



## **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **CABINET**

**24 JANUARY 2019**

#### **PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH PRIMARY EDUCATION PROVISION FOR THE LLANILID HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

#### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND INCLUSION SERVICES IN DISCUSSION WITH THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION (COUNCILLOR MRS J ROSSER)**

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#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise Members of the outcome of the recent consultation in respect of proposals to establish new primary education provision to serve the new housing development at Llanilid, Llanharan.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Note the information contained within the attached Consultation Report, which includes details of correspondence received during the consultation exercise, and notes of the various meetings held.
- 2.2 Agree to progress the proposals to the next stage of the consultation process by firstly agreeing to publish the Consultation Report, and secondly issuing an appropriate Statutory Notice two weeks after the Consultation Report is published.

#### **3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To progress the proposal in accordance with the process outlined in Welsh Government legislative guidance (the School Organisation Code).

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Members will recall that, at the meeting of the Cabinet held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018, approval was given to begin a process to formally consult on a proposal to establish new primary education provision to

serve the new housing development at Llanilid, Llanharan. This will be achieved in the first instance, by treating the new building that will be provided by the housing developers as an extension to the dual-language provision at the existing Dolau Primary School.

## **5 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Welsh Language, Equality and Community Impact Assessments were prepared in respect of this proposal and were published on the Council's website together with the consultation document that outlines the proposal in detail. Copies of these reports are attached as Appendix A to this report.

## **6 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The consultation process in respect of this proposal has been undertaken under the arrangements outlined in the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code, which was introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 and recently updated in November 2018. These arrangements stipulate that a Consultation Report must be prepared and published prior to the publication of any Statutory Notices which will progress the proposal. It further states that this Report must be published within 26 weeks of the end of the consultation period, which is 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 in this instance.
- 6.2 The Consultation Report prepared in respect of this particular proposal is attached at Appendix B for your attention. It contains information in respect of meetings held to discuss the proposal, with copies of the notes taken at these meetings. It also contains details of correspondence received together with the responses given to the points raised in this correspondence.
- 6.3 It must be noted that there has been a limited response to this particular consultation process with only 6 responses received. Approximately 25 people attended the open evening held to provide further information on 18th October 2018.

## **7. THE STATUTORY PROCESS**

- 7.1 The Statutory Notice for this proposal will refer to:
- Creating new Primary education provision to serve the new housing development at Llanilid, Llanharan.
  - This will be achieved, in the first instance, by treating the new building that will be provided by the housing

developers as an extension to the dual-language provision at the existing Dolau Primary School.

- 7.2 If agreed, and subject to the matter not being called in for consideration by Scrutiny, the Consultation Report will be published on January 30<sup>th</sup> 2019, and following a 2 week period the Statutory Notice will be published on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and will allow for a 28 day period for objections, ending on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
- 7.3 If any objections are received during this period, in accordance with the aforementioned Code, an Objections Report will be prepared. This matter will then be reported to a future meeting of Cabinet, probably in April 2019, for Members to receive and consider the Objections Report and to make a final decision on this proposal.

## **8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 The capital cost of constructing the new school will be met by the housing developers (Persimmon Homes) as part of their Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) responsibilities.

## **9 LINKS TO THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND THE WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT**

- 9.1 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century." The proposals considered in the report contribute to all 7 well-being goals in the Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

## **10 CONCLUSION**

- 10.1 Members are asked to consider the contents of the attached Consultation Report, to agree to its immediate publication, and to give officers approval to publish an appropriate Statutory Notice on February 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 to progress this proposal.

**Appendices to the report are:**

- **Equality Impact Assessment**
- **Community Impact Assessment**
- **Welsh Language Impact Assessment**
- **Consultation Report**

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