

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD - 26 JANUARY 2017
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: P.A.Rees (Chairperson), P.D.Richards and E.V.Latham

Officers in Attendance:

C.Millis, A.Jarrett, Mrs.R.Jones, J.Hodges and Mrs.J.Woodman-Ralph

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor P.A.Rees be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MEMBER'S DECLARATION**

Councillor.P.D.Richards	Report of the Head of Participation – Childcare Facilities within Schools in Neath Port Talbot – as his wife is the manager of Baglan Buddies After School Club Blaen Baglan Primary.
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3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND
EDUCATION CABINET BOARD HELD ON THE 5 JANUARY, 2017**

Noted by Committee.

4. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17**

Noted by Committee.

5. **EDUCATION THROUGH REGIONAL WORKING (ERW) BUSINESS PLAN 2017-20 (DRAFT)**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

6. **CHILDCARE FACILITIES WITHIN SCHOOLS IN NEATH PORT TALBOT**

Cllr.P.D.Richards re-affirmed his interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting for this item only. Cllr.E.V.Latham substituted.

Decisions:

1. That approval be granted for childcare facilities to be developed on school sites with the terms and conditions to be agreed by the Head of Property and Regeneration;
2. That the Head of Participation be granted delegated authority to develop childcare facilities on school sites;
3. That annual reports be submitted to Members.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Authority to support the Governing Bodies of Schools in supporting the request for childcare facilities to be developed on school sites. Thus also supporting the Local Authority in meeting the statutory duties placed on it in the Childcare Act 2006. This will in turn support the Child Poverty agenda in enabling parents the time to enter training or employment opportunities, or to access employment or training within the childcare sector.

Implementation of Decision:

That the decision is for immediate implementation. The Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee had agreed to this course of action and therefore there would be no call in of this decision.

7. **NPT DRAFT RESPONSE TO THE WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION DOCUMENT 'REFORM OF SCHOOL GOVERNANCE: REGULATORY FRAMEWORK'**

Members were supportive of the amendment submitted by the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee prior to this meeting.

Decision:

That the response to the Welsh Government Consultation Document 'Reform of School Governance: Regulatory Framework' be submitted to the Welsh Government as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report subject to the following amendment:

That the Local Authority disagree with the Welsh Government comment that a minor authority should have a seat on the governing body.

Reason for the Decision:

To enable the Local Authority to submit a formal response to the Welsh Government consultation document "Reform of School Governance: Regulatory Framework.

Implementation of Decision:

That the decision be implemented after the three day call in period.

8. **PUPIL ATTENDANCE UPDATE**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

9. **AGREEMENT OF THE PROPOSALS FOR THE UPDATING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROUTE 16 (16 AND LEAVING CARE) TEAM FINANCIAL POLICY**

Decision:

That the revised Route 16 Financial Policy with the Participation Premium retained and amended Qualification payments be approved for implementation from 1 April 2017.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Local Authority to adhere to its statutory obligations.

Implementation of Decision:

That the decision be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

A 60 day consultation period on the policy took place from the 8 November 2016. A detailed consultation plan was developed, to ensure that all stakeholders had the opportunity to comment, with particular consideration to current and future recipients of Route 16 Support.

10. **CHILDREN'S SERVICES ANNUAL STAFF SURVEY**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

CHAIRPERSON