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Dear Stakeholder

On 10 March 2016 the City of Cardiff Council Cabinet agreed a proposal to Close Glyn Derw High School and Michaelston Community College (the Glyn Derw and Michaelston Federation) from 31 August 2017, establish a new replacement 11-18 community high school to serve the Caerau and Ely areas from 01 September 2017 and to transfer the newly established high school to new build premises on the current Glyn Derw High School site from September 2018.

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

It was noted that there was one statutory objection. 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 <https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Schools/21st-Century-Schools/Keep-up-to-date-and-contact-us/Pages/default.aspx>

The Cabinet were satisfied that the proposal would:

- Provide 21st Century new build facilities that would support the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Further streamline policies and structures
- Share good practice, preparation materials and resources
- Enhance opportunities for staff professional development
- Improve staff morale/decrease staff absence
- Improve social opportunities for pupils
- Maximise resources and professional expertise
- Support efficiency by providing an economy of scale for undertaking key activities
- Promote the broader welfare of pupils by offering potential for bringing together pastoral and other services to meet their all-round needs
- Support school improvement
- Enhance opportunities for pupil activities and the provision of a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Maximise the benefits accrued from National initiatives
- Foster a natural progression from school through to post 16 provision
- Support more effective teaching and learning.

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;

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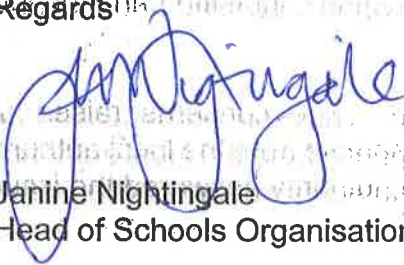


- ii. *The appropriate religious body;*
- iii. *The Governing Body of a voluntary or foundation school;*
- iv. *A trust holding property on behalf of a voluntary or foundation school;*
- v. *A further education institution affected by the proposal.*

The decision is subject to the call in procedures as set out in the Council's constitution which allows decisions taken by Cabinet to be reviewed. Should a call in of the decision take place, all stakeholders would be informed.

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

Regards



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