

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Cabinet Meeting: 5 March 2018

Report of the Cabinet Member for Learning and Culture

Council approval of the Instruments of Government for the new Barry Secondary Schools (legal process for naming the schools)

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Cabinet approval of the names of the two mixed sex schools on the Merthyr Dyfan Road and Port Road sites in Barry as Pencoedtre High School and Whitmore High School respectively.

Recommendation

1. That Cabinet approve the attached Instruments of Government and consequently the names of the new schools as Pencoedtre High School and Whitmore High School.

Reasons for the Recommendations

1. To ensure that the naming of the schools complies with the legal framework.

Background

2. On the 6th March 2017 the Council approved the proposal to close Barry Comprehensive School and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School with effect from 31 August 2018 and to open two new Co-educational Secondary Schools on 1 September 2018.
3. Temporary governing bodies for the new schools were established in March 2017 following a robust selection process of advertising and the submission of application forms. Their first meetings took place in April 2017 and they appointed an Executive Headteacher to oversee the two schools in July 2017.

Relevant Issues and Options

4. The Local Authority must make the new schools' Instruments of Government in accordance with the legislation listed below under Legal Implications. This is the legal process for naming new schools.
5. Following a consultation exercise with stakeholders of the new schools the above names have been submitted and accordingly the draft Instruments of Government

have been prepared and are attached at [Appendices 1](#) and [Appendices 2](#). The governing bodies for the new schools need to be established by the end of the first term in which the new schools open which will be by 31 December 2018. A timetable has been drawn up to ensure that all the governor positions will be filled to enable the new governing bodies to meet for the first time in early October 2018.

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

6. None directly arising from this report.

Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

7. None directly arising from this report.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

8. This report and its recommendation comply with the Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005.

Crime and Disorder Implications

9. None directly arising from this report.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

10. The new Co-educational schools will replace the existing single sex schools.

Corporate/Service Objectives

11. The establishment of these new schools is consistent with aims of the Corporate Plan 2016-2020. Specifically, Wellbeing Outcome 3: An Aspirational and Culturally Vibrant Vale, Objective 5: Raising overall standards of achievement.

Policy Framework and Budget

12. This is a matter for Executive decision by the Cabinet.

Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)

13. Ward member consultation is not applicable.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

14. Learning and Culture.

Background Papers

None.

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