

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

20 OCTOBER 2021

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: E.V.Latham (Chairperson), A.R.Lockyer,
C.Clement-Williams, D. Jones, L.Jones, M.Harvey,
P.A Rees and P.D.Richards.

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, A. Jarrett, A.Thomas, N.Pearce, C.Griffiths, H. Jones, R. Crowhurst,
M.Shaw, J.Griffiths, C.L.Davies and J. Woodman-Ralph.

Invitees:

Councillors: S.Reynolds, Scrutiny Chairperson
S.Rahaman, Scrutiny Vice Chairperson

Councillors: A.Richards, A.Llewelyn, A. Woolcock, J.Hale, M.Crowley,
M.Protheroe, R.Davies, R.Phillips, S.Miller, S.Paddison,
S.Penry, S.Knoyle, S.K.Hunt, W.Griffiths,

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor E.V.Latham be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

The Democratic Services Officer went through the roll call for attendance.

3. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

No announcements were received.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members made a declaration of interest at the start of the meeting regarding the Strategic School Improvement Programme Proposal to Establish and English-Medium 3 – 11 School to replace Alltwen, Godre'rgraig and Llangiwg Primary Schools all of which will be Discontinued 31st August 2024 as detailed in the circulated report.

Councillor
E.V.Latham As he is a school governor of Ysgol Bae Baglan and Tywyn Primary Schools but has dispensation to speak and vote.

Councillor
C.Clement-Williams As she is a school governor of Baglan Primary School but as dispensation to speak and vote.

Councillor
M. Harvey As he is Chair of school governors at Abbey Primary School but has dispensation to speak and vote.

Councillor
D. Jones As she is a school governor at Llangatwg Comprehensive and Cillfrew Primary Schools but has dispensation to speak and vote.

Councillor
L. Jones As she is a school governor at Cefn Saeson Comprehensive and Melin Junior School but has dispensation to speak and vote.

Councillor
A.R. Lockyer As he is Chair of school governors at Gnoll Primary School and is a Member of the Welsh Schools but has dispensation to speak and vote.

Councillor
P. Rees As he is Chair of school governors at Cefn Saeson Comprehensive and Crynallt Primary Schools but has dispensation to speak and vote.

Councillor
P. Richards As he is Chair of school governors at Blaenbaglan and Baglan Primary Schools but has dispensation to speak and vote.

The following Members attended the meeting as invitees but were not part of the Cabinet so were not able to vote.

Councillor M.Crowley	As he is a school governor at Awel y Môr Primary School and Tywyn Primary School.
Councillor W. Griffiths	As he is a school governor at Blaenhonddan Primary School and Waunceirch Primary School.
Councillor S.K.Hunt	As he is a school governor at Blaendulais Primary School and YGG Blaendulais.
Councillor S.Knoyle	As he is a school governor at YGG Cwm Nedd.
Councillor A.Llewelyn	As he is a school governor at Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera – Bro Dur.
Councillor S. Miller	As she is a school governor at Melin Primary School and Gnoll Primary School.
Councillor S. Penry	As she is school governor at Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School and Melin Primary School.
Councillor R.Phillips	As she is a school governor at YGG Pontardawe and YGG Trebannws.
Councillor M. Protheroe	As he is a school governor at Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School and Melin Primary School.
Councillor S. Reynolds	As she is a school governor at YGG Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen.
Councillor R. Davies	As she is a school governor at Godre'graig Primary School and Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera-Bro Dur.

5. **STRATEGIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN ENGLISH MEDIUM 3-11 SCHOOL TO REPLACE ALLTWEN, GODRE'RGRAIG AND LLANGIWG PRIMARY SCHOOLS ALL OF WHICH WILL BE DISCONTINUED ON 31ST AUGUST 2024**

Members thanked officers for all the work they had undertaken in developing this proposal before Members today.

Decisions:

1. Having given due regard to the consultation, objections and the impact assessments in relation to equality, risk, community usage and Welsh Language together with the legal implications, and in the light of all the material, in line with Section 53 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, approval be granted to establish with effect from 1st September 2024 an English-medium 3-11 school with an LSC, in new build premises to accommodate pupils from the current catchment areas of Alltwen Primary, Godre'rgraig Primary and Llangiwg Primary, all of which would be discontinued on 31st August 2024.
2. That the implementation dates be the 31st August/1st September 2024.
3. That the sites and buildings of the three vacated schools be declared surplus to the operational requirements of the Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning Service.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Council to comply with the legislative requirements that provide for the implementation of the proposal. It will also enable the Council to promote high standards and the fulfilment of every child's potential and meet its duty to secure efficient education in its area.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decision will be implemented after the 3 day call in period.

6. **URGENT ITEMS**

No urgent items were received.

CHAIRPERSON