

**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**

**14 MARCH 2024**

**EDUCATION, SKILLS & WELLBEING CABINET BOARD**

**Cabinet Members:**

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

**Officers in Attendance:**

C. Saunders, H. Lervy, C. Millis, C. Morris, B. Blackmore, S. Griffiths, I. Guy, P. Chivers and S. McCluskie

**Invited Scrutiny Chair:**

Councillor P Rogers

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

It was agreed that Cllr J Hurley be appointed Chairperson of the meeting.

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

Cllr. Hurley welcomed all to the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2024 be approved as a true and accurate account.

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

That the forward work programme for 2023/24 be noted.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

7. **HERITAGE STRATEGY (BACK FROM CONSULTATION)**

**Decision:**

That having due regard to the integrated impact assessment and appendices the Heritage Strategy be formally adopted.

**Reason for Decision:**

To conserve the Heritage Strategy for NPT and to enable delivery of Wellbeing Objective 3. So that the Local Environment, Culture and Heritage can be enjoyed by future generations.

**Implementation of Decision:**

That the decision will be implemented following the three-day call-in period, which ended at 9.00am on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

**Consultation:**

An extensive consultation exercise was undertaken for the Heritage Strategy. The methodology and results of the consultation are shown in the Heritage Strategy Consultation Report.

Face to face, workshops were held with stakeholders, volunteer heritage groups, and online surveys, requesting feedback on how the public feel about the vision, objectives and actions to value and conserve their heritage and the positive impact it has on their wellbeing and the sustainability of their community groups.

A Consultation on the Heritage Strategy took place between October 9<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup> 2023. The results of the consultation process are reported to cabinet in the Heritage Strategy Consultation Report. The Report's findings have informed the Strategy and Action Plan.

8. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES PLAN - PERMISSION TO CONSULT**

**Decision:**

That having due regard to the integrated impact assessment, the draft Children and Young People's Plan be approved for a period of consultation between the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 and the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2024.

**Reason for Decision:**

To finalise and embed the Children and Young People's Plan.

**Implementation of Decision:**

That the decision will be implemented following the three-day call-in period, which ended at 9.00am on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

**Consultation:**

An online public consultation will be carried out with relevant stakeholders, who will be encouraged to respond. This includes schools, internal and external partner services and agencies, third sector organisations and children, and young people and families.

9. **ADMISSION TO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS - SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICY (BACK FROM CONSULTATION)**

**Decision:**

That having due regard to the integrated impact assessment and appendix, in line with the School Admissions Code, 2013 and the Education (Determination of Admission Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2006. Members determined that the admission arrangements for community schools in relation to the 2025/2026 academic year, as attached to the report be approved.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the Council to meet their statutory duties and good practice guidelines in respect of the admission of pupils to community schools.

**Implementation of Decision:**

That the decision will be implemented following the three-day call-in period, which ended at 9.00am on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

**Consultation:**

Consultation is required with:

- the governing bodies of community schools
- the governing bodies of voluntary aided (i.e. Faith) schools
- all neighbouring local authorities.

In relation to the 2025/2026 academic year, those consultations are required to be undertaken no sooner than 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and completed by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

Once consultation has been completed the Council must determine by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 its admission arrangements, either in their original form or with such modifications as seen fit.

Consultation took place between 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 and 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Consultees included head teachers & governing bodies of community and voluntary aided schools within the County Borough (the relevant area) and neighbouring local authorities.

No comments were received.

10. **ANNUAL SCHOOL TERM DATES (OUT OF CONSULTATION)**

**Decision:**

That having due regard to the integrated impact assessment, consultation for the 2026/2027 school term dates be approved.

**Reason for Decision:**

That the Authority meets its statutory duties.

**Implementation of Decision:**

That the decision be implemented following the three-day call-in period, which ended at 9.00am on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**Consultation:**

Permission is sort to consult with governing bodies, trade union representatives and other admission authorities including those in the relevant area.

11. **ADULT LEARNING**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted for information.

12. **COMEDY FESTIVAL**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted for information.

13. **ANNUAL PUPIL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted for monitoring.

14. **QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 23/24 - EDUCATION DIRECTORATE**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted for monitoring.

15. **QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 23/24 - ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted for monitoring.

16. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items.

**CHAIRPERSON**