



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 20 September, 2018

Cabinet Members Present:

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

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor M Webber (Vice-Chair)

Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-

Councillor G Davies
Councillor R Turner

Agenda Item : 3

**SUBJECT: 21st Century Schools Programme - Proposals To Improve Education
Provision In Cynon Valley**

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To commence the public consultation on the proposal to invest £10.4m for a new school for Hirwaun Primary School, and change the category of Penderyn Primary School from a dual language school to a Welsh medium school. No new English medium admissions will be approved after August 2019, and the catchment school for the English medium pupils will be Hirwaun Primary School.
2. To develop and submit a financial business case to Welsh Government to seek 21st Century Schools Funding to invest £3.3m to increase the capacity of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Aberdar to meet the demand for Welsh medium school places.
3. To develop and submit a financial business case to Welsh Government to seek 21st Century Schools funding to invest £10.2m to increase the capacity and improve the educational facilities at Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun to meet the demand for Welsh medium places.
4. That all the proposals will be implemented by 2022.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

To improve and extend the range of education provision available in the Cynon Valley area of Rhondda Cynon Taf.

To begin the required statutory consultations for the proposals, as contained within the report.

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

The Council's Corporate Plan commits to "Continue to invest in improving school buildings, to ensure the County Borough's pupils have the learning environment fit for the 21st Century." The proposals considered in the report have taken into account the seven well-being goals and the five ways of working.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

As outlined within section 6 of the report, The consultation processes in respect of the Hirwaun/Penderyn proposals will be undertaken under the arrangements outlined in the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code. These 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.

Formal consultation on the proposals to extend YGG Aberdar and YG Rhydywaun is not required.

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 i.e. **26 September 2018** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

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 MAYOR OR DEPUTY MAYOR 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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(Mayor)

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(Dated)

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APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓