



CABINET – 29TH APRIL 2015

SUBJECT: THE EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE (EAS) BUSINESS PLAN

REPORT BY: ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide Members with the detailed Business Plan from the EAS for 2015-2016.

2. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010
- Child Poverty Strategy for Wales
- Child Poverty Strategy 2014 – 2017 (UK)
- Corporate Improvement Plan
- The Learning Theme of Caerphilly Delivers
- The LSB Single Integrated Plan
- Welsh Government's Welsh-medium Education Strategy

3. THE REPORT

- 3.1 The EAS are required to produce and submit their detailed Business Plan to Welsh Government (WG). The plan is attached for information and sets out the main priorities and actions to be taken during the coming year.
- 3.2 This plan must be endorsed by Cabinet and annual updates on progress will be provided for Members.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The EAS have their own Equalities and Welsh Language plans in place; Caerphilly CBC has therefore not undertaken any specific impact assessment on the business plan.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The contribution made to the EAS from Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) amounts to £1130k for the year 2015-16. This is based on a predetermined formula for each of the 5 Local Authorities – Torfaen, Monmouthshire, Blaenau Gwent, Newport and Caerphilly CBC.
- 5.2 Caerphilly CBC's Equalities and Welsh Language team undertake Welsh translations services for the EAS thus supporting the 23 Welsh medium schools across the 5 authorities. This agreement co-funds one of the team's translator posts; the minimum agreed sum currently is £16k per financial year.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no personnel implications within this report.

7. CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The views of all consultees listed have been incorporated in this report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That Cabinet endorse the content of the EAS Business Plan.

9. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 EAS are required to submit their Business Plan to WG and Cabinet are required to endorse it.

10. STATUTORY POWER

- Children and Families Measure (Wales) 2010.
- Local Government Measure 2009.
- Education Act.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Education Achievement Service (EAS) Business Plan 2015-2018