

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

25 JANUARY 2023

EDUCATION, SKILLS & WELLBEING CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: N.Jenkins (Chairperson), J. Hurley

Officers in Attendance:

A.Thomas, I.Guy, H.Lervy, A.Spooner-Cleverly, Z.Ashton, E.Dennis, K.Jones, M.Daley, L.Clement-Jones, S.Griffiths,P.Walker, S.McCluskie, A.Thomas.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

It was agreed that Cllr. Nia Jenkins be Chairperson of the meeting.

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on the 8th December 2022, were approved as an accurate record.

5. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23**

That the Education, Skills and Wellbeing Cabinet Board, Forward Work Programme 2022/23 be noted.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions received from the public.

7. **PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Decision:

That having due regard to Appendix 1 and 2 of the circulated report;

1. Following consultation, the Participation and Engagement Strategy be approved to formally adopt the Strategy with a clear framework for Participation and Engagement with children and young people.
2. A young person friendly and easy read version of the Strategy be designed and accessible to all.

Reason for Decision:

To further strengthen participation and engagement with children and young people on issues and decisions that affect them.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three-day call in period, which ended, 9.00am Sunday 29th January 2023.

8. **THE AGREED SYLLABUS FOR RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS (RVE) IN NEATH PORT TALBOT SCHOOLS**

Decision:

That having due regard to Appendix 1 and the Integrated Impact Assessment of the circulated report;

1. The Agreed Syllabus for Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE) in all Neath Port Talbot Schools be approved.
2. That copies of the Agreed Syllabus be published on the Local Authorities website.
3. That copies of the Agreed Syllabus be forwarded to Welsh Government and the Wales Association of Standard Advisor Councils on Religious Education (WASACRE).

Reason for Decision:

To develop, by law, an agreed syllabus in line with the Curriculum for Wales for all schools maintained by the Local Authority.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three-day call in period, which ended, 9.00am Sunday 29th January 2023.

9. **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM - SUPPORT VISITS**

Decision:

That the report be noted for monitoring.

10. **EMPLOYABILITY AND SKILLS UPDATE**

Decision:

That the report be noted for information.

11. **MARGAM CASTLE CADW GRANT FUNDING**

Decision:

That the report be noted for information with the benefits of the Grant Funding outlined.

12. **LEISURE SERVICES UPDATE REPORT**

Decision:

That the report be noted for information.

13. **URGENT ITEMS**

One urgent had been received and was published as an auxiliary item to the circulated Cabinet Agenda pack.

14. **EXPANSION OF FLYING START CHILDCARE - PHASE 2**

Decision:

That having due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment and Appendix 1 of the circulated report,

1. Expansion of Flying Start Childcare, Phase 2a and 2b be approved for Lower Super Output Area Coverage as identified within the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure the Council, commences its offer of funded childcare through the expansion of early year's provision from April 2023.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is for immediate implementation, as agreed with the Chairperson of the Education, Skills and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

CHAIRPERSON