

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2024 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

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

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), A. West (Place Shaping and Sustainable Communities for Learning Service Manager), P. Warren (Strategic Lead for School Improvement), S. Ellis (Lead for Inclusion and ALN), J. Duggan (Assistant Head), K. Honey (Principal Educational Psychologist), J. Southcombe (Finance Manager), L. Pine (Lead Education Welfare Officer), C. Parry (Lewis School, Pengam), L. Denton (Lewis Girls School), M. Jacques (Scrutiny Officer), S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer) and J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer).

Also in attendance:

Councillors S. Morgan and J. Pritchard, 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.	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K. Woodland, Mrs T. Millington (Parent Governor Representative), Mrs P. Ireland (NEU), 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.	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
4.	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, this was unanimously agreed. RESOLVED that the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme, be published on the Councils' website.	Unanimous

5.	Post 16, Single Sex and Surplus Places Board – Proposal to Close Lewis Girls School and make a Regulated Alteration to Lewis School Pengam.	<p>Following consideration of the report, the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee noted the information contained in the report and the attached consultation pack.</p> <p>Members offered their views as part of the consultation process for the proposal which will be noted as part of the minutes of the meeting and included in the Consultation Report which will be presented to Cabinet as part of the decision-making process.</p>	N/A
6.	Progress in Working with Schools to Embed Approaches to meet the needs of Children and Young People that Impact on Reducing Exclusions.	<p>Following consideration of the information contained in the report, the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee offered views and comments, and it was moved and seconded that the recommendation be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms, this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>Endorse the approach taken by the LA to embed approaches to meet the needs of children and young people that impact on reducing exclusions.</p>	Unanimous
7.	Pupil Attendance.	<p>Following consideration of the report, the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee noted the impact of strategies to improve pupil attendance and Members had the opportunity to ask questions, seek further clarification and offer views.</p>	N/A

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