

# **CABINET DECISION CAB/15/84 – Schools Organisation Planning (Welsh School Catchment Areas)**

## **Call-in Request from Councillor Neil McEvoy**

Dear Paul,

I would like to call in decision CAB/15/84.

My reasoning that the whole approach of the Council to Welsh medium education is reactive and piece meal. The plan to change the catchment areas is short term and no discussion of secondary provision can realistically take place without the laying out the timetable for the fourth Welsh medium school in Cardiff, which is clearly needed. The need is more acute due to the opening of the new Ysgol Hamadryad.

What we see constantly from Cardiff Council is consistent resistance to supporting the Welsh language, with some honourable exceptions. Parents of all classes and all ethnicities are choosing Welsh medium education and Cardiff has a duty to cater for this without resorting to an approach with could arguably be said to put governing body against governing body and community against community.

I understand from campaigners that two other councillors are calling in this decision on the same grounds as me, other than the fourth Welsh medium school as referred to above. I will therefore save the Committee the duty of having to read identical submissions and simply add that formally that the socioeconomic impact on Plasmawr has not been fully examined and the views of important stakeholders have not been taken into account.

I would like the Scrutiny Committee to fully examine Cabinet decision CAB/15/84

Yours sincerely,  
Cllr Neil McEvoy  
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