

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD - 12 OCTOBER 2017
EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: A.R.Lockyer and P.A.Rees (Chairperson)

Officers in Attendance:

C.Millis, A.Thomas and Mrs.J.Woodman-Ralph

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE CABINET BOARD 14 SEPTEMBER 2017**

Noted by the Committee.

3. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 17 - 18**

Noted by the Committee.

4. **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES, LIBRARIES, THEATRES, COMMUNITY CENTRES, MARGAM COUNTRY PARK, LEISURE CENTRES AND SWIMMING POOLS 2017 - 2018**

Decision:

That approval be granted for the Christmas and New Year opening and closure times for 17 – 18 as detailed in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure the Councils facilities are available to the public when there is a demand for them to be open and to enable managers to make appropriate arrangements with front line staff over their annual leave.

Implementation of Decision:

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

5. **FINANCING SCHOOLS - REVIEWING THE FUNDING FORMULA TO RAISE STANDARDS**

Decision:

That having given due regard to the impact assessments, in particular equality and risk approval be granted in line with the requirements of the School Funding (Wales) Regulations 2010, to undertake consultation on:

1. the three options for funding primary school budgets as contained within the circulated report;
2. the proposal to withhold financial benefits to schools with reserves above the £75k threshold; and
3. the suggested methodology for the redistribution of withheld funds as contained within the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to comply with the formal consultation requirements of the School Funding (Wales) Regulations 2010 and to promote high educational standards and to fulfil every child's potential. In addition, to meet its duty to secure efficient education in its area.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is urgent for immediate implementation. The Chairman had agreed to this course of action and therefore there would be no call-in of these decisions.

6. **TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITIES FIRST
TO THE EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

CHAIRPERSON