

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: E. M. Aldworth, C. Bishop, A. Broughton-Pettit, M. Chacon-Dawson, A. Farina-Childs, A. Gair, C. Gordon, B. Miles, T. Parry (Chair), L. Phipps, M. Powell, J. E. Roberts, J. Winslade and K. Woodland.

Cabinet Member: Councillor C. Andrews (Education and Communities).

Officers: R. Edmunds (Corporate Director for Education and Corporate Services), S. Richards (Head of Education Planning and Strategy), K. Cole (Chief Education Officer), P. Warren (Strategic Lead for School Improvement), P. O'Neill (Youth Service Manager), S. Mutch (Early Years Manager) A. West (21st Century Schools Manager), C. Forbes-Thompson (Scrutiny Manager) and S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer).

Also Present:

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

Also in Attendance:

L. Davies (Chair, Youth Forum).

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
1.	To receive apologies for absence.	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M.P. James and J. Rao (Vice Chair), together with Mrs P. Ireland (NEU).	N/A
2.	Declarations of interest.	There were no declarations of interest.	N/A
3.	To approve and sign the following minutes: Education Scrutiny Committee held on 26 th September 2022.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Education Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 26 th September 2022 be approved as a correct record.	10 For 0 Against 3 Abstentions
4.	Special Education Scrutiny Committee held on 19 th October 2022.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Education Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 19 th October 2022 be approved as a correct record.	12 For 0 Against 2 Abstentions
5.	Consideration of any matter referred to this Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.	There had been no matters referred to the Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.	N/A

6.	Education Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.	<p>A request was made for a report on the reasons for the delay of the 21st Century Schools Programme.</p> <p>Following consideration of the report, and subject to the additional report proposed, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Education Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme be published on the Councils' website.</p>	14 For 0 Against 1 Abstention
7.	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
8.	Early Years - Expansion of Flying Start and Capital Programme.	<p>Following consideration of the report it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Committee received the report and commented on the plans to expand delivery of the Flying Start programme and Flying Start childcare placements from April 2023.</p>	15 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions
9.	Welsh in Education Strategic Plan - 5Year Action Plan.	<p>Following consideration of the report it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Committee received the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan's 5year action plan and commented regarding sufficiency of information and targets to achieve the minimum 26% target in year 1 cohort by 2032.</p>	15 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions
10.	Formalising the Youth Service Model.	Following consideration of the report it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was unanimously agreed.	16 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

		<p>The Education Scrutiny Committee considered the recent adaptations to the youth service and commented on the proposed refinements to formalise this new way of working.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED to Cabinet: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the Youth Service formalises this new way of working and moves forward with the changes required to achieve further service improvement.	
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