

September 2022

Dear Stakeholder

I am writing to update you on proposals to extend and realign special school provision and Specialist Resource Bases (SRBs) for pupils across Cardiff with Complex Learning Needs and Autism Spectrum Conditions published by the Council and The Bishop of Llandaff Church in Wales High School as set out below:

- Increase the designated number of Meadowbank Special School from 40 to 98 from September 2022.
- Increase the designated number of the Specialist Resource Base for children with severe and complex learning needs at Marlborough Primary School from 20 to 30 places from September 2022.
- Increase the designated number of the Specialist Resource Base for children with Autism Spectrum Condition at Springwood Primary School from 20 to 28 places from September 2022
- Increase the designated number at The Marion Centre Specialist Resource Base, at The Bishop of Llandaff Church in Wales High School, from 42 to 66 places from September 2022.

One formal objection was received to the proposals, relating to the proposal for The Marion Centre Specialist Resource Base at The Bishop Of Llandaff Church in Wales High School.

At its meeting on 28 September 2022 the Councils Cabinet considered the proposals, the statutory objection submitted and The Bishop of Llandaff Church in Wales High School Governing Body response thereon.

The concerns raised are summarised in the objection report together with the response from The Bishop of Llandaff Church in Wales High School Governing Body.

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

[Agenda for Cabinet on Wednesday, 28th September, 2022, 3.30 pm : Cardiff Council \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

It was considered that the response made by the Governing Body, and traffic mitigation measures being considered by the Council, answered the issues raised.

**The Cabinet approved the proposals as set out above without modification.**

The Cabinet was satisfied that the proposals will:

- Provide appropriate high quality school places for young people with complex learning needs and autism.

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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.

#### WORKING FOR CARDIFF, WORKING FOR YOU

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- Increase the number of specialist resource base places for primary, secondary and post-16 aged learners with complex learning needs and autism. This would help to ensure there are sufficient places to meet increased demand arising out of a growing pupil population and a growing incidence and identification of Complex Learning Needs and Autism in Cardiff.
- Ensure that some pupils living in Cardiff would travel shorter distances to access specialist provision than to alternative provision which may otherwise be provided outside of Cardiff
- Reduce the need to fund places at special schools in in other Council areas or in independent schools as there will be additional suitable spaces within Cardiff Schools.
- Provide the opportunity to employ additional specialist staff and to work more closely with specialist services in Cardiff which would enhance the mainstream schools' capacity for inclusion and benefit all pupils in the schools.

The proposed changes will take effect from September 2022.

### **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](mailto:schoolresponses@cardiff.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely



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