

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

23 NOVEMBER 2023

EDUCATION, SKILLS & WELLBEING CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: J.Hurley (Chair), N.Jenkins and C.Phillips

Officers in Attendance:

J.Burge, R.Crowhurst, I.Guy, S.McCluskie, C.Millis, A.Spooner-Cleverly, C. Morris, P. Chivers, H. Lewis, C. Saunders, D. Evans, K. Windsor-Brown and S. Griffiths.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor J. Hurley be appointed as Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

Councillor Hurley welcomed all to the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on the 28th September 2023, were approved as a true and accurate record.

5. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23**

Decision:

That the forward work programme for 2023 2024 be noted.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions.

7. **CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES (LIBRARIES, LEISURE CENTRES ETC.)**

Decision:

That as per appendix 1 and 2 of the circulated report the opening times for Christmas and New Year 2023, for Libraries, theatres, community centres, Margam County Park, Leisure Centres and Swimming Pools be approved.

Implementation of Decision:

That the decision be implemented following the three day call in period, which ends at 9.00am, on, Monday, 27th November 2023.

Consultation:

There was no requirement to undertake external consultation

8. **ADMISSIONS TO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS - SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICY (OUT FOR CONSULTATION)**

Decision:

That having due regard to appendix A of the circulated report pack, approval be granted to consult on the 2023/2026 Community Schools Admission Policy.

Implementation of Decision:

That the decision be implemented following the three-day call-in period, which ends at 9.00am, on, Monday, 27th November 2023.

Consultation:

That having due regard to the circulated report, consultation was carried out the following,

- The governing bodies of community schools
- The governing bodies of voluntary aided (i.e., faith) schools
- All neighbouring local authorities.

9. **INCREASED PLANNED PLACES BLAENHONDDAN PRIMARY SCHOOL - FINAL DETERMINATION**

Decision:

- That approval be granted to establish a specialist provision for primary age pupils with autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) at Blaenhonddan Primary School.
- That the provision be managed by the school under its school governance.
- That the provision be beneficial to pupils being taught by specialist staff and alleviate pressures on existing staff to address demand for pupils with more complex needs.

Implementation of Decision:

That the decision be implemented following the three-day call-in period, which ends at 9.00am, on, Monday, 27th November 2023.

Consultation:

Formal consultation has been undertaken in line with the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code, November 2018. Members were informed of the outcome to the consultation together with its recommendations on the 28th September at the ESW Cabinet Board.

10. **WESP**

Decision:

That the report be noted for information.

11. **EMPLOYABILITY AND SKILLS PROGRAMME**

Decision:

That the report be noted for information.

12. **QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 23/24 - EDUCATION DIRECTORATE**

Decision:

That the report be noted for monitoring.

13. **QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 23/24 - ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE**

Decision:

That the report be noted for monitoring.

14. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items.

CHAIRPERSON