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CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON MONDAY 22ND MARCH 2021 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Mrs E. M. Aldworth, C. Andrews (Vice-Chair), P. J. Bevan, A. Collis, W. David, A. Farina-Childs, Ms J. Gale, D. Havard, M. P. James, B. Miles, Mrs T. Parry (Chair), J. E. Roberts, and J. Simmonds.

Councillor R. Whiting (Cabinet Member for Learning and Achievement).

Officers: R. Edmunds (Corporate Director for Education and Corporate Services), K. Cole (Chief Education Officer), S. Richards (Head of Education Planning and Strategy), A. West (21st Century Schools Manager), J. Lougher (Sport and Development Manager), S. Ellis (Lead for Inclusion and ALN), R. Kyte (Head of Regeneration and Planning), J. Southcombe (Finance Manager), C. Forbes-Thompson (Scrutiny Manager), M. Jacques (Scrutiny Officer), S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer) and M. Harris (Committee Services Support Officer).

Also Present:

Co-opted Members: Mr M. Western (Cardiff ROC Archdiocesan Commission for Education Representative), Mrs T. Millington (Parent Governor Representative) and Mr G. James (Parent Governor Representative).

Also in Attendance:

S. Lowe (Penallta RFC), N. Sargent (Save Ystrad Green Spaces Group), A. Hurst (Vice-Chair of Governors at Trinity Fields School), J. Rogers (Parent Governor at Ysgol Gymraeg Cwm Gwyddon), Cllr A. Whitcombe (Ward Member for Abercarn) and R. Instone (Cwmcarn Resident).

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: C. Cuss, D. T. Hardacre and Mrs G. D. Oliver.

Co-opted Members: D. Davies (Caerphilly Governors Association).

The decisions and declarations of interest are set out below. For further details please refer to the relevant report.

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
2.	Declarations of Interest.	Agenda Item No. 7 - Cllr. W. David declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a family relative and close friend is the Vice President of Penallta Rugby Club, also his son has written a letter supporting some of the objectors views. Cllr. W. David left the meeting when the item was discussed.	N/A
3.	Education Scrutiny Committee held on 11th January 2021.	The minutes of the Education Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 11th January 2021 were approved as a correct record.	13 For 0 Against 2 Abstention

4.	Consideration of any matter referred to this Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.	There were no matters called in.	N/A
5.	Education Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.	Subject to the inclusion of an additional report regarding the New Curriculum for Wales, it was RESOLVED that the Education Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme as appended to the meeting papers be published on the Council's website.	16 For 0 Against 0 Abstention
6.	To receive and consider the Cabinet reports listed on the agenda.	None of the Cabinet reports listed on the agenda had been called forward for discussion at the meeting.	N/A
7.	21st Century Schools and Education Band B Programme - Statutory Objection Report for Trinity Fields School.	<p>A motion was moved and seconded to amend the recommendations to delay the decision for further review, as there are no costings for a new school. By way of verbal roll call voting, the motion was declared lost.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded that for the reasons given in the Officers report the recommendations contained therein be approved. By way of verbal roll call voting, this was approved by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Education Scrutiny Committee: -</p> <p>a) endorsed the recommendations made within the Objection Report prior to consideration by Cabinet on 7th April, 2021.</p> <p>b) endorsed the proposed mitigations and the proposal to fund the estimated cost of £300k from the 2020/21 Miscellaneous Finance Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay (RCCO) budget.</p>	<p>6 For 8 Against 0 Abstention</p> <p>8 For 6 Against 0 Abstention</p>
	Suspension of Standing Orders	To suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to proceed beyond 3 hours. By way of Microsoft Forms voting, this was unanimously agreed.	14 For 0 Against 0 Abstention
8.	21st Century Schools and Education Band B Programme - Statutory Objection Report For Ysgol Gymraeg Cwm Gwyddon.	It was moved and seconded that for the reasons given in the Officers report the recommendations contained therein be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms voting, this was agreed by the majority present.	14 For 1 Against 0 Abstention

		<p>RESOLVED that the Education Scrutiny Committee: -</p> <p>a) endorsed the recommendations made within the Objection Report prior to consideration by Cabinet on 7th April, 2021.</p>	
9.	Budget Monitoring 2020/21 (Period 9).	<p>It was moved and seconded that for the reasons given in the Officers report the recommendations contained therein be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms voting, this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Education Scrutiny Committee noted the content of the report and RECOMMENDED to Cabinet: -</p> <p>a) To utilise £472k of Corporate Services Capital Earmarked Reserves for a 2nd Satellite Class at St Cenydd Comprehensive for Trinity Fields, and the development of Virginia Park for both the Youth Service and EOTAS provision as detailed in Section 5.5 of the report.</p>	14 For 0 Against 0 Abstention

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