

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 27TH FEBRUARY 2019

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 7TH JANUARY, 2019

“C539 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME - BAND B UPDATE AND CURRENT POSITION (LC) (SCRUTINY - LEARNING AND CULTURE AND CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) -

The Cabinet Member for Learning and Culture presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek approval to amend the proposed Band B phase of the 21st Century Schools Programme following recently announced changes affecting Welsh Government's intervention rate for funding.

As a result of the intervention rate change, Welsh Government funding would increase from £84.567m to £101.074m whilst the Council's funding would reduce from £59.337m to £42.830m. This would release £16.507m within the Band B Capital Programme.

The Member advised that it was proposed that £5.120m of the £16.507m was reallocated within the 21st Century Schools Programme to deliver a more robust 21st Century Schools Programme and that the programme be updated to take into account priorities and cost pressures around Additional Learning Needs (ALN) provision.

The proposed reallocation within the Band B programme sought to deliver the following:

- A new build for Pencoedtre High School;
- Additional investment in the Centre for Learning and Wellbeing;
- Additional ALN places at Ysgol y Deri;
- Primary / Secondary Additional Capacity

The Member added that the 3 - 16 faith school to be delivered as a Mutual Investment Model (MIM) scheme, or be included as a capital scheme as part of Band C with all of the feasibility work and statutory consultation would be carried out in advance.

In conclusion, the proposed amendments to the programme would result in the requirement for £ 11.387m less capital to be allocated to the programme.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the report be referred to the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee on 15th January, 2019 for comment prior to further consideration by Cabinet on 21st January, 2019.

(2) T H A T the amended Band B School Investment Programme be approved, subject to consideration of the comments of the Scrutiny Committee and approval of the final Capital Programme 2019/20 by Full Council.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) To deliver an enhanced 21st Century Schools Programme following confirmation of increased funding from Welsh Government.”