

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20TH MAY 2024 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: E.M. Aldworth, C. Bishop, M. Chacon-Dawson, C. Gordon (Chair), A. Leonard, B. Miles (Vice Chair), J. Simmonds, J Winslade, and K. Woodland.

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

Officers: R. Edmunds (Corporate Director for Education and Corporate Services), K. Cole (Chief Education Officer), G. Jenkins (Interim Director of Social Services), J. Williams (Assistant Director – Adult Services), S. Richards (Head of Education Planning and Strategy), P. Warren (Strategic Lead for School Improvement), A. West (Place Shaping and Sustainable Communities for Learning Service Manager), S. Ellis (Lead for Inclusion and ALN), C Forbes-Thompson (Scrutiny Manager), S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer) and J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer).

Also in attendance:

Councillors S. Morgan and J. Pritchard, and E. Pryce (EAS), D. Harteveld (EAS), S. Speedy (EAS), and co-opted Member Mr M. Western (Cardiff ROC Archdiocesan Commission for Education Representative).

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.	<p>Apologies for absence were received from D. Street (Deputy Chief Executive), Councillors A. Broughton-Pettit, P. Cook, D. Cushing, M. Evans, A. Farina-Childs, T. Heron T. Parry, J. Roberts, and S. Skivens. Mrs T. Millington (Parent Governor Representative), Mrs P. Ireland (NEU), Mrs K. Cole (NEU), and Mr D. Davies (Caerphilly Governors Association).</p> <p>It was noted that an apology for absence had been received from Councillor T. Parry (Chair), and due to the technical issues being experienced by Councillor B. Miles (Vice Chair), it was moved and seconded, and supported by the majority present by a show of hands, that Councillor C. Gordon preside as Chair for this meeting.</p> <p>In giving his apology for absence, Councillor J. Roberts requested that it be recorded that he was unable to join the meeting due to technical issues.</p>	N/A

2.	Declarations of interest.	<p>The following Councillor declared a personal interest in relation to <u>Agenda Item 10. Federation of Schools.</u></p> <p>Councillor C Bishop in that she is a school governor at one of the schools affected.</p> <p>As this was a personal interest only there was no requirement for her to leave the meeting and she could take full part in the debate.</p>	N/A
3.	Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on 12 th March 2024.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 12 th March 2024, be approved as a correct record.	8 For 0 Against 1 Abstention
4.	Special Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on 20 th March 2024.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 20 th March 2024, be approved as a correct record.	7 For 0 Against 1 Abstention
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 and Social Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.	<p>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.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme, be published on the Councils' website.</p>	Unanimous
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.	An Overview of how the EAS supports Caerphilly Local Authority (LA) to deliver their School Improvement Function.	Following consideration and scrutiny of the report, the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee asked questions and offered views about current arrangements.	No vote required.
9.	Summary of Estyn Inspection Outcomes under the new Common Inspection Framework (CIF) - January 2022 to March 2024.	Following consideration and scrutiny of the report, the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee asked questions and offered views about overall school outcomes.	No vote required.

10.	Federation of Schools.	<p>Following consideration of the report, it was moved and seconded that the recommendation be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms, this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED to Cabinet:</p> <p>To proceed to consultation, in partnership with each Governing Body, in respect of the Federation of Cwmaber Infants School and Cwmaber Junior School with effect from the start of term January 2025.</p>	Unanimous
11.	Safeguarding.	<p>Following consideration of the report, the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee noted the contents of the report.</p>	No vote required.

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