

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

30th July, 2014

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: P.A. Rees (Chairman), M.L.James, E.V.Latham, Mrs.S.Miller, J.Rogers, A.H.Thomas and A.N.Woolcock

Officers in Attendance:

S.Phillips, J.Flower, H.Jenkins, A.Evans, N.Jarman, Mrs.K.Jones, A.Thomas, R.Gordon, Mrs.R.Crowhurst, N.Evans and Mrs.A.Manchipp

Wales Audit Office:

S.Barry

1. **MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor P.A.Rees - re: Report of the Head of Resources and Commissioning as it related to the Bryncoch Pupil Referral Unit as he is Chairman of Governors at the Unit.

Report of the Corporate Directors' Group

2. **BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15**

Decisions:

1. That management arrangements be put in place to minimise overspends and the adverse impact on reserves;

2. That the proposed reserve movements and budget virements be approved and commended to Council where they exceed £500,000 in total;
3. That the new procedure in relation to the above report, in that it be reported to Cabinet Scrutiny Committee/Cabinet only, but that Members be invited to identify any additional reports they wish to commission from the relevant Director for further consideration by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee, be noted.

3. **CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15**

Decisions:

1. That the increased budget re Safe Routes in Communities, as contained in the circulated report, be approved;
2. That the expenditure to 16th July 2014, as contained in the circulated report, be noted.

Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services

4. **WALES AUDIT OFFICE – ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT 2014**

Decision:

That the Annual Improvement Report and Compliance Certificate received from the Wales Audit Office be acknowledged and the Report be published on the Council's website.

Reason for Decision:

To meet the statutory requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

Implementation of Decision:

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

5. **APPOINTMENTS TO BAGLAN BAY CO LTD AND TO COED DARCY LTD**

Decisions:

1. That, with effect from 31st August, 2014 until such time as he leaves his post:-
 - Mr.Gareth Nutt, Director of Environment, be appointed as a Director of Coed Darcy Ltd.;
 - Mr.Gareth Nutt, Director of Environment, be appointed as a Director of Baglan Bay Co. Ltd.
2. That indemnities in the form already agreed be provided for the officer concerned in respect of his Directorships.

Reason for Decisions:

To appoint to outside bodies and to provide indemnities for the new Director of Environment.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Report of the Head of Business Strategy and Public Protection

6. **NEW COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

Decision:

That, following scrutiny of the report at a joint meeting of the Social Care, Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee and the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee held on 28th July, 2014, the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, Social Services Representation and Complaints Process Policy, Procedure and Guidance Documents by approved and adopted.

Reason for Decision:

To underpin the new Social Services Representation and Complaints Procedure which is to be implemented on 1st August 2014.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented on 1st August, 2014 the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee had agreed to this course of action.

Consultation

There has been external consultation with Welsh Government on the changes to the Social Services Representation and Complaints process.

Report of the Head of Resources and Commissioning

7. **STRATEGIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME:
IMPLEMENTATION OF AMALGAMATION PROPOSALS,
FORMAL CONSULTATION ON AMALGAMATION
PROPOSALS AND FORMAL CONSULTATION ON A
PROPOSAL TO RECONFIGURE WELSH-MEDIUM
EDUCATION IN THE NORTH OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH
AND ESTABLISH SECONDARY WELSH-MEDIUM PROVISION
IN THE SOUTH**

Decisions:

1. That, in line with Section 53 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, the establishment of the following, be approved:
 - a special school with an attached Secondary Assessment Centre to replace Velindre Community School, Ysgol Hendre Special School and Bryncoch Pupil Referral Unit to open on 1st January 2015 with Velindre Community School, Ysgol Hendre Special School and Bryncoch Pupil Referral Unit closing on 31st December 2014;
 - a primary school to replace Cwmafan Infant School and Cwmafan Junior School to open on 1st January 2015 with the Infant and Junior schools closing on 31st December 2014.
2. That, in line with Section 48 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, consultation on proposals to establish the following, be approved:

- a primary school to replace Central Infant and Central Junior schools, to open on 1st September 2015 with the Infant and Junior schools closing on the 31st August 2015-consultation to take place during the Autumn Term 2014;
- a primary school to replace Neath Abbey Infant and Mynachlog Nedd Junior schools to open on 1st September 2015 with the infant and junior schools closing on the 31st August 2015- consultation to take place during the Autumn Term 2014;
- an ‘all-through’ school providing 3 -18 Welsh-medium education in the north of the County Borough and 11-16 Welsh-medium education in the south to open on 1st September 2016 with YG Ystalyfera and YG Y Wern closing on the 31st August 2016-consultation to take place during the Autumn Term 2014.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Council to:

- a. promote high standards and the fulfilment of every child’s potential
- b. meet its duty to secure efficient education in its area
- c. provide high quality special education within Neath Port Talbot, thereby avoiding out-of-county placements which are both costly and do not fully support the social, emotional and academic development of pupils within their local communities; and
- d. comply with legislative requirements.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Consultation

- a. Proposals for Determination and Implementation
Have been formally consulted upon, including statutory publication.
- b. Proposals for Approval to Initiate Consultation
Formal Consultation will be undertaken during the Autumn Term 2014.

CHAIRMAN