

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 2019

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019

**“C654 SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2020/21 (LC) (LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Cabinet Member for Learning and Culture presented the report, the purpose of which was to advise Cabinet of the outcome of the statutory consultation on the proposal for school admission arrangements for the academic year 2020/21 for admission to Community Schools in accordance with the Education (Determination of Admission Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2006. The report was then referred to the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> April. The report was considered at this meeting and the Scrutiny Committee endorsed the contents of the report.

In summary, the Council received 304 responses by the closing date of 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019. Of the 304 individual responses 105 consultees were in support of the proposal, 198 were opposed and 1 did not offer an opinion either way. A summary of the 25 key themes and issues raised during the consultation exercise was included in the consultation report attached at Appendix C to the report.

The Council had a statutory duty to consult on school admission arrangements each year for those schools for which they were the admission authority and to determine their admission arrangements for 2020/21 following completion of the consultation by no later than 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. In order to ensure that this statutory deadline was achieved, it had been requested that the urgent decision making procedure be invoked.

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 report, the consultation report and other appendices included, be noted.

(2) T H A T the school admission arrangements policy as set in the report and its appendices be approved.

**(3) 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 (2) above.**

### Reason for decisions

- (1) To ensure that all relevant information is considered by Cabinet in reaching a decision on the proposal.
- (2) In order that the Council meets its statutory requirements to review school admission arrangements annually.
- (3) In order that school admission arrangements are in place by 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 for the admission year 2020/2021 as required by the statutory deadline.”**