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Dear Stakeholder



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At its meeting on 23 January 2020 Cardiff Council Cabinet agreed proposals to:

- transfer St Mellons Church in Wales Primary School to a new school site on the new housing estate at St Edeyrn's (Local Development Plan Strategic Site G)
- increase the capacity of the school from 105 places to 210 places, and
- extend the age range of the school from 4-11 to 3-11 by establishing nursery provision for 48 part time places

The Cabinet considered the proposals, the statutory objection submitted and the St Mellons Church in Wales Governing Body response thereon.

It was noted that there was one objection. The concerns raised were summarised in the objection report together with the response from the Governing Body.

The objection report is available to view on the school website and on the Council website:

www.stmellonsprm.cardiff.sch.uk
www.cardiff.gov.uk/stmellonsciwproposals

It was considered that the response made by the Governing Body answered the issues raised.

The Cabinet was satisfied that the proposal will:

- provide English-medium primary school places within and serving the St Edeyrn's development in the Old St Mellons community
- reduce the overall number of school places within the Llanrumney area. It is expected that reduced surplus school places in Llanrumney would support the other primary schools in Llanrumney to consolidate and grow their pupil numbers making schools more sustainable across the area.
- maintain the current standards of education and provision in the area.
- support the delivery of the new 'Curriculum for Wales' for learner (aged 3 – 16) which is due to be implemented in Welsh schools from September 2022 including the full Foundation Phase.
- allow for a greater number of pupils to benefit from the education on offer at the school, a stronger budget position, greater opportunities for pupils and staff and would support the school to maintain and continue to build on its excellent standards as the new curriculum in Wales is introduced.

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Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg, Saesneg neu'n ddwyieithog. Byddwn yn cyfathrebu â chi yn ôl eich dewis, dim ond i chi roi gwybod i ni pa un sydd well gennych. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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- allow for the establishment of nursery provision at the school which will provide a consistent approach to teaching and planning, to develop continuity and progression in children's learning from the age of three, and contribute to raising standards across the school.

The proposed changes will take effect from September 2021.

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 before the end of 28 days beginning with the day of the decision, refer the proposal to the Welsh Ministers for consideration;

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

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 2720 or via email to schoolresponses@cardiff.gov.uk.

Regards



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