PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 1

CYNGOR CAERDYDD CARDIFF COUNCIL

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QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLOR SARAH MERRY (DEPUTY LEADER & CABINET MEMBER EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS PORTFOLIO)

PUBLIC QUESTION FROM DR ALEXANDRA PHILLIPS

The residents of Cardiff North need reassurance that Cardiff Council is not just building houses, but is building a cohesive and inclusive community, in line with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The extensive housing development in the Pontprennau / Old St. Mellons / Lisvane area, comprising over 5000 family homes, began in 2016. When will the Council be opening the secondary school promised in the Local Development Plan (ED 009.6) to cope with demand?

Reply

Pupils resident in the catchment area of Pontprennau Primary School fall within the catchment areas of Llanishen High and Ysgol Glantaf.

Pupils resident in the new and proposed housing developments in neighbouring areas would fall within the catchment areas of Llanishen High or Eastern High, and Ysgol Glantaf or Ysgol Bro Edern.

Each of the schools I've listed was able to admit all on-time applicants resident within their catchment area this year.

In 2022, the pupils in the catchment area of Pontprennau Primary School will still be able to attend these in-catchment schools.

A planning application for the future housing development, within which a new secondary school would be located, is expected to be submitted by developers later this year. Officers are working closely with developers and monitoring the build rate and projected yield from the new and proposed housing, as well as the patterns of take up in English-medium, Welshmedium and Faith provision at primary and secondary age.

Appropriate interim proposals will be brought forward in good time to ensure that there are sufficient English-medium and Welshmedium places to serve existing and new housing.

A new secondary school will be also brought forward to serve those areas when the number of local pupils is sufficient to support the highest educational standards that Cardiff demands.