

COUNCIL:

28 JANUARY 2016

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

URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN IN RESPECT OF TRELAI 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 Trelai Primary School are being reported to Council for information.

Issues

2. An Officer Decision – 'Intervention in Trelai Primary School' was taken on 6 November 2015 by the Director of Education as an urgent decision. The decision was to:
 - (i) Intervene in Trelai Primary School pursuant to the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 ('the SSOW Act 2013'); and
 - (ii) Appoint an additional Governor and nominate her to be Chair of the governing body pursuant to Section 6 of the SSOW Act 2013.
3. A substitute appointment was subsequently made on 7 January 2016, as the initial appointee was unable to take up the appointment due to personal reasons.
4. The reason for the decisions 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.
5. The decisions were taken in consultation with the Cabinet Member with portfolio responsibility for Education and Local Ward Members.
6. It was noted that any delay in implementation of the decisions 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 decisions should be taken on an urgent basis.

Legal Implications

7. 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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report for information.

Marie Rosenthal
DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE & LEGAL SERVICES
20 January 2016

Background Papers

Officer Decisions, 6 November 2015 and 7 January 2016 – ‘Intervention in Trelai Primary School’