

**COUNCIL:**

**26 MAY 2016**

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**REPORT OF THE INTERIM MONITORING OFFICER**

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**URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN IN RESPECT OF**

**Reason for this Report**

1. In accordance with the Council's Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13(a), urgent officer decisions taken in respect of Woodlands High School are being reported to Council for information.

**Issues**

Woodlands High School

2. An Officer Decision – 'Intervention in Woodlands High School' was taken on 11 April 2016 by the Director of Education as an urgent decision. The decision was to:
  - (i) Intervene in Woodlands High School pursuant to the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 ('the SSOW Act 2013');
  - (ii) Require the Governing Body to secure advice from another school; and
  - (iii) Appoint two additional Governors (David Saunders and Andrew Gregory) and nominate one of those governors, David Saunders, to be the Chair of the governing body pursuant to Section 6 of the SSOW Act 2013.
3. The reason for the decision was that, pursuant to the SSOW Act 2013, one or more of the statutory grounds for intervention by the Council existed, and the exercise of one or more of the Council's powers of intervention was necessary in order to address the concerns and secure improvement.
4. The Decision was taken in consultation with the Cabinet Member with portfolio responsibility for Education and Local Ward Members.
5. It was noted that any delay in implementation of the decision would impede the achievement of the necessary improvements and was not therefore in the public interest. For these reasons, the Monitoring Officer

and the Chair of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee agreed the decision should be taken on an urgent basis.

### **Legal Implications**

6. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. Legal implications were considered and included as part of the Officer Decision process.

### **Financial Implications**

7. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives the report for information.

**David Marr**  
**INTERIM MONITORING OFFICER**  
**20 May 2016**

Background Papers

Officer Decision,