



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 21 March, 2022

Cabinet Members Present:

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

Other Councillor(s) in Attendance

Councillor P Jarman and Councillor T Williams

Agenda Item : 8

**SUBJECT: CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO ENHANCE WELSH MEDIUM
LEARNING SUPPORT CLASS PROVISION FOR PUPILS WITH SIGNIFICANT
ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS**

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note the information contained within the Consultation Report, which includes a summary of correspondence received during the consultation exercise, including the full response from Estyn, feedback received from the online survey, and notes of the meetings held.
2. To progress the proposal to enhance Welsh medium Learning Support Class (LSC) provision within Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT) by issuing the appropriate statutory notice to open a Key Stage 3/4 LSC for pupils with significant Additional Learning Needs (ALN) at Ysgol Garth Olwg accommodating 14 pupils.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

To progress the proposal in accordance with the process outlined in Welsh Government legislative guidance (the School Organisation Code 011/2008) so that an improved continuum of Welsh medium Additional Learning Needs (ALN) provision can be achieved in RCT

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

The proposal will ensure that two of the Council'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 pupils will have the best chance of achieving positive outcomes, whilst also ensuring equity and support for vulnerable learners and their families in line with strategic priority 3 (Ensuring equity and support for vulnerable learners and their families) of the Education and Inclusion Services Directorate's Strategic Plan for 2022-2025. The proposal will also ensure more efficient and effective use of the Council resources to promote the development of social inclusion and positive outcomes for learners.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

The Consultation Report, prepared in respect of this proposal contains information in respect of meetings held to discuss the proposal, with copies of the notes taken at these meetings; it contains Estyn's full response to the proposal and the appropriate clarification to the response; it also contains a summary of the online survey responses received during the consultation period and where required the appropriate clarification to any issues raised.

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 24 March 2022

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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