**Addendum: Formal Consultation Document proposal to Improve provision and build capacity for Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Pupils across the County Borough**

1. A referenced contained within the consultation document refers to the River Centre 3-16 Learning Community also being linked to a Resource Base being planned for the Secondary phase. This can be delivered outside the scope of the formal consultation and therefore it was removed from the consultation document.
2. Page 14, figure 5 shows the baseline with 60 places available in 2022/23. This figure is different in figure 6, which shows there are 66 places. The difference in these figures is because there are 60 substantive places, plus an additional 6 places in Ebbw Fawr 3-16 secondary phase which is because there is a 6 place transition class. This transition class is to be recognised as part of this consultation so that there would be 66 substantive places. this also refers to the figure of 62 places in other settings as there are 2 places available not allocated to start meaning it is not full to capacity.

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| **Figure 2 -**  **Current Secondary Schools** | **Type of Provision** | **Places available** | **Places taken** | **Places available** |
| Abertillery 3-16 Learning Community - Secondary Campus | ALN RB | 42 | 41 | 1 |
| Ebbw Fawr 3-16 Learning Community – Secondary Phase | ASD | 18 | 21 | -3 |
| Ebbw Fawr 3-16 Learning Community – Secondary Phase | Transition group |  | 6 | -6 |
|  | **Total spaces** | **60** | **68** | **-8** |

**Pupil projections based on current numbers:**

**Figure 5 - Pupil projections for resource bases at Primary**

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|  | **Baseline Data** | **5 Years Projections** | | | | |
| **Primary** | **22/23** | **23/24** | **24/25** | **25/26** | **26/27** | **27/28** |
| Places available | 61 | 61 | 61 | 61 | 61 | 61 |
| Places taken | 62 | 60 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 67 |
| Leavers | 1 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Joiners next year | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| Total at start of next year | 60 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 67 | 69 |
| Amount over capacity - demand | -1 | 2. | 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 |

**Figure 6 - Pupil projections for resource bases at Secondary**

**Pupil projections for resource bases at Secondary**

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|  | Baseline Data | **5 Years Projections - based on Year 6 pupils** | | | | |
| **Secondary** | **22/23** | **23/24** | **24/25** | **25/26** | **26/27** | **27/28** |
| Places available | 62 | 62 | 62 | 62 | 62 | 62 |
| Places taken | 66 | 77 | 74 | 69 | 60 | 61 |
| Leavers | 6 | 13 | 17 | 20 | 12 | 17 |
| Joiners next year | 17 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 13 | 13 |
| Total at start of next year | 77 | 74 | 69 | 60 | 61 | 57 |
| Amount over capacity | 15 | 13 | 9 | -3 | -2 | -6 |
| Ebbw Fawr transition group | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Amount over capacity - demand | 9 | 6 | 1 | -8 | -7 | -11 |

1. The costs associated for 2025/26 on page 21 are higher than 2023/24 and 2024/25 this is as a direct result of the capital works programmed and some of the unknown factors in 2025/26 with the phase 2 implementation.
2. On page 23 of the consultation document there is an assumption made related to reduction in Transport costs, this was made on the premise that over a few years the LA will reduce the Out of County costs as pupils leave education provision. It is noted that there could also be a further reduction if some pupils transfer back into Blaenau Gwent to receive their education should adequate provision be procured.