

COUNCIL:

28 FEBRUARY 2019

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE & LEGAL
SERVICES**

**URGENT DECISION: INTERVENTION IN ST PETER'S ROMAN CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Reason for this Report

1. In accordance with the Council's Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13(a), the urgent officer decisions taken in respect of an intervention at St Peter's RC Primary School, is reported to Council for information.

Background

2. The Council's power to intervene has arisen by virtue of Section 4(4) of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and Ground 8 of the grounds for intervention which are set out in Section 2 of the Act.
3. The Director of Education has taken an Officer Decision in accordance with the delegation DEd1 in Section 4F of the Council's Scheme of Delegations.

Issues

4. An Officer Decision – Intervention in St Peter's RC Primary School was taken on 15 January 2019 by the Director of Education as an urgent decision in accordance with his delegation.
5. The decision taken is as follows: -
 - (a) Suspending the right of the Governing Body to a delegated budget pursuant to Section 8 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013; and
 - (b) Directing the governing body to secure advice or collaborate; and
 - (c) Appointing three additional governors.
6. The decision was taken in consultation with the Cabinet Member Education, Skills and Employment with portfolio responsibility for Education and Local Ward Members, who were all fully supportive of the decision.

7. The Monitoring Officer and the Chair of the Children and Young People agreed the decision should be taken on an urgent basis.

Legal Implications

8. 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

9. The decision to intervene in St. Peter's RC Primary School does not, in itself, result in any direct financial implications arising. The costs associated with intervening and monitoring the school going forward will be met from within existing budgets.
10. In respect of the school's budget, control will revert to the local authority with all decisions in respect of staffing resources and the overall budget to be taken by the relevant Council officers. Whilst the school will retain operational responsibility for its finances, variances to the agreed spending plan must have prior agreement from the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report for information.

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19 February 2019

Background Papers

Officer Decision, 15 January 2019 – Intervention in St Peter's RC Primary School