

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH MARCH 2024 AT 5.30 P.M.

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: 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), A. West (Place Shaping and Sustainable Communities for Learning Service Manager), S. Mutch (Early Years Manager), C. Forbes-Thompson (Scrutiny Manager), A. Jones (Committee Services Officer) and J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer).

Also in attendance:

Councillors S. Morgan and J. Pritchard, and co-opted Member 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
1.	To receive apologies for absence.	Apologies for absence were received from D. Street (Deputy Chief Executive), R. Edmunds (Corporate Director for Education and Corporate Services), 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 K. Cole (NEU), and Mr D. Davies (Caerphilly Governors Association).	N/A
2.	Declarations of interest.	There were no declarations of interest received.	N/A
3.	Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on 30 th January 2024.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 30 th January 2024, be approved as a correct record, subject to noting that due to technical difficulties the meeting was not live streamed but recorded only. A request was made that the question regarding rewards for volunteers and the response be checked against the meeting record.	Unanimous

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.	Following consideration of the 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, 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.	Sustainable Communities for Learning Band B Programme – Statutory Objection Report: Ysgol Y Lawnt and Upper Rhymney Primary School.	Following consideration of the information contained in the Objection 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: 1. Endorsed the recommendation to Cabinet, via vote, to proceed to Planning Application stage and subsequent Welsh Government business case approvals.	Unanimous
8.	School Organisation Code 2018 – Statutory Objection Report: Proposal for the closure of Cwm Glas Infant School.	Following consideration of the information contained in the update report, it was moved and seconded that the recommendation be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation, this was agreed by the majority present. RESOLVED that the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee: 1. Endorsed the recommendation to Cabinet, via vote, to proceed to full implementation.	15 For 0 Against 1 Abstention

9.	Winter Pressures.	The Scrutiny Committee noted the use of Regional Integration Fund (RIF) to underpin a 2-year regional System Resilience Plan to address potential winter pressures experienced across the health and social care system.	No vote required.
10.	Welsh in Education Strategic Plan – Annual Report.	The Scrutiny Committee received the report and commented on the progress made in the first year of the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan.	No vote required.

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