

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

20 NOVEMBER 2023

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: S.K.Hunt (Chairperson), N.Jenkins, J.Hurley, S.Harris,
J.Hale, A.Llewelyn, W.F.Griffiths, S.Jones and C.Phillips

Officers in Attendance:

N.Pearce, C.Griffiths, A.Thomas, A.Jarrett, R.Crowhurst, S.Curran,
J.Merrifield, R.Bowen, A.Thomas, P.Chivers and J.Woodman-Ralph

Scrutiny Chair: Councillor P.Rogers

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor S.K.Hunt be appointed as Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Member declared an interest at the start of the meeting:

Councillor N.Jenkins – Re item 6 – Strategic School Improvement Programme – As she is a governor at Maes Y Coed school.

4. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24**

That the Forward Work Programme be noted.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions from the public were received.

6. **STRATEGIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

Decision:

That Officers be given permission to seek approval from Welsh Government to request a variation of the Council's Band Strategic Outline Programme (SOP) to remove the Swansea Valley scheme, and include a new build Godre'rgraig primary school, an extension to Maes Y Coed special school and the complete refurbishment of the former Education and Learning Resource Service (ELRS) building in Port Talbot and that the Council's Band C SOP be amended to include a replacement special school, as detailed in the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To allow officers to progress to preparing business cases, should Welsh Government approve the amendments.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation at this stage. However should approval be secured then as schemes are developed it may be necessary to undergo statutory processes which would involve full consultation with stakeholders.

7. **URGENT ITEMS**

No urgent items were received.

CHAIRPERSON