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Dyddiad/Date: Thursday, 13 October 2022

Dear Councillor,

COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council will be held Hybrid in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend/Remotely on **Wednesday, 19 October 2022 at 15:00.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
To receive apologies for absence from Members.
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interest from Members/Officers in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct adopted by Council from 1 September 2008.
3. Approval of Minutes 5 - 30
To receive for approval the minutes of 20/7/2022.
4. To receive announcements from:
(i) Mayor (or person presiding)
(ii) Members of the Cabinet
(iii) Chief Executive
5. To receive announcements by the Leader
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| 17. | <u>To receive the following Questions to the Executive</u> | |

Question from Councillor Graham Walter to the Cabinet Member Social Services and Early Help

Could the Cabinet Member for Social Services & Early Help please tell me what we are doing as a Council to recruit into vacant positions.

Question from Councillor Elaine Winstanley to the Cabinet Member Social Services and Early Help

Does the Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help have confidence that we will be able to meet care and support demands for our vulnerable residents during the winter months?

Question from Councillor Paul Davies to the Cabinet Member Social Services and Early Help

Considering fairly recent events in Bridgend reported in the press and through documentaries', does the Cabinet Member for Social services and Early Help have confidence that Children's Services is fit for purpose and that the services they deliver are safe and effective?

Question from Councillor Alex Williams to the Cabinet Member Communities

Is the Cabinet Member for Communities satisfied with the way in which Bridgend County Borough's refuse and recycling service is being operated by the current service provider; is he content that the service is fulfilling the agreement as set out in the terms of the contract; and what is being done by BCBC to address the significant challenges faced by the operator during the stop-gap extension to the contract whereby there will be little commercial incentive for the operator to improve service delivery?

Question from Councillor Ian Williams to the Cabinet Member Communities

There has been a great deal of anger towards BCBC regarding the recreational provision for adults and children in Newbridge Fields which are to be honest an absolute disgrace. I would like to know when works will start to make our premier park an inclusive and fun place for families with improvements to the substandard playground and the provision of toilets and disabled changing facilities and a suitable attraction such as a skateboard park for older children and teenagers.

18. Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor Alex Williams

That this Council:

Requests that Cabinet conducts a review of BCBC's School Admission Policy and Arrangements 2020/2021; and Learner Travel Policy 2016 and:

- a. Notes that Bridgend County Borough Council's (BCBC's) Home-to-School Transport

Policy allows parents to choose either English-medium, Welsh-medium or a faith-based education for their child.

- b. Notes the report to Cabinet of 23rd July 2019 at paragraph 4.35 which states that: *“For pupils wishing to benefit from Welsh-medium education, free home-to-school transport would apply to the nearest Welsh-medium school within Bridgend County Borough.”*
- c. Notes that the report on Home-to-School Transport to Scrutiny & Overview Committee 2 on 5th February 2020 fails to mention that home-to-school transport would only apply to the nearest Welsh-medium school *within Bridgend County Borough*.
- d. Notes that this policy was not properly implemented in September 2020 and that pupils were wrongly awarded BCBC-funded, free home-to-school transport, and that this error was only identified in October 2021.
- e. Notes that free home-to-school transport is available to learners living in BCBC who wish to attend a Welsh-medium secondary school (YGG Llangynwyd) but regrets the erroneous miscommunication to parents and carers on 13th June 2022 which led parents, carers and the Headteachers of both Ysgol Gynradd Dolau and Ysgol Gyfun Llanhari to believe that learners were eligible for home-to-school transport, before unexpectedly discovering that they would not be in receipt of home-to-school transport in late August, a week before children were to start secondary school and had already attended Year 6/Year 7 transition activities with parents/carers also having purchased uniforms.
- f. Regrets that BCBC did not feel that it was necessary to communicate the administrative error which was identified in October 2021 to Ysgol Gynradd Dolau; Ysgol Gyfun Llanhari and parents/carers so that they could plan for the impact which the removal of home-to-school transport would have on children’s education upon transition in September 2022.
- g. Welcomes the fact that learners who have already transitioned from Ysgol Gynradd Dolau to Ysgol Gyfun Llanhari prior to the policy change will continue to receive BCBC-funded, free home-to-school transport from BCBC to Ysgol Llanhari until they complete their secondary school education as home-to-school transport provision had already been provided and, as a consequence, BCBC could not justify the removal of the provision.
- h. Notes that the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 makes provision about promoting and facilitating the use of the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language; notes that the current Welsh Government “Learner Travel: statutory provision and operational guidance (2014)” identifies that local authorities must promote access to Welsh-medium education; and that this legislation does not preclude out-of-county home to school transport.
- i. Welcomes the long-term ambition to incentivise in-county Welsh language education but regrets the practical effect of BCBC’s School Admission & Learner Travel Policies which, in combination, have resulted (in some cases) in the parental choice to remove their children from Welsh language education due to the lack of communication and the negative emotional impact of this upheaval of splitting up friendship groups and siblings.
- j. Notes that Home-to-School Transport is still available from the English medium Abercedin Primary School in Evanstown to Tonyrefail Community School as part of the existing BCBC School Admission Policy (and associated arrangements), which is in contravention to the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 in that it actively discriminates against the Welsh language in disallowing pupils from BCBC who were accessing primary education at Ysgol Gynradd Dolau or Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tonyrefail to access similar out-of-county Home-to-School Transport to Ysgol Gyfun Llanhari when they transitioned from primary to secondary education.
- k. Urges BCBC to work collaboratively with RCTCBC to engage early and communicate to all of those parents and carers of learners currently at Ysgol

Gynradd Dolau who reside in BCBC that they will NOT be eligible for home to school transport to Ysgol Gyfun Llanhari when they transition from primary to secondary education so that they can make considered choices for their children's future education.

- I. Notes that other local authorities currently offer some 'paying places' on its home-to-school transport vehicles and calls on BCBC to ensure that all future contract tenders for school transport operators require Public Service Vehicle Accessibility Regulations (PSVAR) compliance to allow for 'paid for' places on school transport.

19. Urgent Items

To consider any item(s) of business in respect of which notice has been given in accordance with Part 4 (paragraph 4) of the Council Procedure Rules and which the person presiding at the meeting is of the opinion should by reason of special circumstances be transacted at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

Note: This will be a hybrid meeting and will be recorded live. Members of the public can attend the meeting in the Council Chamber gallery. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact cabinet_committee@bridgend.gov.uk or tel. 01656 643147 / 643148.

Yours faithfully

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