

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Mrs E. M. Aldworth, C. Andrews (Vice-Chair), P. J. Bevan, A. Collis, A. Farina-Childs, B. Miles, Mrs T. Parry (Chair) and J. E. Roberts.

Cabinet Member: Councillor R. Whiting (Cabinet Member for Learning and Leisure).

Officers: R. Edmunds (Corporate Director for Education and Corporate Services), K. Cole (Chief Education Officer), J. Southcombe (Finance Manager), A. West (21st Century Schools Manager), S. Ellis (Lead for Inclusion and ALN), L. Thomas (21st Century Schools - Principal Officer), C. Forbes-Thompson (Scrutiny Manager), S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer) and J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer).

Also Present:

Co-opted Members: Mr G. James (Parent Governor Representative) and Mr D. Davies (Caerphilly Governors Association).

Also in Attendance:

R. Owen (Head Teacher, Idris Davies 3-18 School) and N. Davies (Head Teacher, Nant y Parc and Tynwydd Primary School).

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: W. David, Ms J. Gale, D. T. Hardacre, D. Havard, M. P. James, Mrs B. A. Jones, Mrs G. D. Oliver and J. Simmonds.

Mr M. Western (Cardiff ROC Archdiocesan Commission for Education Representative), Mrs T. Millington (Parent Governor Representative) and Mrs P. Ireland (NEU).

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.	There were no declarations of interest received.	N/A
3.	To approve and sign the following minutes: Education Scrutiny Committee held on the 29th June 2021.	The minutes of the Education Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 29th June 2021 were approved as a correct record.	8 For 0 Against 1 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.	Following consideration of the report, and subject to the changes proposed,	8 For 0 Against

		<p>it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms voting this was agreed by the majority.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Education Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme be published on the Councils' website.</p>	1 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.	Return to School 2021 – Presentation.	Members noted the presentation.	N/A
8.	21st Century Schools and Colleges Band B Programme - Update on Phase 2.	<p>Following consideration of the report it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms voting this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>The Education Scrutiny Committee noted the contents of the report. Prior to a report being presented to Cabinet it was resolved that the Education Scrutiny Committee:</p> <p>(i) Endorsed the recommendation to proceed to consultation on the proposal for the amalgamation of Llancaeath Junior School and Llanfabon Infants School in line with the requirements of the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code 2018.</p> <p>(ii) Endorsed the recommendation to proceed to consultation via the process outlined in 5.4.3 and 5.5.4 in respect of Plasylfelin Primary School and the Centre for Vulnerable Learners that are not subject to the Statutory requirements of the Welsh Government School Organisation Code 2018.</p> <p>(iii) Endorsed a recommendation that £4.716m is set aside from the Authority's Place-Shaping Reserve in respect of the Authority's financial contribution to Phase 2 of the 21st Century Schools and Colleges Band B programme.</p>	8 For 0 Against 0 Abstention

9.	Additional Learning Needs.	Members noted the contents of the report and supported the LA's practice in embedding the ALN Act.	N/A
10.	Directorate Performance Assessment Year End Report 2020/21.	Members reviewed the Education Services Directorate Performance Assessment and discussed, challenged, and scrutinised the information contained within.	N/A

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