

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2019

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019

**“C627 PROPOSED RECONFIGURATION OF PRIMARY PROVISION IN THE WESTERN VALE (LC) (SCRUTINY - LEARNING AND CULTURE) - (Urgent by reason of the need to make a determination by 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 in line with the requirements of Section 53 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and relevant provisions of the School Organisation Code 2013)**

The purpose of the report was to advise Cabinet of the outcome of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee meeting on 12th March 2019. On 4th March Cabinet considered the findings of the objection report on the proposal, referring the matter to Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee for consideration. Subject to the Cabinet’s consideration of the findings of the objection report and subject to Cabinet’s consideration by the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet approved implementation of the proposal to reconfigure primary provision in the Western Vale by:

- Creating a new 210 place primary school building with a 48 part time place nursery class for Llancafarn Primary School;
- Transferring staff, pupils and the governing body from the existing Llancafarn Primary School building into the new school building, and;
- Changing the age range of Llancafarn Primary School from 4-11 to 3-11 years.

Following consideration of this matter by Cabinet on 4th March and consideration by the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee on 12th March, a decision was now required on whether to implement the proposal to reconfigure primary provision in the Western Vale as set out above.

The Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health and Leisure stated that he was “still unhappy with the proposals” however, he stated that he would not wish to repeat at length again his previous submissions on the matter. He did however make reference to the comment by the Chairman of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee of their disappointment that an opportunity for further consultation had not been taken up. He also referred to an email that had been received by the Governing Body of the school regarding a complaint that the Central South Consortium were currently investigating. In conclusion, he reaffirmed his concern of the possible prospect of the proposal resulting in the Local Authority producing a school that could not be adequately filled and therefore could not support the proposed recommendations.

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 comments of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee, including the written representation received by the Committee for its consideration in relation to the Abracadabra Playgroup be noted.

(2) T H A T implementation be approved of the proposal to reconfigure primary provision in the Western Vale by:

- Creating a new 210 place primary school building with a 48 part time place nursery class for Llancarfan Primary School;
- Transferring staff, pupils and the Governing Body from the existing Llancarfan Primary School building into the new school building, and;
- Changing the age range of Llancarfan Primary School from 4-11 to 3-11 years.

**(3) T H A T the use of Article 14.14.2 (ii) of the Council's Constitution (urgent decision procedure) be authorised in respect of Resolution (2) above.**

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To note the comments of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee, including the written representation received by the Committee for its consideration in relation to the Abracadabra Playgroup.

(2) To approve implementation of the proposal to reconfigure primary provision in the Western Vale as set out above.

**(3) To ensure implementation of the proposal as determined by Cabinet in accordance with the relevant provisions of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code 2013.”**