

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16TH JULY 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, B. Miles (Vice Chair), T. Parry (Chair), J. Roberts, J. Simmonds, J. Winslade, and K. Woodland.

Cabinet Members: Councillor C. Andrews (Education and Communities) and S. Cook (Housing).

Officers: R. Edmunds (Corporate Director for Education and Corporate Services), K. Cole (Chief Education Officer), G. Jenkins (Interim Director of Social Services), S. Richards (Head of Education Planning and Strategy), A. West (Place Shaping and Sustainable Communities for Learning Service Manager), J. Southcombe (Finance Manager), J. Baker (Principal Finance Officer), N. Rutter (Digital Communications Officer), C Forbes-Thompson (Scrutiny Manager), J. Thomas (Committee Services Officer) and J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer).

Also in attendance:

Councillor C. Morgan, and co-opted Members T. Millington (Parent Governor Representative), and 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), Councillors D. Cushing, A. Leonard, and S. Skivens, co-opted Members M. Western (Cardiff ROC Archdiocesan Commission for Education Representative), K. Cole (NEU), and 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 20 th May 2024.	Resolved that the minutes of the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 20 th May 2024, be approved as a correct record.	13 For 0 Against 1 Abstention
4.	Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on 4 th June 2024.	Resolved that the minutes of the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 4 th June 2024, be approved as a correct record.	Unanimous
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, subject to the amendments. By show of hands, this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme, as amended, 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.	School Organisation Code 2018 – Proposal for the Closure of Rhydri Primary School.	<p>Following consideration of the information contained in the report, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By show of hands, this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:</p> <p>To proceed to consultation on the proposal to close Rhydri Primary School with effect from July 2025.</p>	Unanimous
9.	Annual Corporate Safeguarding Reports for 2023-2024.	The Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee noted the content of the three reports and the progress made in implementing the Forward Work Programme.	No vote required.
10.	School Organisation Code 2018 – Proposal for the Amalgamation of Hendre Junior School and Hendre Infants School.	<p>Following consideration of the information contained in the report, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By show of hands, 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 amalgamation of Hendre Junior School and Hendre Infants School with effect from September 2025.</p>	Unanimous

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