

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 18TH JULY, 2019

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 15TH JULY, 2019

“C39 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME - BAND B UPDATE (ER) –

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration presented the report which outlined that on 5th April, 2019, the Council was notified that that the revised Strategic Outline Programme submitted to Welsh Government had not been approved on the grounds that the revised Programme was not within the Council's capital funding envelope.

The Programme had therefore been revisited to ensure the Council was able to deliver a robust Programme within the Welsh Government capital envelope that met emerging priorities through the rationalisation of existing projects and the reinvestment of capital previously allocated to the 21st Century Schools Programme.

Previously, on 22nd January 2018, Cabinet approved the proposed Band B phase of the 21st Century Schools Programme (minute C199). Funding for the projects was based on an anticipated Welsh Government intervention rate of 50% funding for non-faith school schemes and 85% funding for Voluntary Aided faith school schemes. Eight of the Council's schemes were based on 50% Welsh Government Funding and two schemes were based on 85% funding. The total funding for Band B was £142.417m with £83.823m being funded by Welsh Government and £58.594m being funding by the Council. The Deputy Leader stated that following the changes indicated by Welsh Government the contribution from the Council would now stand at £58.76m, of a total allocation of £134.945m

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 21st Century Schools, Band B Programme be noted.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee for consideration.
- (3) T H A T the amended Band B profile of the Council's 21st Century Schools Programme be approved and submitted to Welsh Government.
- (4) T H A T subject to consideration by Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee, the relevant changes to the Capital Programme to fully fund the revised 21st Century Schools Programme, be approved subject to further consideration by Council.

(5) 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 Recommendation (3) above.

(6) T H A T in pursuance of Recommendation (2) above, and in the event of Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee making recommendations to Cabinet, further consideration be given to the matter.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To view of the current position with regards to the 21st Century Schools, Band B programme.

(2) To enable Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee to consider the report.

(3) To ensure the Council is able to deliver a more robust Band B Programme that remains within the Council's Welsh Government capital funding envelope by reinvesting capital funding that has been released due to the Welsh Government intervention rate change.

(4) To ensure the Band B Programme is able to be delivered and fully funded, subject to the approval of individual project business cases by Welsh Government and by Council.

(5) To allow the Council to submit the Strategic Outline Programme to Welsh Government as soon as possible in order to minimise risk to the Council when progressing individual elements of the Strategic Outline Programme.

(6) To allow for further consideration, and if necessary and appropriate, further consideration by both Cabinet and Welsh Government. “