



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 15 May, 2023

Cabinet Members Present:

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

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor M Webber (Vice-Chair)

Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-

Councillor C Lises

Agenda Item : 9

SUBJECT: 21st Century Schools Programme: Naming of the New Schools

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To agree to the name put forward by the temporary governing body of the new 3-16 School in Hawthorn, which is due to open in September 2024 – the name put forward is Ysgol Afon Wen;
2. To agree to the name put forward by the temporary governing body of the new 3-16 School in Pontypridd, which is due to open in September 2024 – the name put forward is Ysgol Bro Taf; and
3. To agree to the name put forward by the temporary governing body of the new Welsh Medium Primary School in Rhydyfelin, which is due to open in September 2024 – the name put forward is Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Awel Taf.

N.B with the permission of the Chair, County Borough Councillor C Lises addressed the Cabinet in respect of this item.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to consider the recommendations made by the temporary governing bodies in relation to the names for the new schools being created as a part of the greater Pontypridd school organisation proposals.

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

<https://www.futuregenerations.wales/about-us/future-generations-act/>

The proposal will support the Well-being of Future Generations Act, in particular “A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language. The New Welsh Medium Primary School will develop skills, increase opportunities and respect our status as a bilingual nation. The three schools having Welsh names will also promote bilingualism.

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Council/WelshServices/Relateddocs/ActionPlanforWelshLanguage>

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Council/WelshServices/Relateddocs/ComplianceNoticeStandards.pdf> [gePromotionalStrategy.pdf](#)

This proposal will support Priority 1 – Increasing the number of Welsh speakers by establishing a new Welsh Medium Primary School, therefore strengthening the statutory education system which will increase the number of confident Welsh speakers.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

Although there is no statutory requirement to undertake consultation for these proposals, the Council has undertaken an online community consultation, hosted via the Council’s website. The process for naming these new schools has been undertaken in line with a protocol document written by the Director of Education and agreed by Cabinet in April 2012. This protocol document is attached for information, as Appendix 1. The temporary

governing bodies have followed due process as outlined in this policy, with the process being pupil led.

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:

No

8.(b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:

URGENT DECISION:-

As a result of the previous deferment of this report at the February Cabinet Committee meeting, and the urgencies that have been created in terms of progressing these matters before the conclusion of the academic year in July.

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:

...G.Hughes.....
(PRESIDING OFFICER)

.....15.05.23.....
(Dated)

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