

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET REPORT**

**28 MARCH 2017**

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR – EDUCATION AND FAMILY  
SUPPORT**

**SCHOOL MODERNISATION PROGRAMME: OUTCOME OF PUBLIC NOTICE ON  
PROPOSAL TO MAKE A REGULATED ALTERATION TO AFON Y FELIN  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**1. Purpose of report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is:

- to inform Cabinet of the outcome of the Public Notice on the proposal to make a regulated alteration to Afon y Felin Primary School, by enlarging the school with effect from 1 April 2017; and
- to request Cabinet issue a Determination as per the proposal.

**2. Connection to Corporate Plan/Other Corporate Priorities**

2.1 The school modernisation programme supports many of the corporate priorities, in particular:

- smarter use of resources; and
- supporting a successful economy.

2.2 On 3 March 2015, Cabinet approval was received for the Council to adopt revised principles as a framework for school organisation in Bridgend. Five key principles were set out to inform the organisation and modernisation of our schools:

- a commitment to high standards and excellence in provision;
- equality of opportunity, so that all pupils can access quality learning opportunities, regardless of which school they attend;
- inclusive schools, which cater for the learning needs of all their pupils;
- community-focussed schools, where the school actively engages with its local community; and
- value for money.

2.3 The Policy and Planning Framework sets out 17 areas where these principles should be applied in practice.

2.4 The principles which are particularly relevant in the context of this proposal concern the size of primary schools (to ensure that “all Bridgend’s primary schools are large enough to make the full range of necessary provision”) and value for money, efficiency and effectiveness and the provision of local

schools, planning new provision to reflect changes in the distribution of the population.

- 2.5 This report outlines the result of the Public Notice in respect of the proposed enlargement and seeks approval to continue the process to the next stage.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 On 4 October 2016, Cabinet approved the consultation on the proposal to make a regulated alteration to Afon y Felin Primary School by enlarging the school with effect from 1 April 2017.

- 3.2 Consultation was carried out between 22 November 2016 and 6 January 2017 in accordance with the statutory School Organisation Code. A copy of the consultation document was also made available during this time on the Council's website:

<http://www1.bridgend.gov.uk/services/consultation.aspx>

- 3.3 Cabinet, on 31 January 2017, having considered the outcome of the consultation with all parties as detailed in the draft consultation report, authorised the publication of that report and the issuing of a statutory notice regarding the proposal.

### **4. Current situation**

- 4.1 A public notice was issued on 10 February 2017 and lasted a period of 28 days. The statutory notice detailed the proposal and gave an opportunity to submit formal written objection.

- 4.2 No objections were received during the public notice period. Cabinet can now determine the proposal (*Cabinet can accept, reject or modify the proposal*).

### **5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules**

- 5.1 There is no effect upon the policy framework or procedure rules.

### **6. Equality Impact Assessment**

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out as part of the consultation stage and has been further informed by responses to the consultation papers. The assessment has concluded that there is no negative impact on the duties of the Council towards protected groups.

- 6.2 A Welsh Language Impact Assessment has been carried out as part of the consultation. No negative impacts are anticipated as a result of the proposal.

- 6.3 A Community Impact Assessment has been carried out as part of the consultation. No negative impacts are anticipated as a result of the proposal.

## **7. Financial implications**

7.1 In order to accommodate the increased pupil numbers and avoid overcrowding it has become necessary for the School to utilise a space within the existing accommodation for teaching purposes. This has resulted in an increase to the capacity and this change has already been implemented on a temporary basis this academic year. This proposal formalises this temporary arrangement. The area which would be incorporated into the capacity calculation is within the school building and is already fully funded via the funding formula allocation. Should additional pupils be admitted to the school, additional funding for staff may be required which will met from within the overall schools' delegated budget and funded through the schools' funding formula.

## **8. Recommendations**

8.1 Cabinet is therefore recommended to:

- consider the outcome of the Public Notice as detailed in the report above; and
- approve the implementation of the proposal to make a regulated alteration to Afon y Felin Primary School, by enlarging the school, with effect from 1 April 2017.

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## **Background documents**

Cabinet Report: 3 March 2015: "PRINCIPLES DOCUMENT"

Cabinet Report: 4 October 2016 - Report of the Corporate Director – Education and Family Support - SCHOOL MODERNISATION PROGRAMME: PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT OF AFON Y FELIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

CABINET REPORT: 31 January 2017 - REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR – EDUCATION AND FAMILY SUPPORT - SCHOOL MODERNISATION PROGRAMME: Outcome of Consultations on proposal to make a regulated alteration to Afon Y Felin Primary School