

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 5TH DECEMBER, 2022

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

“C77 PROPOSAL TO ADD ST RICHARD GWYN TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME (EAWL) (SCRUTINY – LEARNING AND CULTURE) –

On 18th August, 2022, the Council was notified that that the revised strategic outline programme submitted to Welsh Government had been approved which reviewed and amended the intervention rates for projects, by type, to ensure that over the programme the Council was contributing the correct intervention rate and removed projects which were not required in Band B.

St Richard Gwyn RC High School had been identified as an urgent project due to the implications relating to the viability of the scheme due to the requirements of the new TAN 15 guidance set to be adopted in June 2023. To deliver the project within the required timeframe, the scheme would be added to the Council’s Band B Capital Programme. A variation to the strategic outline programme would be required to approve the change and would need to be submitted to Welsh Government by 14th October, 2022.

The project would increase the Council’s contribution by £8.250m. This would be funded through unallocated s.106 monies, reserves and borrowing. £466k was required to be invested in the scheme before the variation to the strategic outline programme was determined to ensure the design and planning works were addressed before the new TAN15 guidance was adopted in June 2023.

The Leader said that this was the last of the Vale of Glamorgan’s secondary schools to be re-built and that the children and families concerned had been waiting patiently for this to come forward. She was proud to be able to say that once this proposal had been completed, every secondary school in the Vale of Glamorgan would have been renewed, remodelled or upgraded since 2010.

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 position relating to the Council’s Sustainable Communities for Learning Band B Programme be noted.

(2) T H A T the amended Band B profile of the Council’s Sustainable

Communities for Learning Programme and submission to Welsh Government be approved.

(3) T H A T the inclusion of initial design and feasibility works in relation to the 3-16 Faith School Project including a budget of £466k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme be approved.

(4) T H A T the use of article 15.14.2 A(ii) of the Council's Constitution (urgent decision procedure) be authorised in respect of Recommendations (2) and (3).

Reason for decision

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(2) To ensure the Council could deliver a more robust Band B programme and continue to deliver improvements to schools within the Vale of Glamorgan that reflected pupil demand and school condition.

(3) To allow initial feasibility works on the scheme to be progressed.

(4) To allow the Council to progress with the design and planning consultancy costs for the project as soon as possible in order to minimise risk to the Council due to the implications of the new TAN 15 guidance being released in June 2023.”