



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 22 June, 2022

Cabinet Members Present:

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Deputy Chair),
Councillor G Caple, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor R Lewis,
Councillor C Leyshon, Councillor M Norris and Councillor B Harris

Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-

Councillor D Williams
Councillor D Wood
Councillor J Brencher
Councillor K Morgan
Councillor A Ellis

Agenda Item : 5

**SUBJECT: Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme -Proposal To
Amalgamate Cefn And Craig Yr Hesg Primary Schools To Create A New Community
Primary School**

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note the one objection received in response to the publication of the statutory notice to progress this proposal;
2. To implement the proposal with no amendments; and
3. To note the financial implications as set out at section 8 of the report, which will be subject to further reports in due course.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to advise Members of the outcome of the recent publication of a Statutory Notice in respect of the proposal to:

1. Amalgamate the currently federated Cefn and Craig yr Hesg primary schools. The amalgamation will be achieved by closing the two existing primary schools and
2. opening a new, bigger community primary school to replace them.

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

There are links to RCTCBC's Education and Inclusion Services Strategic Plan for 2022 to 2025 and its mission: 'To deliver equity and excellence in Education and enhanced well-being for all'. The proposal will also support delivery against the five strategic priorities, most notably:

Strategic Priority 2 – Supporting educational settings to deliver a transformational curriculum, high quality teaching and learning and improved outcomes for all.

Strategic Priority 5 – Delivering 21st Century learning environments and innovative services for our learners and communities.

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 process in respect of this proposal has been undertaken under the arrangements outlined within the Code and in accordance with Welsh Government

coronavirus guidance for schools in place at the time.

The consultation took place between the 10th of January 2022 and the 21st of February 2022 and full details of this process were published in a Consultation Report, which was presented at the meeting of Cabinet held on the 21st of March 2022 and subsequently published on the Council website.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

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6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

Cllr M Webber declared a personal interest as she is a Governor at Heol-Y-Celyn Primary School

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 27 June 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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APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓

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