Dear stakeholder

In 2021-2022, the local authority undertook a statutory consultation process in respect of a proposal to make a regulated alteration to Mynydd Cynffig Primary School by enlarging the school to 2-form-entry with effect from September 2025.

In February 2022, Cabinet determined to implement the proposal as published.

The enlargement would result in the capacity of the school increasing to 420 pupil places for 4 to 11-year-olds, plus a 75-place full-time equivalent nursery provision. Under this proposal the existing split-site arrangement would cease, and the infant department would relocate to a new build primary school for both infant and junior departments on the existing Mynydd Cynffig Primary School junior site at Pwllygath Street, Kenfig Hill. Upon implementation of the proposal, the Published Admission Number for Mynydd Cynffig Primary School would be 60.

Due to the replacement school being constructed on the existing junior department site (plus Bridgend County Borough Council sites formerly occupied by Pwllygath Allotment Association and the Air Training Corps), construction will take place over a series of phases in order to keep the junior department operational during the works. Seasonal ecology mitigation works are necessary and will be undertaken as part of the scheme. Replacement allotments will be provided as part of the development.

The development of the scheme has been challenging which has negatively impacted on the programme which was presented during the consultation stage and was the basis for Cabinet's decision-making. A revised programme for delivering the replacement school has been developed. However, the planned implementation date, as approved by Cabinet was not achievable.

On 13 May 2025, following consultation with Mynydd Cynffig Primary School's Governing Body, Cabinet determined to formally modify the implementation date of the enlargement to come into effect in September 2027.

The Cabinet decision of 13 May 2025 is subject to the call-in procedures as set out in Part 4 Rules of Procedure in the Council's Constitution which allows decisions taken by Cabinet but yet to be implemented to be reviewed. Should a valid call-in notice from an Overview and Scrutiny Committee be received, all stakeholders would be informed.

Yours faithfully

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