

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD – 14 JANUARY, 2016
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: P.A.Rees and P.D.Richards (Chairperson)

Officers in Attendance:

A.Jarrett, Ms.A.Flynn and Mrs.J.Woodman-Ralph

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Cllr. P.D.Richards be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION CABINET BOARD HELD ON 3 DECEMBER, 2015**

Decision:

It was agreed that this item be deferred to the next meeting due to both Cllr.P.D.Richards and Cllr.P.A.Rees not being present at the meeting on the 3 December 2015.

3. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15**

Decision:

Noted by the Committee

4. **HILLSIDE SECURE CHILDREN'S HOME - CSSIW INSPECTION**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

5. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEMPORARY GOVERNING BODY FOR THE NEW ALL-THROUGH WELSH-MEDIUM SCHOOL REPLACING YG YSTALYFERA AND YGG Y WERN SCHOOLS**

Decisions:

1. That a governing body for the proposed new 3 – 18 'all-through' community Welsh – medium school replacing YG Ystalyfera and YGG Y Wern be established as detailed in the circulated report;
2. That approval be granted to include a staff governor on the temporary governing body as detailed above.
3. That parent governors be appointed by the current governing bodies, four from YG Ystalyfera and two from YGG Y Wern;
4. That one teacher and one staff governor be appointed by YG Ystalyfera governing body and one teacher governor by YGG Y Wern governing body;
5. That the recommendation as outlined in Paragraph Number 13 (b) (iii) of the circulated report in relation to delegated authority be withdrawn from consideration at today's meeting.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Local Authority to comply with legislative requirements for the establishment of a new school.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

6. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEMPORARY GOVERNING BODY FOR THE PROPOSED NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL REPLACING MELIN INFANT AND MELIN JUNIOR SCHOOLS**

Decisions:

1. That a temporary governing body for the proposed new 3-11 'all through' community primary school replacing Melin Infant and Melin Junior Schools be established as detailed in the circulated report;
2. That a staff governor be appointed to the temporary governing body;
3. That parent governors be appointed by the current infant and junior school governing bodies, two from each respectively;
4. That one teacher and one staff governor be jointly appointed by the current infant and junior school governing bodies, should there be no mutual agreement between the two current governing bodies as to the identification of the individuals, the Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning be authorised to make the appointment from nominations submitted by each of the two governing bodies;
5. That the Local Authority Governor representatives be Cllr. John Miller, Cllr. Mrs. Sandra Miller and Cllr. Mrs. Sheila Penry.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Local Authority to comply with legislative requirements for the establishment of a new school.

Implementation of Decision:

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

7. **GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEW ALL THROUGH 3-16 SCHOOL REPLACING TRAETHMELYN PRIMARY, CWRT SART COMPREHENSIVE, GLANAFAN COMPREHENSIVE AND SANDFIELDS COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOLS**

Decisions:

1. That the Instrument of Government, as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report be approved, with the incorporation date of the 1 November, 2016 creating a permanent Governing Body;
2. That approval be granted for the name of the school to be Ysgol Bae Baglan.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Local Authority to comply with legislative requirements for the establishment of a new school.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

8. **PUPIL ATTENDANCE UPDATE REPORT**

Members received an overview of Pupil Attendance as detailed in the circulated report. Members were pleased with the increase in pupil school attendance which was the highest in both primary and secondary schools for a number of years. Members also noted that the December results which were not included in the circulated report showed the increase in attendance had continued.

Decision:

That the report be noted.

9. **UPDATE ON THE LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN'S STRATEGY**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

10. **UPDATE ON THE CSSIW ACTION PLAN**

Decision:

That the report be noted and that Members continue to monitor Children and Young People Services progress against the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales recommendations.

11. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

Decision:

That pursuant to Regulation 4 (3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No.2290, the public be excluded for the following items of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in exempt Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

12. **SUPPORTED LODGINGS SERVICE - CONTRACT EXTENSION**

Decisions

1. That approval be granted to extend the term of the Service Level Agreement for Supported Lodgings Service with Dewis Limited for three calendar months from the 1 April to 30 June, 2016;
2. That, in addition, approval be granted for the Council to extend the Service Level Agreement on a monthly basis from the 1 July until the 30 September, 2016, if required.

Reasons for Decisions:

1. To ensure that the Local Authority complies with statutory obligations in providing a Supported Lodgings Service for Looked After Children, Children in Need or Care Leavers;
2. To allow an appropriate transition period for children and young people currently supported by Dewis, should the contract be given to another provider following the retendering process;
3. To allow for a sufficient timeframe for the respective service providers to undertake the necessary legal requirements should TUPE apply.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

13. **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PERFORMANCE, PRIORITIES AND CAPACITY**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

CHAIRPERSON