

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT - MAY 2014

REVIEW OF LIBRARY SERVICE

The Library report to Cabinet was approved. Here's an extract from the press statement issued by the Vale Council leader.

"I would urge anyone interested to read the Cabinet report in full and not listen to any rumours, or false and misleading information, that appears to be spreading on this subject. It should be emphasised that there will be full consultation on the 'proposed strategy', which looks to find innovative solutions to the huge financial pressures facing local authorities across Wales rather than just closing services down."

And here is the Cabinet's decision:

- (1) T H A T Cabinet approve, in principle, the proposed Library Strategy as set out in Appendix A attached to the [Cabinet] report.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to the Scrutiny Committee (Lifelong Learning) for their consideration. [Note this takes place on Monday 19 May at 4.00 pm in the Civic Offices, Barry. It is open to the public]
- (3) T H A T final approval of the strategy will be made by Cabinet at a further meeting and after considering the comments and any recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee (Lifelong Learning).
- (4) T H A T delegated authority be given to the Chief / Director of Learning and Skills in consultation with the Leader to implement individual proposals within the Library Development Plan after considering the results of further consultation and any specific equality impact assessments where relevant.

PROPOSAL TO AMALGAMATE CARDIFF ROAD INFANTS SCHOOL/MURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Vale is to undertake a consultation exercise starting 2 June 2014 for a period of 8 weeks on a proposal to create a new 420 place primary school through the amalgamation of Dinas Powys Infant and Murch Junior schools, by discontinuing Murch Junior School and changing the age range of Dinas Powys infant school to admit children up to the age of 11.

CHARTER BETWEEN VALE COUNCIL AND TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS - ACTION PLAN

The Charter Action Plan has been approved. During discussions it was confirmed that meetings with Town and Community Council Clerks would take place up to three times per year and be arranged by the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer with a view to sharing ideas and keeping Town and Community Council Clerks updated and informed about countywide and local issues. A Working Group had been established regarding the issue of consultation and public engagement.