

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

12 SEPTEMBER 2019

EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: P.A.Rees (Chairperson) and R.G.Jones

Officers in Attendance:

A.Thomas, S.Thomas, P.Walker, H.Lervy, R.Crowhurst, C.Davies and J.Woodman-Ralph

Invitees:

Councillors: S.Reynolds (Scrutiny Chairperson)
R.Mizen (Scrutiny Vice Chairperson)

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2019 be approved.

3. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 18/19**

That the Forward Work Programme for 2019/20 be noted.

4. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT DATA 2019-2020 -
QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE (1ST APRIL 2019- 30TH JUNE 2019)**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

5. **SSIP - PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH SPECIALIST PROVISION FOR
SECONDARY AGE PUPILS WITH AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDER
(ASD)**

Decision:

That having given due regard to the integrated impact and risk assessments, and in line with Section 48 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013. Approval be granted to undertake consultation on a proposal to establish specialist provision for secondary age pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at Dwr y Felin Comprehensive School.

Reason for Decision:

The decision was necessary to comply with the formal consultation requirements imposed on the Council by the School Organisation Code. Subject to the outcome of consultation, implementation of the proposal will enable the Council to promote high educational standards and the fulfilment of every child's potential. It will also enable the Council to meet its duty to secure efficient education in its area.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

6. **PUPIL ATTENDANCE UPDATE**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

7. **REFORM OF SCHOOL GOVERNANCE: REGULATORY FRAMEWORK'; WELSH GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE.**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

8. **PONTARDAWE BUSINESS PLAN - UPDATE**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

9. **WELSH GOVERNMENT FREE SWIMMING**

Concern was expressed by Members at the implications on the older population of the reduction in funding by Welsh Government to support free swimming for the over 60's.

Decision:

That the report be noted.

CHAIRPERSON