

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 1/2/3, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 16 JUNE 2015 AT 2.30 PM

Present

Councillor MEJ Nott OBE – Chairperson

HJ David  
HM Williams

M Gregory

HJ Townsend

PJ White

Officers:

Darren Mepham	Chief Executive
Ness Young	Corporate Director - Resources & Section 151 Officer
Deborah McMillan	Corporate Director - Education & Transformation
Mark Shephard	Corporate Director - Communities
Susan Cooper	Corporate Director - Social Services & Wellbeing
Andrew Jolley	Assistant Chief Executive Legal & Regulatory Services and Monitoring Officer

699. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the following Member, for the reasons so stated:

Councillor CE Smith – Holiday

700. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor Melvyn Nott – Agenda Item 6 – As a member of Saint Brides Minor Community Council

Councillor Hailey Townsend – Agenda Item 6 – As Chairperson of Brackla Town Council

701. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet of 12 May 2015 be approved as a true and accurate record

702. REVISED CORPORATE PRIORITIES FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive submitted a report together with a presentation to Cabinet to seek formal agreement of the revised corporate priorities (strategic themes) and areas of focus that have been identified for each priority prior to submission to Council for approval for public consultation.

The presentation to Members highlighted the unprecedented financial challenge that the Authority is facing and can expect a £49m funding shortfall between 2016/17 and 2019/20 and that the Council needs to change in response to increasing demand and more complex needs to shape a sustainable and significantly smaller Authority (70% of its current size).

The Chief Executive highlighted that the Authority will:

- Work together with other agencies, businesses, communities and families to help people be as successful as they can.
- Maintain a strong focus on efficiency, and find ever more cost effective ways of doing things
- Support others to create their own solutions, and so reduce dependency on Council services
- Invest time and effort in supporting others to develop the capacity for identifying and responding to local needs

He further added that three strategic themes have been developed which will be the Councils priority for the next 4 years, they are:

1. Supporting a successful economy – taking steps to make the county a good place to do business and ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions of all young people in the county.
2. Helping people to be more self-reliant – taking early steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services.
3. Smarter use of resources – ensuring that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible; and supporting the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver its vision.

He explained that as the Authority changes it will have particular regard to the following:

- Safeguarding our most vulnerable people
- Equality and Diversity
- Financial accountability and value for money
- Management of risk, including the health and safety of employees and service users

The Chief Executive informed Cabinet that prior to their approval of the revised corporate priorities and areas of focus that have been identified there would be a formal staff and public consultation between July and September 2015

The Deputy Leader stated that the Authority is facing radical changes over the coming years and that support from the local communities is needed during this time. He advised that the Authority should also work closely with staff to ensure they share the same vision.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:

1. Approved the Council's Vision and Values remain as set out in paragraphs 4.2-4.3, and the revised priorities and supporting actions as set out in paragraph 4.5

2. Recommended these proposals to Council for approval before staff and public consultation takes place

703. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2014-15

The Corporate Director for Resources submitted a report to provide Cabinet with information on the Council's financial performance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015

She informed Members that the overall downturn at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 shows a balanced position. Directorate budgets provided a net underspend of £1.796 million and corporate budgets a net underspend of £2.991 million. She stated that the under spend on Directorate net budgets for the year is a result of a number of factors including the maximisation of grant and other income, strict vacancy and sickness management, increased productivity on trading accounts and savings resulting from improved systems and processes. £2.829million was drawn down in a year from approved earmarked reserves to meet specific one off pressures identified in previous years

The Corporate Director for Resources stated that the budget approved for 2014-15 included savings proposals of £11.274 million (5.2% of net service budgets.) £573,000 of these proposals were not realised in 2014-15, but the expenditure associated with them had been offset by vacancy management, the use of one off Directorate Earmarked Reserves and the maximisation of grant income from the Welsh Government's Regional Collaboration Fund and other grants such as Intermediate Care Fund. As such, there is still a recurrent £573,000 pressure on 2015-16 budgets which will need to be addressed by implementing the proposals in Table 2 below or identifying and delivering alternatives.

She also highlighted in the report that the over spend of over £567,000 on Looked After Children has been offset by underspends across other services in the directorate.

The Corporate Director for Resources then referred to the Council's Capital Programme 2014-15. The original budget approved by Council in July and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014 was revised and approved by Council in July and December 2014, and then again in February 2015 to incorporate budgets carried forward from 2013-14, slippage into 2015-16 and any new schemes and grant approvals. The revised programme totalled £32.757million. The total budget as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 is £30.813 million, which takes account of additional approvals of £5.477 million and slippage of £7.421 million into 2015-16 identified in the last quarter. She informed Members that the total expenditure at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 is £28.230 million, resulting in an under spend of £167,000 on BCBC resources.

The Cabinet Member for Resources thanked the Corporate Director for Resources for her report to Cabinet. He stated that in 2014-15 the Authority made £11million in revenue budget reductions which was a major challenge. In the expectation of further significant cuts in 2015-16 and beyond the Authority has been implementing the Medium Term Financial Strategy and working hard across the organisation to reduce expenditure in a planned way to minimise the impact on local communities.

As well as delivering the budget reduction plans the Authority has realised underspends which will be used to support specific directorate and corporate risks and pressures, ensuring that the Council are able to cope with expected cuts and risks over the next period. In line with MTFS principles the Council ended the financial year with a

breakeven position and a Council Fund of £7.45million. On Capital the Authority had an under-spend of £167,000 overall following slippage in 2015-16.

He further added therefor, this report should be set in the emerging context of the recent announcement of £50 million of in-year cuts to the Welsh Government budget; growing pressures on the NHS; and an outlook that will at least replicate the difficulties of the last few years. Against that background BCBC's performance in 2014-15 provides some reassurance that their robust approach to financial planning and management is providing resilience and becoming embedded in the organisations culture. He added that the fact remains that austerity is deepening and huge challenges lie ahead.

**RESOLVED:** That Cabinet noted:

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1. The final revenue and capital outturn position for 2014-15;
2. The impact of the underlying budget pressures on the Medium Term Financial Strategy and in particular the revenue budget for 2015-16; and
3. The earmarked reserves position in appendix 3 of the report

704. **TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2015-16**

The Corporate Director – Resources submitted a report to Cabinet to seek approval to allocate the funding identified in the capital programme for Community Projects to Town and Community Councils. She highlighted to Members that the criteria for allocation of the funding had previously been approved by Cabinet and reported to the Town and Community Council Forum. She informed Members that bids for allocation of the 2015-16 budget were invited from all Town & Community Councils and gave Members an overview of the projects that have been submitted.

A detailed review of spend against allocation on projects between 2008/09 and 2011/12 identified an underspend of £35,356. It is proposed to utilise this underspend to meet the shortfall against projects submitted in 2015/16

The Cabinet Member for Communities stated that this fund has been an excellent lever for Town and Community Councils to take forward priority projects within their Communities and is a testament to the fine things that Communities can achieve with support. He paid tribute to the Councils that had bid for these grants as they have had to find at least 50% of the total cost of the project themselves.

**RESOLVED:** Cabinet approved the proposed allocations set out in Table 2 of the report

705. **SPECIAL REGENERATION FUND: CARRY FORWARD OF REVENUE BUDGETS**

The Corporate Director – Resources submitted a report to Cabinet for approval of changes to the management of the Special Regeneration Fund (SRF) revenue budget to facilitate greater leverage of external funding

He informed Cabinet that since 1999/2000, the SRF revenue budget has been unchanged at £334,000 per year. Over the last 10 years, the SRF has been targeted at meeting the priority programmes of successive partnership-based regeneration strategies. At all times, leverage of European and other external funding has been one of the key criteria for allocating the SRF capital and revenue money.

In November 2014, Welsh Government launched the next round of EU Structural Fund and RDP programmes for the planning period 2014-2020 with implementation of projects able to run up to 2023.

The Corporate Director for Resources added that under the current Convergence and (RDP) programmes, the SRF has been critical to the Council's participation in projects because it is the only resource specifically targeted at match funding external grants for regeneration projects. It is therefore proposed, that the flexibility to carry forward the SRF capital budgets across financial years as a result of Council's approval of slippage is extended to the SRF revenue budget. This will ensure that the available resources are used strategically to fit with other external funding timescales and that resources allocated for regeneration are not lost or under-utilised as a result of inflexibility in the financial mechanisms operated by the Authority. In order to achieve this, it is proposed that a SRF Equalisation Reserve is created. This will cushion the impact of activity levels by allowing underspends on the SRF to be carried forward.

The Cabinet Member – Communities advised members that the establishment of an Equalisation Reserve will enable to the Authority to make best use of available resources

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet authorised the establishment of an Equalisation Reserve for the SRF revenue budget to be operated as a ring-fenced allocation with carry-over of resources for the purposes of maximising the leverage of external funding, based on an annual approval by the Chief Finance Officer.

706. REVIEW OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AND LEVELS OF SERVICE

The Corporate Director – Communities submitted a report to Cabinet on the proposals on the future availability of public conveniences in the County Borough to outline their current condition and to seek approval for changes in the level of caretaking and cleansing.

There are thirteen public conveniences in various parts of the Borough which are serviced and maintained by the Council. Of these a number are permanently staffed while others are cleaned and visited on a routine basis. A fourteenth facility, located in Pencoed, was recently transferred to the control of Pencoed Town Council.

He advised that a public consultation was undertaken in the first quarter of 2015, inviting views on the importance of public conveniences in the Borough. It was open to the general public, Community Councils, disabled groups and also the Citizens' Panel. In total 933 responses were received.

He advised Cabinet that in considering the future provision of public toilets in the towns of Bridgend, Porthcawl and Maesteg, and other Borough wide facilities that they may wish to consider the points and detail that were provided to them in the appendices attached to the report.

He stated that where it was proposed to permanently close and decommission the public conveniences offers will be made to the relevant Town and Community Council to take over the running of the facilities.

Following the cessation of specific WG funding for the National Comfort Scheme, it is proposed that a local scheme is established to support where necessary a small number of strategic sites where it is felt that the provision of a toilet facility, open and available to the public, would be beneficial. The Council would invite applications for such provision and consider them on their merit. To this end a small amount of revenue funding has been allocated within the budget to support such provision, with an annual grant being made available to any qualifying business.

The Cabinet Member Communities stated that whilst it is regrettable that the Authority has to reduce the provision of public conveniences officers have tried to reduce the impact on the public with the introduction of the Local Comfort Scheme

The Cabinet Member for Resources advised he would urge other Town and Community Council's to take over the running of their local facilities where possible. Pencoed Town Council has taken over the running of the facilities located in Pencoed Square and they now have plans to upgrade them

The Cabinet Member Adult Social Care and Health and Wellbeing stated that Town and Community Councils should follow suit of Maesteg Town Council and look at installing remote payable facilities in their Communities

The Deputy Leader added that a lot of the facilities are no longer fit for purpose or modern day age and are not accessible and the opportunity to rationalise provision has been presented to contribute to the Authority having to make over £50m in savings.

The Cabinet Member for Children's Social Services and Equalities advised that the facilities in Bridgend town centre serve the whole of the Bridgend County and therefore should not just be the responsibility of Bridgend Town Council and suggested that they should work collaboratively with other Town Councils in the Borough

RESOLVED:

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1. Approved the provisions contained in 8.2 – 8.5 of the report subject to consultation with the relevant employees, and the Corporate Director, Communities being satisfied with outcome of any deliberations arising from the consultation process.
2. Approved the proposals outlined in 4.13 to re-introduce the Authority's Comfort Scheme following the withdrawal of specific funding by the Welsh Government.
3. Approved the proposals outlined in 4.5 - 4.11 of the report with regard to the provision of public toilets in the three main town centres of Maesteg, Bridgend and Porthcawl. Cabinet also gave its approval for formal negotiations to take place with the landlord of the Rhiw Hill Toilets, with a view to these facilities being permanently closed.
4. Approved the proposals outlined in 4.12 of the report with regard to the provision of public toilets outside the main town centres.
5. Approved ending the practice of gentleman's facilities having a male attendant and ladies being serviced by a female attendant. Going forward either a male or female attendant should cleanse both facilities.

The Corporate Director for Social Services and Wellbeing submitted a report to update Cabinet with the background to the work across Western Bay to develop a Regional Quality Framework for care homes across the region and to seek their approval of the regional Quality Framework and implementation of the Framework at a local level

She stated that Bridgend County Borough Council has led and been the host authority for this piece of work, as the Council already operates a quality framework for care homes. The quality standards within Bridgend have been in operation for over 5 years and have been instrumental in improving the quality within care home settings.

She added that over the last 18 months there has been a great deal of positive work and energy involving a range of partners to pull together the RQF, drawing from best practice across the UK. There has been a range of consultation events as the RQF has been developed to help gather views from stakeholders and care providers. There have been regional events to help shape the high level outcomes and measures within the RQF and local events with care providers to ensure their views are included.

The development of the RQF is timely as the Older Peoples Commissioner (OPC) for Wales undertook a review of over 100 care homes across Wales in November 2014. The review was the biggest of its kind in Wales and looked at: -

- The residents social participation
- The care home environment
- Access to health care services
- Food and diet
- Care home staff capacity and training
- Service commissioning and inspection

There is a great deal of emphasis on Councils to ensure that quality of life underpins residential and nursing care at every level from commissioning of services through to the front line delivery of care. The OPC recommended that there is a need to develop mechanisms, which are embedded by commissioners in order to test quality and outcomes for older people in care home settings.

The Corporate Director for Social Services and Wellbeing highlighted the next steps to the Members which are:

- Over the next 3-4 months, the Authority will work with local care providers to establish a new scoring mechanism which aligns the RQF to the quality fee payment system;
- A launch date will be arranged to raise awareness and publicise the new Framework across the region;
- Each authority area will agree a roll out and implementation plan;
- Carry out an evaluation in 12 months, following the implementation across the region.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health and Wellbeing wished to commend BCBC for their role in developing a Regional Quality Framework for care homes across the region. He referred to section 3.9 of the report and expressed concern that there was little highlighted about the choice that people living in care homes have. He stated that Western Bay has worked well but having choice available is important

The Deputy Leader added that it was pleasing to see that Bridgend was highlighted for their best practice and to hear that they are continuing to build on this and the Authority

is keen to do better for vulnerable people in Bridgend. He further added that end of life care for the elderly who suffer from dementia is important and felt they should be involved in the selection process of staff recruited into care homes.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. Noted and approved the Authority signing up to the Regional Quality Framework for care homes.
2. Approved the development and implementation of a new scoring criteria based on the Regional Quality Framework in Bridgend, which is aligned to the Quality Fee Payment Scheme

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708. NEW ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK AND ALL WALES ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING (WALES) ACT 2014 UPDATE FOLLOWING CONSULTATION

The Corporate Director for Social Services and Wellbeing submitted a report to update Cabinet on:

- The further consultation and engagement with stakeholders, about changes that the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 will bring and the implications of the new proposed National Eligibility Criteria for managed care and support services
- The new National Eligibility Criteria announced by the Minister for Health and Social Care on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015;

She also sought their approval to proceed with the Cabinet decision of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 to raise the Eligibility Criteria from moderate to that of substantial and critical.

She stated that a number of stakeholder groups have received presentations on the new Act, furthermore a briefing was prepared and sent out in the March 2015 edition of the Health Social Care and Wellbeing Bulletin. She referred Cabinet to Appendix one of the report which detailed the new National Eligibility Criteria set out by the Minister for Health and Social Services.

In addition work has continued within the Directorate in preparation for the implementation of the new National Eligibility Criteria. This has included further analysis of existing service users currently in the 'moderate' category for eligibility to services. When work commenced on analysing people within the moderate criteria of eligibility, 267 people were identified; because of changes in circumstances such as cases being closed, people moving out of the County Borough, hospital admissions, deaths, reassessment and reablement, the number of people in the moderate category, as of the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 reduced to 205.



The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health and Wellbeing stated that the Changes to the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 is change for the better for the Authority and for Service Users. He added that it allows for individuals to stay together with family and in their own homes with early intervention

The Cabinet Member for Communities thanked the officers involved for the good quality information in the report and was confident that the new proposed National Eligibility Criteria for managed care and support services will work

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RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. Noted the new National Eligibility Criteria announced by Welsh Government on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015;
2. Noted the consultation and engagement that has been undertaken to date; and proceeded with Cabinet's original decision of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 and approved the proposal to raise the Council's eligibility criteria from moderate to that of substantial and critical.

709. ARCHBISHOP MCGRATH OUTCOME OF ESTYN FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION

The Corporate Director for Education and Transformation submitted a report to Cabinet to advise them of the outcome of the Estyn Follow-Up Inspection of Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School, undertaken in March 2015, and the measures being taken to help the school improve.

She informed Cabinet that Estyn judged the progress made towards each of the recommendations by March 2015 as follows:

- R1 Raise standards and improve performance at key stage 3 and key stage 4 **Satisfactory progress**
- R2 Improve pupils' attendance **Strong progress**
- R3 Improve the consistency of provision for developing pupils' skills in literacy, numeracy, ICT skills across the curriculum **Satisfactory progress**
- R4 Improve the quality of teaching **Satisfactory progress**
- R5 Develop the leadership skills of middle leaders **Strong progress**
- R6 Strengthen line management arrangements to provide suitable support and challenge to raise standards **Satisfactory progress**
- R7 Improve self-evaluation procedures to inform development planning, and to set clear and appropriate priorities and targets for improvement **Satisfactory progress**

She added that Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales is maintaining the level of follow-up activity and that Estyn inspectors will continue to monitor the school and will ask the school to provide a report on the progress made against the recommendations in the Autumn Term 2015. Archbishop McGrath School will continue to receive support from the Local Authority and from Central South Consortium in order to maintain and embed the progress being made to bring further improvements.

The Deputy Leader explained it was disappointing that Archbishop School are still being monitored by Estyn, however he was hopeful of good results from Key Stage 4 exams this coming summer, therefore hopefully improving their standards sufficiently enough to be removed from the Estyn Monitoring category

RESOLVED: That Cabinet noted the content of the report and await a further update report following Estyn's judgement of progress in the Autumn term 2015

710. SCHOOL MODERNISATION PROGRAMME: PROPOSAL TO CLOSE MYNYDD CYNFFIG INFANTS SCHOOL AND EXTEND AGE RANGE OF MYNYDD CYNFFIG JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Corporate Director for Education and Transformation submitted a report to inform Cabinet of the outcome of the public notice on the proposal to close Mynydd Cynffig Infants School with effect from 31st August 2015 and extend the age range of Mynydd Cynffig Junior School from 7-11 to 3-11 to create an all through primary school with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015.

She advised Members that the statutory public notice was issued on 16th April 2015 and the closing date for objections was 13th May 2015. She added that there were no objections received during the statutory public notice period, therefore, Cabinet are now able to determine the implementation of the proposal.

The Corporate Director for Education and Transformation highlighted the cost of accommodating the new Mynydd Cynffig Primary School on one school site would be met from the Welsh Government's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme, for which the Authority have had 'approval in principle' and the Council's capital programme as approved by Council in February 2012. Subject to the outcome of the statutory process, the Authority will progress the necessary business case procedures in line with Welsh Government requirements.

She added that as a consequence of the proposal, there would be minimum annual savings to the delegated schools budget of £71,926, subject to the Formula Funding values allocated for 2015-16. However, there will be some additional costs incurred while the school is operating on separate sites, which will need to be met from the additional split site allowance that the school will receive as part of its funding formula which currently stands at £25k.

The Deputy Leader stated he was pleased to see the financial benefit which will further contribute to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Fund and that the Authority needs to continue with the Rationalisation in order to meet funding cuts and agreed that this is a sensible way forward for the Community, the Authority and the School.

RESOLVED: Cabinet, having given full consideration to the outcome of the consultation and public notice process, determined to:

1. Close Mynydd Cynffig Infants School as at 31st August 2015;
2. Create Mynydd Cynffig Primary School by extending the age range of what was Mynydd Cynffig Junior School from a 7-11 to a 3-11 school with effect from 1st September 2015.

711. SCHOOL MODERNISATION PROGRAMME: OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS ON PROPOSAL TO MAKE A REGULATED ALTERATION TO YSGOL GYNRADD GYMRAEG CWM GARW BY RELOCATING THE SCHOOL

The Corporate Director for Education and Transformation submitted a report to Cabinet to inform them of the outcome of the consultation on the proposal to make a regulated alteration to Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cwm Garw by relocating the school to a new school building on the existing Betws Primary School site - and to present to Cabinet the findings of the detailed consultation report which were detailed in Appendix A of the report

She stated that in order to progress the proposal, consultation was carried out between 25<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 in accordance with the statutory School Organisation Code.

Following receipt of advice from technical officers of the Authority the construction programme for the proposed new build is such that the school would be ready for occupation on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018, which is a change to the proposed opening date. She explained the views of the school governing body have been sought with this regard and the Authority are awaiting a response. She highlighted in Appendix A to the report the responses and key points received from consultation exercises for the public.

The Deputy Leader stated that it was important to focus on what choice the Authority has; and pupils' continuing at the current school is not a realistic option. There needs to be a lot of money spent on refurbishment to make it fit for purpose, there are poor access facilities for disabled pupils and there are no playing fields within the school grounds.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health and Wellbeing stated the new school was for the comfort of the pupils and thanked all involved for standing by the proposals

The Cabinet Member for Children's Social Services and Equalities stated that Cwm Garw does not have accessible classrooms so the the pupils at this site the Authority are not providing an adequate service.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet:

1. Considered the outcome of the consultation with all parties as detailed in the consultation report and appendices;
2. Approved the consultation report for publication;
3. Authorised the publication of a Public Notice on the proposal with a modified opening date of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

712. SCHOOL MODERNISATION PROGRAMME: OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON PROPOSAL TO MAKE A REGULATED ALTERATION IN THE FORM OF AN ENLARGEMENT TO BRYNMENYN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND RELOCATE IT INTO A NEW BUILDING ON SURPLUS LAND ADJACENT TO COLEG CYMUNEDOL Y DDERWEN

The Corporate Director for Education and Transformation submitted a report to inform Cabinet of the outcome of the consultation on the proposal to make a regulated

alteration in the form of an enlargement to Brynmenyn Primary School and relocate it into a new building on surplus land adjacent to Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen (CCYD) - and to present to Cabinet the findings of the consultation detailed in Appendix A of the report.

She advised Cabinet there is growing pressure on the number of school places in the Valleys Gateway Area of the County Borough due to recent, current and planned housing developments in the area. The three primary schools serving the Valleys Gateway area are:

- Brynmenyn Primary School
- Bryncethin Primary School
- Tondu Primary School

She added the relocation and enlargement of Brynmenyn Primary is considered to be the preferred means available to the Council in order to address growing pressure on the number of school places in the Valleys Gateway Area.

She further added that in order to progress with the proposal, consultation exercises were carried out between 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 with staff, governors, parents, pupils and also the wider community in accordance with the statutory School Organisation Code. A copy of the consultation document was also made available during this time on the Councils website

The Corporate Director for Education and Transformation then highlighted to Cabinet the key points from the consultation exercise and referred them to the appendix A attached to the report for full details. She then summarised the key responses to the consultation.

The Deputy Leader stated that full support has been received from the Governing Body and staff involved in the move as the current building is cramped and overcrowded. He explained that three responses received to the online consultation, two were positive and one was an issue relating to highways. He explained that there are already highways issues at the current school location, but this will be improved when relocating the school to the new site.

**RESOLVED:**                      That Cabinet:

1.     Considered the outcome of the consultation with all parties as detailed in the consultation report and appendices
2.     Approved the consultation report for publication
3.     Authorised the publication of a Public Notice on the proposal with a modified opening date of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

**713.    EQUALITIES CABINET COMMITTEE**

The Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report to Cabinet to seek approval for the appointment of the Chairperson of the Equalities Cabinet Committee and invitees to attend meetings of the Equalities Cabinet Committee as nominated by each of the political groups represented on the Council.

He explained that the Leader, in appointing Councillor H J Townsend as a Cabinet Member at the Annual Meeting of Council on 13 May 2015 announced that Councillor Townsend would be responsible in her portfolio for equalities issues. Subsequent to the Annual Meeting of Council Councillor Townsend has been allocated the portfolio of

Cabinet Member for Children's Social Services and Equalities and it is therefore appropriate that the portfolio holder be appointed as Chairperson of the Equalities Cabinet Committee.

RESOLVED:

Cabinet approved:

1. The Cabinet Member for Children's Social Services and Equalities be appointed as the Chairperson of the Equalities Cabinet Committee.
2. Nominations of the invitees to the Equalities Cabinet Committee on the basis of 7 Labour Members, 2 Independent / Alliance Members and 1 Independent Annibynwr Member contained at paragraph 4.2 of the report.

714. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES & JOINT COMMITTEES

The Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report to Cabinet to seek approval for the appointment of Members to joint Committees and the nomination of Members to outside bodies. He referred members to Appendix A of the report which listed the joint Committees and outside bodies concerned.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet appointed the requisite number of Members to the Joint Committees and other outside bodies as listed in Appendix 1 of the report. Further nominations would be received in respect of the Cultural Trust Opposition Member. The South West Wales Regional Waste Management Committee accepting the nominations of the Cabinet Member Communities and Councillor G Thomas. In respect of the Bridgend & Maesteg Citizens Advice Bureau representatives were approved as the Cabinet Member –Resources and the Cabinet Member- Adult Social Care.

715. URGENT ITEMS

None

716. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as they contained exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 14 and 16 of Part 4 and Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.

Following the application of the public interest test it was resolved that pursuant to the Act referred to above, to consider the under-mentioned item in private with the public being excluded from the

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meeting as it would involve the disclosure of exempt information as stated above.

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718	Exempt Report of the Corporate Director Resources
719	Exempt Report of the Corporate Director Communities

717. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES

718. EXEMPT REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES

719. EXEMPT REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES

The meeting closed at 4.35 pm