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Dear Stakeholder

On 15 December 2014 the City of Cardiff Council Cabinet agreed a proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Y Wern from 2 Form Entry to 2.5 Form Entry with additional nursery places in permanent accommodation, in order to meet increasing local demand for Welsh-medium primary education in the Llanishen area from September 2015.

The Cabinet considered the proposal, the statutory objections submitted and the local authority response thereon.

It was noted that there were 68 statutory objections. The concerns raised are summarised in the objection report together with the response from the local authority. It was considered that the response made by the local authority answered the issues raised. The objection report is available to view on the Council website www.cardiff.gov.uk

The Cabinet were satisfied that the proposal will:

- Provide sufficient Welsh-medium community places for the known local demand and allow schools to cope with fluctuations in numbers of pupils.
- Reduce the outflow of pupils to other areas and by doing so would result in a better match in the local supply of and demand for places in these areas.
- Have little or no effect on the number of pupils on roll at schools in the local area.
- Support the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum including the requirements of the National Curriculum and the full Foundation Phase.

Referral of Local Authority Decision to the Welsh Ministers

Under section 54 of the 2013 Act where proposals have been approved by a local authority the following bodies may within 28 days refer the proposal to the Welsh Ministers for consideration;

i. Another local authority affected by the proposals;
ii. The appropriate religious body;
iii. The Governing Body of a voluntary or foundation school;
iv. A trust holding property on behalf of a voluntary or foundation school;
v. A further education institution affected by the proposal.

The decision to implement the proposal has not been referred and officers are making the necessary arrangements to implement the proposal.

If you have any queries or require additional information please contact the School Organisation Planning Team on 029 2087 2917 or via email at schoolresponses@cardiff.gov.uk.

Regards

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