There are links to RCTCBC's Corporate Plan for the period between 2020 to 2024, specifically the priority:

Prosperity – Creating the opportunity for people and businesses to be innovative, entrepreneurial and fulfil their potential and prosper  
Ensuring we have good schools so all children have access to a great education.

Due regard has been made to all seven well-being goals and the Five Ways of

Working, as contained within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 which requires the Council to think about the long-term impact of decisions, on communities to prevent consistent issues such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change.

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

The consultation processes in respect of the proposal in relation to Glyncoch would be undertaken under the arrangements outlined in the Code and the 'Changes to the School Organisation Code in response to the coronavirus outbreak' which were updated on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The arrangements stipulate that consultation must be undertaken when the proposals are at a formative stage and that consultation documents must be prepared and circulated to prescribed consultees, as well as being published on the Council website.

**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

**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 16 December 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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**APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓**

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