

## **CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**(Council Chamber - Port Talbot Civic Centre)**

**Members Present:**

**18 January, 2017**

**Chairman:** Councillor D.W.Davies

**Vice Chairman:** Councillor A.Jenkins

**Councillors:** A.Carter, Ms.C.Clement-Williams, M.Harvey,  
Mrs.L.H.James, Mrs.D.Jones, A.R.Lockyer,  
Mrs.K.Pearson and Mrs.A.Wingrave

**Officers In Attendance** H.Jenkins, A.Evans, G.Nutt, Mrs.K.Jones,  
Mrs.N.Pearce, A.Thomas, R.Gordon,  
Mrs.R.Crowhurst and Mrs.A.Manchipp

**Cabinet Invitees:** Councillors M.L.James, E.V.Latham,  
Mrs.S.Miller, P.D.Richards, J.Rogers, A.J.Taylor  
and A.N.Woolcock

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### **1. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

The following Members made declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting:

Councillor A.Jenkins	Re Report of the Head of Transformation on the Strategic School Improvement Programme – Proposal to Establish a Secondary Education Nuture Centre at Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School as he is a governor at the school and confirmed his dispensation to both speak and vote thereon.
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Councillor A.Carter	Re Report of the Head of Transformation on the Strategic
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School Improvement Programme  
– Proposal to Establish a  
Secondary Education Nurture  
Centre at Cefn Saeson  
Comprehensive School as he is a  
governor at the school and  
confirmed his dispensation to both  
speak and vote thereon.

2. **STRATEGIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME-  
PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A SECONDARY EDUCATION  
NURTURE CENTRE AT CEFN SAESON COMPREHENSIVE  
SCHOOL**

Members considered the report in relation to establishing a Secondary Education Nurture Centre at Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School. Members then raised the following:-

- Should a pupil be unable to return to mainstream school, where would that pupil continue his/her education? Members were advised that admission to the Centre required pupils to remain on the roll at their base school because the principal focus of support at the Centre was directed towards a successful reintegration to mainstream school. However for a small minority this may not be appropriate. In such instances alternative in-county provision was available.
- Clarification was sought on the list of consultees contained in the circulated report and were advised that these were the statutory consultees, which included Union representatives.

Following scrutiny, the Committee was supportive of the proposals to be considered by Cabinet.

3. **FEES AND CHARGES**

The Committee received the report in relation to the fees and charges levied by the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Section. Members then raised the following:

- How do the proposed fees and charges compare with other Local Authorities. Officers advised that it was not possible for a direct comparison but that the proposals would cover the cost of

enforcement carried out by the Authority as the service was not allowed to make a profit;

- When were the current charges last reviewed. Officers advised that they were not able to provide that information but assured Members that going forward these charges would be reviewed on an annual basis.

Following scrutiny, the Committee was supportive of the proposal to be considered by Cabinet.

**CHAIRMAN**