

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2024 AT 5.30 P.M.
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PRESENT:

Councillors: E.M. Aldworth, C. Bishop, A. Broughton-Pettit, M. Chacon-Dawson, P. Cook, M. Evans, A. Farina-Childs, C. Gordon, T. Heron, A. Leonard, B. Miles (Vice Chair), T. Parry (Chair), J. Roberts, J. Simmonds, S. Skivens, J Winslade, and K. Woodland.

Cabinet Members: Councillors C. Andrews (Education and Communities), and E. Forehead (Social Care).

Officers: D. Street (Deputy Chief Executive), R. Edmunds (Corporate Director for Education and Corporate Services), S. Richards (Head of Education Planning and Strategy), K. Cole (Chief Education Officer), G. Jenkins (Interim Director of Social Services), J. Williams (Assistant Director – Adult Services), T. McMahon (Caerphilly Cares Manager), A. Griffiths (Service Delivery Manager), D. Boucher (Service Support Manager), S.J Irish (Cost of Living Co-Ordinator), C. Quinn (Healthy Schools Practitioner), C. Forbes-Thompson (Scrutiny Manager), S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer) and J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer).

Also in attendance:

E. Pryce (Assistant Director: Policy and Strategy, Education Achievement Service), S. Speedy (School Improvement Partner, Education Achievement Service), S. Ellington (Citizens Advice Bureau), C. Morgan (Citizens Advice Bureau), R. Owen (Headteacher – Idris Davies School), and J. Duggan (Assistant Head – Idris Davies School).

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 Councillor D. Cushing, and Mr M. Western (Cardiff ROC Archdiocesan Commission for Education Representative), Mrs T. Millington (Parent Governor Representative), Mr G. James (Parent Governor Representative), Mrs P. Ireland (NEU), Mrs K. Cole (NEU), and Mr D. Davies (Caerphilly Governors Association).	N/A
2.	Declarations of interest.	<p>The following Councillors declared a personal interest in relation to <u>Agenda Item 7. Update on the Progress and Evaluation of Caerphilly Cares and Employee Volunteering Scheme.</u></p> <p>Councillor M. Chacon-Dawson in that she is married to someone who works for GAVO.</p> <p>Councillor S.Skivens in that he is a Trustee of Citizens Advice Bureau, Blaenau Gwent.</p>	N/A

		As these were personal interests only there was no requirement for them to leave the meeting and they could take a full part in the debate.	
3.	Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on 28 th November 2023.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 28 th November 2023 be approved as a correct record.	13 For 0 Against 2 Abstentions
4.	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
5.	Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.	An update report on the changes to the Inspection framework was agreed for the Special meeting in May or later in the year. Following consideration of the report, and with the inclusion of the above report it was moved and seconded that the recommendation be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation, this was unanimously agreed. RESOLVED that the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme, as amended, be published on the Councils' website.	Unanimous
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.	Update on the Progress and Evaluation of Caerphilly Cares and Employee Volunteering Scheme.	The Scrutiny Committee noted the content of the report.	No vote required
8.	Key Stage 4 Outcomes 2023.	The Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the contents of the report, asked questions, and offered views about overall school outcomes.	No vote required
9.	Healthy Schools on Vaping.	The Scrutiny Committee considered the contents of the report, and endorsed the support offered to schools.	No vote required.

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