

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

14 SEPTEMBER, 2016

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: A.H.Thomas, P.A.Rees, M.L.James, E.V.Latham,
Mrs.S.Miller, P.D.Richards, J.Rogers, A.J.Taylor and
A.N.Woolcock

Officers in Attendance:

H.Jenkins, A.Evans, D.Griffiths, A.Thomas, R.Gordon, Crowhurst and
Mrs.A.Manchipp

1. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members made declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting in relation to the report of the Head of Transformation in relation to Proposal to Revise the 21st Century Schools Programme Band 'A' Capital Spend Profile to Facilitate New Build Schemes at Margam and Sandfields:-

Councillor J.Rogers	as he is Chair of Governors at Groes Primary School and confirmed his dispensation to both speak and vote thereon;
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Councillor A.J.Taylor	as his daughters attend Groes Primary and Dyffryn schools and withdrew from the room during discussions thereon.
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2. **STRATEGIC SCHOOLS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME BAND 'A' CAPITAL SPEND PROFILE TO FACILITATE NEW BUILD SCHEMES AT MARGAM AND SANDFIELDS THE NEW BUILD SCHEME AT MARGAM TO REPLACE EXISTING BUILDINGS AT DYFFRYN SCHOOL/GROES PRIMASY SCHOOL AND THE NEW BUILD SCHEME AT SANDFIELDS TO REPLACE EXISTING BUILDINGS AT THE FORMER SANDFIELDS COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL/TRAETHMELYN PRIMARY SCHOO**

(During the discussions on this item Councillor P.A.Rees declared his interest as he is a School Governor on the Shadow Governing Body for Ysgol Newydd Gymunedol Gymraeg).

Decision:

That the 21st Century Schools Programme Band A capital spend profile be revised to facilitate new build schemes at Sandfields and Margam as follows:-

- The new build scheme at Margam to provide for English-medium education for pupils age 3-16 (replacing existing building at Dyffryn School and Groes Primary)
- The new build scheme at Sandfields to provide Welsh-medium education for pupils age 11-16 (WM south campus development replacing existing buildings at the former Sandfields Comprehensive school and Traethmelyn Primary school).

Reasons for Decision:

1. This decision is necessary to facilitate revised capital expenditure in the Council's 21st Century Schools Band A investment programme that will deliver improved teaching and learning environments in both the English-medium and Welsh-medium sectors.
2. Implementation of the proposal will support the Council's commitment to promoting 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 the Decision:

The decision will be implemented with immediate effect, the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Committee had agreed to this course of action. There will therefore be no call in of this decision.

Consultation:

1. There is no requirement for consultation specific to this report, however consultation on the proposal to establish a 3-18 Welsh medium school with a campus providing for pupils aged 11-16 based in the south of the County Borough has taken place. Members have taken a decision to implement that proposal.
2. Consultation on the establishment of a 3-16 school, Ysgol Newydd Margam, to replace Dyffryn School and Groes Primary is yet to take place.
3. Consultation on the closure of Sandfields Comprehensive school and Traethmelyn Primary school took place in 2013. Members subsequently decided to implement a proposal to establish Ysgol Bae Baglan which would provide for the areas served by Sandfields Comprehensive school and Traethmelyn Primary schools and that these schools should close.

CHAIRMAN