



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Culture Cabinet Board

10th July, 2019

Report of the Head of Transformation – Andrew Thomas

Matter for Decision

Governance arrangements for ‘The Federated Primary Schools of the Upper Afan Valley’ which will replace ‘The Federated Schools of the Upper Afan Valley’.

Wards Affected:

Cymmer, Glyncorrwg and Gwynfi.

Purpose of the Report:

To amend the current Instrument of Government which provides for the constitution, as well as the name, of the Governing Body.

Executive Summary:

Due to the closure of Cymer Afan Comprehensive School it is necessary to amend the Instrument of Government to reflect the need for a smaller governing body and adjustment in name.

Background:

Members will be aware that from 31st August, 2019, Cymer Afan Comprehensive School will close with pupils transferring to Ysgol Cwm Brombil. As a result there is a need to amend the Instrument of Government to reflect the need for a smaller governing body. Following discussions with the governing body the opportunity is also being taken to amend the name of the governing body to reflect the closure. This will take effect from 1st September, 2019

It is a legal requirement that every school must have in place an Instrument of Government. This document formally records the name of the school(s) and the constitution of the governing body. The Instrument of Government must be formally created by the Local Authority.

Financial Impacts:

No implications.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (no.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016).

The first stage assessment has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary is included below.

This report focusses solely on amending the Instrument of Government for a smaller governing body and an adjustment in name.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

No implications.

Workforce Impacts:

No implications.

Legal Impacts:

The contents of this report are in accordance with the Councils obligations set out in The Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005.

Risk Management Impacts:

There are no risks associated with this report.

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item, however, Officers have consulted with the governing body of the Upper Afan Valley Federation.

Recommendations:

That the Instrument of Government (attached as Appendix 1) be approved.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To amend the Instrument of Government of the Upper Afan Valley Federation.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period'.

Appendices:

1. Instrument of government for The Federated Primary Schools of the Upper Afan Valley

List of Background Papers:

Cabinet Report 6th September, 2019

The Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2005/2914/contents/made>

Impact Assessment – First Stage

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**INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT
FEDERATED SCHOOLS**

1. The name of the federation is:
THE FEDERATED PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF THE UPPER AFAN VALLEY
2. The Federated schools are:
**Cymer Afan Primary School, Croeserw Primary School,
Glyncorrwg Primary School and Pen Afan Primary School**
3. All schools are community schools.
4. The name of the governing body is
**The Governing Body of the Federated Primary Schools of the
Upper Afan Valley.**
5. The governing body shall consist of:
 - (a) Four parent governors (one from each school);
 - (b) Four local authority governors;
 - (c) One teacher governors (one primary and one secondary);
 - (d) One staff governors (one primary and one secondary);
 - (e) Four community governors;

- (f) Headteacher (except at any time when he/she has given written notice to the clerk to the federated governing body that he/she chooses not to be a governor).
- 6. Total number of governors: Fifteen (except at any time when the Headteacher has given notice as above that he/she chooses not to be a governor, when the total number of governors will be nineteen).
- 7. This instrument of government comes into effect on 1st September 2019.
- 8. This instrument was made by order of Neath Port Talbot Local Authority on 10th July, 2019.