THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 25TH APRIL, 2022

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 28TH MARCH, 2022

"C893 SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2023/2024 (DL/ER) (SCRUTINY – LEARNING AND CULTURE) –

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration presented the report to advise Cabinet of the outcome of the consultation exercise undertaken on school admission arrangements for Community Schools in accordance with the Education (Determination of Admission Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2006.

The Council had received no responses from consultees by the closing date of 11th February, 2022.

The Council had a statutory duty to consult on school admission arrangements annually and to determine the arrangements for 2023/24 following appropriate consultation by no later than 15th April, 2022.

The Deputy Leader highlighted that there was only one slight change to the admission arrangements due to a change in legislation as contained in paragraph 2.5 of the report, as a result of the implementation of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018, which were not currently reflected in the School Admissions Code.

The Leader proposed the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure due to the timescales involved, which was agreed.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report, all the issues and implications contained therein and the use of the urgency decision procedure,

RESOLVED -

- (1) THAT the report and other appendices included as part of the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the School Admissions Policy at Appendix A that included changes to the law on admissions as a result of the implementation of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 which were not currently reflected in the school Admissions Code be approved.

(3) T H A T the use of the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 14.14 of the Council's Constitution be exercised as the Council has a statutory duty to consult on school admission arrangements annually and to determine the arrangements for 2023/24 following appropriate consultation by no later than 15th April, 2022.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure that all relevant information was considered by Cabinet in reaching a decision on the proposed arrangements by 15th April, 2022.
- (2) The Council was required to review and consult on school admissions annually and to report on the outcome of the consultation and any proposals which arose from it.
- (3) To determine the school admission arrangements for 2023/24 by no later than 15th April, 2022."