CABINET - TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 14:30

Present

Councillor JC Spanswick - Chairperson

N Farr HM Williams P Davies M J Evans

M Jones

Present Virtually

J Gebbie

Officers:

Carys Lord Chief Officer - Finance, Housing & Change

Janine Nightingale Corporate Director - Communities

Kelly Watson Chief Officer - Legal & Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy Lindsay Harvey Corporate Director - Education, Early Years & Young People

Michael Pitman Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services
Robin Davies Group Manager - Business Strategy and Performance

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hywel Williams - Personal - Grandchildren in receipt of home to school transport Councillor Neelo Farr - Prejudicial - Grandchildren live with Councillor Farr and were in receipt of free transport

360. Revised Home-To-School Transport Policy

Decision Made	The Corporate Director Education, Early Years and Young People presented a report which sought

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	Cabinet approval for the new Home-to-School Transport Policy.
	He explained that following the decision at Cabinet on 23 rd July 2024, significant changes were required to the Home to School Transport Policy. The Local Authority was required to publish its learner travel policy arrangements by October 2024 and therefore, a revised Home-to-School Transport Policy has been drafted and was included at Appendix 1 which incorporated proposals 1-4 as set out in the report.
	Cabinet Members asked for clarity in relation to the Equalities Act 2010. She stated that if approved, English medium schools may be at a detriment compared with Welsh Medium school's
	The Corporate Director Education, Early Years and Young People stated that a full EIA was undertaken at the last meeting of Cabinet where policy was considered and due consideration was given.
	The Group Manager – Business Strategy and Performance added to this stating that the Local Authority had a statutory duty to promote the Welsh Language and Welsh Medium education. The same applied to faith based schools. Due to the limited number of both these mediums, as well as the requirement to promote these and ensure they were not at a detriment, there is more emphasis on these.
	RESOLVED: That Cabinet having discussed the need for complying with statutory duty agreed to approved the revised Home-to-School Transport Policy at Appendix 1 for implementation from September 2025
Date Decision Made	10 September 2024

361. Urgent Items

Decision Made	There were no urgent items
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The meeting closed at 14:55.

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