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Date:/ Dyddiad: 5th September 2023

Dear Consultee,

DECISION NOTIFICATION

I refer to the Statutory Notice dated 26th June 2023 (“the Statutory Notice”) published by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (“the Council”), which detailed the following proposal:

The proposals will be implemented in two phases and will result in an increase in the capacity for Additional Learning Needs (“ALN”) and Autistic Spectrum Disorder (“ASD”) Resource Bases across the County Borough in the schools involved. The proposal is to increase ASD and ALN places from 61 to 86 across the Primary Schools and increase the provision at Secondary Schools from 62 to 80 places in Phase 1 (including 15 Welsh-medium places). The proposals also include the potential to increase places by a further 40 places in Phase 2 (including a Faith Based provision). This will take effect from September 2023 on a phased basis over the next 5 years.

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council will be the admission authority via the Council’s ALN panel. The new ALN Resource Bases will be for pupils of statutory school age (3-16).

Phase 1

| School | Alteration | Planned Date of Implementation |
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| Ebbw Fawr 3-16 Learning Community - Secondary Campus | The establishment of 6 places reserved for children with additional learning needs as an ASD/ALN Resource Base | September 2023 |
| Tredegar Comprehensive School | The establishment of 6 to 8 places reserved for children with additional learning needs as ASD Resource Base | September 2023 |
| Sofrydd Primary School | The establishment of 10 places reserved for children with additional learning needs as an ASD/ALN Resource Base | September 2024 or September 2025 |
| Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg | The establishment of 10 places reserved for children with additional learning needs as an ASD/ALN Resource Base | September 2024 |

Phase 2

| School | Alteration | Planned Date of Implementation |
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| Brynmawr Foundation School | The establishment of 10 places reserved for children with additional learning needs as an ASD/ALN Resource Base | 2025 - 2029 |
| Cwm Primary School | The establishment of 10 places reserved for children | 2025 - 2029 |

Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a Saesneg a byddwn yn cyfathrebu gyda chi yn eich dewis iaith, dim ond i chi rhoi gwybod i ni pa un sydd well gennych. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn creu unrhyw oedi.

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| | with additional learning needs as an ASD/ALN Resource Base | |
| Faith Based Primary School in Blaenau Gwent (to be determined) | The establishment, if required, of 10 places reserved for children with additional learning needs as an ASD/ALN Resource Base | 2025 - 2029 |
| Abertillery 3-16 Learning Community (Roseheyworth Road Primary Campus) | The establishment of 10 places reserved for children with additional learning needs as an ASD/ALN Resource Base | 2025 - 2029 |

No statutory objections were received during the 28-day Statutory Notice period.

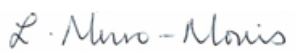
The Objection Report summarising the outcome of the Statutory Notice period has been published on the Council's website, in accordance with section 49 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 ("the 2013 Act") and section 5.1 of the School Organisation Code 2018 Version 2 ("the Code").

On Monday 4th September 2023, as per the requirements set out within the 2013 Act and associated Code, the Council's Executive Committee considered the proposal in line with the outcome of the Statutory Notice period, noting that there were no formal objections to the proposal. Therefore, the Cabinet determined that the proposal detailed within the Statutory Notice should be implemented.

OBJECTION REPORT

A copy of the Objection Report in respect of the Statutory Notice can be found on the Council's website via the following link: [Proposal to Improve provision and build capacity for Additional Learning Needs | Blaenau Gwent CBC \(blaenau-gwent.gov.uk\)](https://www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/objection-report) hard copies are also available from the Council on request.

Kind regards,



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