

# VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

## REQUEST FOR "CALL-IN"

***N.B. BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY ACTUALLY WISH TO HOLD UP THE DECISION(S) OF CABINET. IF NOT, AND THE INTENTION IS TO SIMPLY SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION / CLARIFICATION, PLEASE USE THE ALTERNATIVE FORM TO REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A MATTER BY A SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.***

Name: Councillor Ian Johnson

Signature: Ian Johnson (electronic)

I request the "calling-in" of the following matter:

**Subject: Transgender Inclusion Toolkit and Guidance Document for Schools and Other Settings**

**Date of Cabinet: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018      Cabinet Minute No: C300**

**Cabinet Resolution No.: .....**  
*(To be completed where the above Minute contains multiple recommendations)*

**Referral to which Scrutiny Committee(s): Learning and Culture**

**Reason(s) for request:**

Recent years have seen a growing recognition of the needs of people who are transgender or gender questioning and the development of guidelines to assist schools and others in helping young people is welcomed.

In aggregate, the numbers who identify as being transgender or gender questioning are substantial but in the case of a school class or year-group, these might be small numbers with individual circumstances.

The publication of these guidelines is an opportunity to raise awareness amongst councillors, school governors and parents in relation to how schools can best support these young people during their time in education and in other settings.

The adoption of these guidelines is also an opportunity to clarify their implementation in a practical context, particularly with regards to the prevention of bullying, the provision of mental health support for young people, adequacy of appropriate facilities on the school estate, the maintenance of confidentiality in the school context, and resolve the potential for tension between protecting the rights of people who are transgender or gender questioning and the rights of other vulnerable young people to privacy and safe spaces including within toilets and changing rooms.

The capacity of the Vale Council and others to successfully and appropriately implement these guidelines should be confirmed before their adoption, otherwise they run the risk of becoming warm words that cannot be substantiated and will fail to support the vulnerable people that they have been developed to protect.

Note that I am an LEA School Governor for a secondary and a primary school and am employed as an evaluation officer for a young people's mental health project.

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Date received: 9/15/18 Managing Director's Signature: 

Scrutiny Chairman authorisation: Approved  Refused:

Reason(s) for refusal:

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Scrutiny Chairman's signature: .....

**FORM TO BE RETURNED TO THE MANAGING DIRECTOR**