

## **The Vale of Glamorgan Council**

### **Cabinet Meeting: 6 February, 2017**

#### **Report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Education**

#### **Update on Implementation of the Schools Investment and Reorganisation Programme**

##### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform Cabinet about the achievements and progress to date on implementing the Council's School Investment and Reorganisation Programme.

##### **Recommendations**

1. That Cabinet note the achievements to date in delivering the School Investment and Reorganisation Programme.
2. That the award of the Pre Construction Services Contract to JB Leadbitter & Company Ltd (Bouygues) for Professional Consultancy Services in respect of Llantwit Major Learning Community be confirmed and that the Head of Legal Services be authorised to execute the relevant contract.

##### **Reasons for the Recommendations**

1. Cabinet is aware of progress made with rationalising school places and investment in school buildings.
2. To provide clarity on cabinet report minute number C2607 which did not make it explicitly clear that the contract was in two stages and that a PSC contract was required prior to the main NEC option A contract.

##### **Background**

2. The 21st Century Schools Programme was formally launched by the Welsh Government in March 2010 to support large-scale capital building projects across Wales with the aim of enhancing school buildings to meet 21st Century educational needs.
3. Pending the start of the programme, three tranches of 21st Century Schools transitional funding were made available to local authorities on a bidding basis. At this stage, Welsh Government had undertaken to contribute 70% of the cost of schemes with local authorities contributing 30%.

4. The Council successfully bid for tranche 3 funding for the Penarth Learning Community to the sum of £34,491,460 and contributed £14,527,315 Council funding to the scheme which included £748,000 section 106 funding. The tranche 3 funding overlapped with the introduction of the full 21st Century Schools Programme.
5. It was originally intended by the Welsh Government that the 21st Century Schools Programme would be provided in four three year bands (Bands A,B,C and D) from 2012.
6. The programme was revised in 2011 with the first band of funding, Band A, extended to 6 years to run between 2014 and 2019. Local authorities were required to contribute 50% towards the capital cost of projects which required a re-prioritisation of capital investment programmes.
7. The Council's Strategic Outline Programme for the transformation and enhancement of a number of schools under Band A of the 21st Century Schools Programme was approved by Welsh Government in December 2012. The funding envelope for the programme is £32.049M of which £17.952M is funded by the Council and £14.09M is funded from Welsh Government.
8. The Strategic Outline Programme (2012/13 to 2019/20) comprised of the following projects:
  - Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg, Barry (new build)
  - Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant, Llantwit Major (new build)
  - Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant / Oak Field Primary School, Barry (new build and remodel)
  - Llantwit Learning Community which comprised of an amalgamation of Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr Primary schools into a new school (Ysgol Y Ddraig) and the new build and remodelling of Llantwit Major Comprehensive, Llantwit Major.
  - Colcot Primary School (remodel).
  - Romilly Primary School - This project was not originally in Band A however Welsh Government approval to expand our funding envelope to incorporate this additional project was achieved in December 2016.

## **Relevant Issues and Options.**

### **Penarth Learning Community**

9. This project, although not part of the bid for funding for Band A of the 21st Century School's Programme has been as an integral part of the Strategic Investment Programme for Education. The new school community, built on the site previously occupied by St Cyres Comprehensive School, Ashgrove and Ysgol Erw'r Delyn is a central learning hub made up of St Cyres Comprehensive School which delivers education to pupils aged 11-19 and Ysgol Y Deri, a 4 to 19 years school for children with Additional Learning Needs.
10. The new facility has seen St Cyres decrease its pupil capacity from 1718 places with a surplus of pupil places of 24.56% at the Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) January 2012 to a pupil capacity of 1280 places with a surplus capacity of 13.13% as at PLASC, January 2016.
11. The new St Cyres Comprehensive School building replaced the previous school and provides education to pupils who transferred from the previous buildings. Ysgol Y Deri brought together the three schools in the Vale of Glamorgan that supported

children with Additional Learning Needs – Ysgol Maes Dyfan, Ysgol Erw'r Delyn and Ashgrove schools.

12. This ambitious scheme sees special need pupils being taught in the same facility as mainstream secondary school pupils, with the aim of delivering inclusive education and a wide range of learning opportunities under one roof.

Facilities:

13. The new school benefits from an innovative delivery of education, utilising the latest wireless technology with LCD screens and tablets used for teaching.
14. Sporting facilities at St Cyres Comprehensive School include a sports hall, gym and a third generation all weather artificial turf pitch.
15. Ysgol Y Deri features a sensory room and a sensory and splash pool, along with a variety of specially designed classrooms. There are also external teaching facilities, such as a wild life garden and allotments.
16. As well as providing a first-class learning facility, Penarth Learning Community is available for use by the wider community including Adult & Community Learning and use of sports facilities. Ysgol Y Deri has made available its hydrotherapy pool, physiotherapy suites and other specialist areas so that the facilities can be used by families and carers within the community who are looking after adults and children with special needs.
17. The scheme has achieved multiple awards which are listed at [appendix A](#).

### **New Welsh medium Primary Schools**

18. To accommodate increased demand in the Vale of Glamorgan for Welsh medium primary school education, two new Welsh medium primary schools have been established. The schools; Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg in Barry and Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant in Llantwit Major were established in new buildings using a seed school model. This model enables a school to be established with a reception class only in its first year with the pupil population growing incrementally year on year.

### **Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg**

19. Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg was established in September 2011 as a seed school located on part of the site occupied by the Welsh medium secondary school Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg. The new school started with a reception and nursery intake in 2011 and will include all age ranges from reception to year 6 by September 2017. In September 2014, the pupils of Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg in Barry moved into new accommodation replacing the existing buildings on site. Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg and Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg were federated in September 2012 and formally amalgamated into a new 3 - 19 school, Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg in September 2015. The new school teaches through the medium of Welsh from the first year of nursery at age 3, through to post GCSE learning opportunities up to the age of 19.
20. The new 210 place primary school building was the first in the Vale of Glamorgan to be built using an optimised design model. It was built in partnership with ISG construction and has achieved BREEAM Excellent standard and has been awarded an EPC A rating for energy efficiency. The scheme has achieved the following awards:
  - Shortlisted for the Construction Excellence Wales Integration and Collaborative Working Award

- Construction Excellence Wales Innovation Award
  - Construction Excellence Wales Client of the Year award
21. The initial seed school accommodation that was replaced by a new school building, transferred to Barry Comprehensive school to be used as an art block facility for pupils.

### **Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant**

22. As with Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg, the school was established in September 2011 as a seed school located on the northern part of the Llantwit Major Comprehensive School site. The new school started with a reception and nursery intake in 2011 and will include all age ranges from reception to year 6 by September 2017. Construction of a new school building replacing the temporary accommodation on the existing site began July 2014 and opened to students at the start of the autumn term 2015. The school is located adjacent to the Llantwit Learning Community and it is envisaged there will be many opportunities for shared resource and partnership working.
23. The two temporary modular buildings which formerly housed the school were reused at schools in other parts of the Vale. The two class base building was moved to Llangan Primary school to improve facilities and to meet the increased demand for pupil places following new housing developments in the village. The four class base building was moved to Fairfield Primary school, Penarth to replace a demountable building coming to the end of its useful life. Both buildings were relocated during August 2015 and were ready for use in October 2015.

### **Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant / Oak Field Primary School**

24. This project was designed to extend Welsh medium provision within the east of Barry by increasing the size of Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant to 420 places. Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant and Oakfield Primary School both occupied a former two form entry primary school site. The project involved the construction of a 210 place, two storey English medium primary school including a nursery to replace Oak Field Primary School on the existing site. Ysgol Gymraeg Gwaun Y Nant, following a substantial programme of adaption and remodelling, was then able take over the space previously shared by both schools allowing for an increase in size to 420 pupil places plus nursery provision. This project was completed and in full use in April 2016.
25. The rebuild and remodelling provides a vastly improved learning environment for children and has had a positive impact on the wellbeing of pupils. This has improved the standard of education provision and facilities overall in the councils most socially deprived area and ensures the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum at both Oak Field and Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant. The new school building has also had a positive effect on the environment reducing running costs and a reduction in carbon emissions.
26. Overall there has been significant investment in Welsh medium education provision, enabling the Council to meet forecasted demand. This provision also forms part of the Directorate's current and former Welsh in Education Strategic Plans, placing the Council in good stead to contribute to the Welsh Governments target of one million Welsh speakers by 2050.

### **Llantwit Learning Community**

27. Llantwit Learning Community is the most ambitious project within the Directorate's Strategic Investment Programme. The Learning Community comprises Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant (referred to above, a new 420 place primary school and Llantwit

Major Comprehensive School. The Learning Community has been established using a phased approach with a new building for Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant being completed in the initial phase. The next phase incorporated 2 major transformation projects:

- Building of a 420 place primary school for Ysgol Y Ddraig (including nursery), following the amalgamation of Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr Primary schools.
  - New building/remodelling of Llantwit Major Comprehensive School.
28. The first major project involved the construction of the new 420 place primary school, Ysgol Y Ddraig, on the Llantwit Learning Community site to replace the existing school that operated over the two former sites of Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr Primary Schools. Ysgol y Ddraig was formed through the amalgamation of Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr Primary Schools in September 2015 as part of the Llantwit Learning Community project. A new head teacher was appointed in January 2015 along with a shadow governing body and the newly amalgamated school opened in September 2015. The school moved into its new building in October 2016.
  29. The new school provides high quality education facilities which will contribute to improving standards in education provision in the area and has a positive impact on the well-being of children. The improved learning environment supports the successful implementation of strategies for school improvement and better educational outcomes. The amalgamation of the schools has provided greater opportunities for curriculum development and staff development which will support school improvement.
  30. The new school provides access to extensive facilities and wide ranging opportunities for the people of Llantwit Major.
  31. Phase two will see the complete transformation of Llantwit Major Comprehensive School. The school will benefit from a new building linked to the existing main building in addition to refurbishment of the existing school buildings. Also included is a new bus drop off point and parking, as well as new sports provision including a floodlight 3G pitch. The new building will be ready for occupation in February 2017 with the final handover taking place in May 2017. This project has addressed the surplus capacity of this school with a reduction in school places to 1050.
  32. The first stage of the refurbishment works and car park were completed in October 2016 and the remaining refurbishment works will be completed by September 2017. The whole site will be completed in the spring of 2018 following the demolition of the now redundant buildings and the creation of new sports provision.
  33. Leadbitter Bouygues were appointed as the successful construction company for the new Llantwit Learning Community under a two stage contract with the first phase being under a New Engineering Contract (NEC) Professional Services Contract (PSC) to develop the design and gain planning permission which was granted in September 2015. This contract covered the pre construction works. The second phase was the main construction contract, which was under an NEC option A contract. The cabinet decision C2607 does not clearly reflect this contractual arrangement. As a consequence, it is recommended that Cabinet retrospectively award JB Leadbitter & Company Ltd (Bouygues) a NEC PSC contract for stage 1 - pre construction work at Llantwit Learning Community.

### **Colcot Primary School**

34. The enhancement and internal remodelling of Colcot Primary school in Barry was undertaken during the Summer of 2016. The school buildings are approximately 60 years old and in a generally good condition but elements are no longer suitable for delivery of the 21st century school curriculum.
35. The following works were completed:
  - Demolition of a redundant two classroom demountable.
  - Additional staff car parking.
  - Installation of safeguarding fencing to the early years unit.
  - Upgrading of the heating system for four classrooms which were previously very cold.
36. A programme of improvements has been agreed with the school for completion by March 2018 which includes:
  - Linking the stand alone early years unit with the main building.
  - Creating a new secure entrance and reception area.
  - Improving the learning environment within classrooms through increased ventilation and reduction to solar gain in south facing classrooms.
  - Equalisation of classroom sizes and the remodelling of store rooms.
  - Re-location of staff parking in order to enhance external learning areas and improve safeguarding at the school.
  - Improve disability access around the school to create a more inclusive environment
  - Addressing surplus capacity at the school by reducing school places to 315.

### **Romilly Primary School**

37. The Council has recently received approval from Welsh Government for its final project under Band A 21st Century school programme, the building of a new four class base building at Romilly Primary School.
38. This was required in order to ensure that nursery and reception age pupils are taught in classrooms that are fit for a 21st century learning environment and will replace the current poor building conditions with a permanent, sustainable structure. Pupils will transfer to the new block in January 2018.
39. All completed projects as part of the Welsh Governments 21st Century Schools Scheme have been delivered on time and to budget.

### **Asset Renewal**

40. Asset renewal continues to be a priority, with significant investment over the last five years. This funding enables maintenance and enhancements to school buildings in order to meet 21st Century educational needs and ensure their long term viability. A summary of asset renewal investment can be found under the Resources Implications section to this report.
41. Additional capital funding has been made available from 2013/14 onwards which has enabled several large projects to be carried out. Examples of this include significant remodelling and demountable works in 2013/14 for Gladstone and Llancarfan primary schools, roofing work at Albert Primary and Ysgol Sant Curig, and demountable replacement at Llanfair and Romilly primary schools in 2014/15 and modular building re-siting at Ysgol Dewi Sant in 2015/16.

42. A full register of asset renewal schemes carried out and their associated costs is outlined at [appendix B](#).

### **Victorian Schools Programme**

43. Following the collapse of ceilings to a number of schools, a full inspection of all schools suspected to have lath and plaster ceilings was carried out. This inspection confirmed that a significant number of original lath and plaster ceilings were cracked and could collapse. Suspended ceilings are installed in the majority of schools which prevents continuous monitoring of the lath and plaster ceilings above and increased the risk of unexpected collapse.
44. A programme of emergency overboarding of lath and plaster ceilings was started in April 2014 and completed in September 2015. This was carried out during holiday periods or term time if there was sufficient space within the school to decant children to alternative rooms while the works were being carried out.
45. Following the identified need for ongoing works, Cabinet approved funding of £3.2M between 2015/16 and 2017/18 to support 22 Victorian Schools in order to address the health and safety issues with lath and plaster ceilings and deterioration of external masonry.
46. A specialist stonework consultant completed a full inspection of all 22 schools to provide a detailed schedule of stonework repairs along with budget estimates for the required works. During this inspection all loose stonework was removed from the buildings. The surveys highlighted urgent repairs to seven schools including to a chimney, a gable wall and high level coping stones. These emergency repairs have all been completed.
47. When the stonework inspections were carried out it was noted that high level elements of the school buildings such as flat roofs, guttering and rainwater downpipes, leadwork, timber fascias and soffits were also in poor condition. External consultants are being appointed to project manage this scheme. The project will be split between a number of contractors to ensure that the high priority repairs are completed as early as possible and all works are completed by March 2018.

### **School Reorganisation**

48. Many of the schemes detailed above have required varying degrees of school reorganisation requiring lengthy statutory processes to be carried out. The following separate statutory consultation exercises were carried out in order to implement the schemes detailed above:
- Establishment of a new 420 place primary school in Llantwit Major and closure of Llanilltud Fawr and Eagleswell Primary schools
  - Establishment of a new special school and closure of Ysgol Erw'r Delyn, Ashgrove and Ysgol Maes Dyfan
  - Change of status of St Cyres School from a Foundation school to a Community School
  - Establishment of a 210 place Welsh Medium Primary School in Barry
  - Establishment of a 210 place Welsh Medium Primary School in Llantwit Major
  - Expansion of Ysgol Gwaun y Nant in Barry from 210 to 420 places
  - Amalgamation of Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr Primary Schools to establish new primary school, Ysgol Y Ddraig

49. The school reorganisation work referred to above is linked to the Council's 21st Century Schools Programme. In addition, a number of other school reorganisations which fall outside of the investment programme have been carried out in recent years.

### **Amalgamations**

50. Over the past 10 years the Council has sought to move towards a primary school model for 3 to 11 years education by amalgamating separate infant and junior schools, nursery and primary schools where there has been an opportunity to do so.
51. An amalgamation allows a shared vision and leadership and minimises the number of transition points between schools. This maximises the benefits arising from continuous transition and offers greater potential for improving the levels of achievement for all pupils. The following amalgamations were based on sound educational principles including the progression of pupils through a school with a single management and pedagogical ethos:
- Amalgamation of Dinas Powys Infant School and Murch Junior School into Dinas Powys Primary School in January 2015. The Headteacher post at Murch Junior School became vacant at the end of August 2014 which provided an opportunity for the council to review the single phase structure of the schools with a view to amalgamation. Following a consultation process the school amalgamated from January 2015.
  - Amalgamation of Cadoxton Primary School and Cadoxton Nursery School into an all through 3-11 Primary School in September 2016 in order to raise standards .
52. Other than in the case of Eagleswell and Llanilltud Fawr Primary Schools, there was no capital investment required for the amalgamation projects outlined above.
53. Following their federation in September 2012, Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg and Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg were amalgamated in September 2015 to create a new 3 - 19 school, Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg. An all through school enables the establishment of one set of policies, shared staff and a shared ethos which primary pupils would be familiar with on their transition to secondary phase. The amalgamation enabled strengths present in the existing schools to be combined and contribute to high quality provision in one school.

### **Establishing nursery units**

54. In addition to the above amalgamations, the Council has supported Gwenfo C/W and St Brides C/W Primary School in establishing a nursery at the schools using s106 funding received for enhancing education facilities.
55. The impact of large scale housing developments in both of these villages has been assessed and the need to extend places to support forecasted additional demand across the nursery and primary age groups established (Cabinet minute(s) C2979 and C2978 refers).
56. The nursery and extended classrooms at Gwenfo C/W Primary were completed in October 2016 and are now being fully utilised by the school. The nursery and adaptations at Brides C/W Primary School will be completed by September 2017.

### **Expansion of schools**

57. Expanding schools is required where there is a shortfall in school places to meet recognised demand. This may arise due to large scale housing developments

planned for an area, increased demand and changes to parental preference for schooling.

58. The Council established two new Welsh medium primary schools, Ysgol Dewi Sant and Ysgol Nant Talwg in 2011 and has expanded Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant to meet current and forecast demand. This increase in Welsh medium places will impact on the secondary sector from 2017 onwards with a projected shortfall of secondary school places anticipated for September 2020.
59. The Council has recognised the need to expand Welsh medium provision and has approved the expansion of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg from 1361 places to 1660 places from September 2020. The expansion will meet the growing demand for Welsh medium secondary school places in future.

### **Gateway Reviews**

60. The Gateway Review process is used by the Welsh Government to evaluate and monitor progress with regard to delivery of the 21st Century Schools Programme. The purpose is to review the outcomes and objectives for the programme and confirm the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools Strategy is being delivered.
61. Since the start of the delivery of the Vale of Glamorgan's Band A programme of investment the two Gateway Reviews have been conducted by Welsh Government.
62. An initial Gateway Review carried out in February 2014 involved a strategic assessment of the Council's School Investment Programme. The review team's delivery confidence assessment of the Programme was Green/Amber.
63. The report of the review team stated "Our assessment reflects the high level of confidence of all those involved in the Programme – within the Programme Team, the Council and schools. This confidence is supported by progress so far, by the high level of stakeholder engagement and consultation, the cautious approach on funding and affordability, the collaborative relationship with the present contractors and flexible and innovative procurement. Particular strengths are the commitment, expertise, responsiveness and engagement of the Programme Team. There is close working between staff in the learning and skills, estates and finance directorates working to a single vision and aim and a very open and constructive relationship between Officers and Council members."
64. The main recommendations were that the programme tightened up on small number of governance issues which were easily rectified.
65. A further Gateway review undertaken in May 2015, assessed the investment decisions for the Llantwit Learning Community Project. The programme was given a delivery confidence assessment of Green meaning that the successful delivery of the project to time, cost and quality appeared highly likely.
66. The review team once again expressed a high level of confidence in the project and the overall programme. "The rating above reflects the high level of confidence, expressed by all to whom the Review Team spoke, in the ability of the Authority to deliver the project to time, cost and quality. The Review Team shares that confidence. The Authority has an excellent track record for procurement and delivery and has been leading the way on the development of a standardised approach to school design which reduces risk, time and cost."

### **Future Plans**

67. The Directorate of Learning & Skills is currently in the early stages of planning for Band B of the 21st Century Schools Programme whilst waiting for confirmation of the Welsh Government Intervention rate.

### Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

68. The cost of 21st Century Schools Programme projects including council contribution is listed below.

Project	Total £	WG Grant (incl LGBI)		Council Contribution	
		£	%	£	%
Penarth Learning Community	£ 50,348,774.00	£ 34,491,459.00	69%	£ 15,857,315.00	31%
Ysgol Nant Talwg	£ 2,760,032.00	£ 1,334,775.00	48%	£ 1,425,257.00	52%
Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant/ Oakfield	£ 3,792,292.00	£ 1,725,000.00	45%	£ 2,067,292.00	55%
Ysgol Dewi Sant	£ 3,041,849.00	£ 1,641,000.00	54%	£ 1,400,849.00	46%
Llantwit Learning Community	£ 21,391,353.00	£ 8,761,750.00	41%	£ 12,629,603.00	59%
Colcot Primary School	£ 500,000.00	£ -	0%	£ 500,000.00	100%
Barry Comprehensive Art Block	£ 315,000.00	£ -	0%	£ 315,000.00	100%
Romilly Primary School	£ 1,200,000.00	£ 600,000.00		£ 600,000.00	
Total	£ 83,349,300.00	£ 48,553,984.00		£ 34,795,316.00	

The Llantwit Learning Community project includes £1.2m pre construction works.

### Asset Renewal Investment

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Total expenditure	£1,149,839	£1,624,412	£1,798,974	£1,960,267	£1,237,664

### Victorian Schools Programme

69. Cabinet approved funding of £3.2M between 2015/16 and 2017/18 to support works to 22 Victorian Schools to address the health and safety issues with lath and plaster ceilings and deterioration of external masonry. This work is currently being undertaken and is anticipated to be completed on budget.

### Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

70. All new buildings developed as part of Band A will meet modern building BREEAM Excellent standards and be built to an EPCA rating.
71. All projects in Band A are providing employment opportunities for local residents during the construction phase of the project and provide further employment opportunities once the school is operational.
72. As with all 21st Century schools projects, a minimum of 80% of materials and services are procured locally. Other community benefits are outlined below.

Project	Local person weeks	New entrants to construction /Trade apprentices	Construction costs reinvested	Other comments
Penarth Learning	6824	184/83	83%	9,314 pupil interactions, 199 pupil

Community				activities arranged and 463 hours donated
Ysgol Nant Talwg	200	12 apprentices	85%	
Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant/ Oakfield	288	35 apprentices /41 trainees	80%	
Ysgol Dewi Sant	216	12 apprentices	80%	
Llantwit Learning Community	1600	On-going	80%	Significant focus on pupil engagement and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) activities.
Colcot	To be confirmed at end of project			

### **Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)**

73. Powers for councils to develop school organisation proposals derive from the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 which was enacted on 1 October 2013 and are guided by the School Organisation Code (2013) Statutory Document Number: 006/2013.

### **Crime and Disorder Implications**

74. There are no direct crime and disorder implications as a result of this report.

### **Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)**

75. The achievements listed have increased the opportunities for learning through the medium of Welsh and ensure accessibility of education through the medium of Welsh.

76. All new buildings are fully DDA compliant.

77. The Council must comply with the public sector equality duty (section 149) of the Equality Act 2010.

### **Corporate/Service Objectives**

78. This report supports the Council's Wellbeing Outcome 3: An Aspirational and Culturally Vibrant Vale, Corporate Objective 5 'Raising overall standards of achievement'.

### **Policy Framework and Budget**

79. This is a matter for Executive decision by the Cabinet.

## **Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)**

80. Not applicable.

### **Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

81. Learning and Culture.

### **Background Papers**

None

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