



**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL,  
CIVIC OFFICES, HOLTON ROAD,  
BARRY CF63 4RU**

**STATUTORY NOTICE TO ESTABLISH TWO NEW MIXED SEX 11 – 18 ENGLISH MEDIUM  
COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOLS ON THE CURRENT SITES OF BARRY COMPREHENSIVE AND  
BRYN HAFREN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 2018**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** in accordance with sections 41 and 43 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code that The Vale of Glamorgan Council, having consulted such persons as required, propose to:

1. Discontinue the following English medium community single sex 11 – 18 schools currently maintained by The Vale of Glamorgan Council:
  - Barry Comprehensive school, Port Road West, Barry CF62 8ZJ
  - Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry CF62 9YQ
2. Establish two new mixed sex 11 - 18 English medium community schools on the current sites of Barry Comprehensive, Port Road West, Barry CF62 8ZJ and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive schools Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry CF62 9YQ to be maintained by The Vale of Glamorgan Council
3. Establish a joint sixth form, provided across both schools

The Vale of Glamorgan Council undertook a period of consultation before deciding to publish this proposal. A consultation report containing a summary of the issues raised by consultees, the proposer's responses and the views of Estyn is available to view on The Vale of Glamorgan website at the following address [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/barryschools](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/barryschools)

It is proposed to implement the proposal on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. The new schools will be community schools.

It is proposed that parents of pupils in years 7 to 10 will be asked to express a preference for a place at one of the new schools. Pupils entering year 11 will remain in their existing classes and will be registered at the school that opens on the site of their existing school. Pupils entering year 12 will choose their Post 16 options in the spring of 2018 and will attend the school that offers their course from September 2018. Pupils moving into year 13 will remain in their current class.

New school catchment areas will be established for the new schools. The catchment areas are available to view online at [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/barryschools](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/barryschools) or at the Learning and Skills Directorate, Provincial house, Kendrick road, Barry CF62 8BF.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council will be the admission authority. Admissions to the sixth form will be delegated to the governing body of both schools. The admission number for pupils entering year 7 aged 11/12 at both the new schools in September 2018, the first school year in which the proposals will be implemented, will be 180. The admission number for pupils entering the joint sixth form in September 2018 at year 12 aged 16/17 will be 200. Admission arrangements for years 7 to 11 do not make provision for selection by ability (pupil banding). The requirement for entry to the joint sixth form courses is five grade C GCSE passes or equivalent. The capacity of both schools will provide for 1,100 secondary school places on each school site.

The All Wales Learner travel arrangements provide eligibility for school transport if pupils reside beyond walking distance to their nearest or designated catchment area school. Walking distance is defined as two miles for primary age and three miles for secondary age, as measured by the

nearest available route. The Vale of Glamorgan provides transport in accordance with the above. As a result of the changes to the school catchment areas, a review of pupil's eligibility will be undertaken.

Within a period of 28 days after the date of publication of these proposals, that is to say by 31 January 2017 any person may object to the proposals.

Objections should be sent to Paula Ham, Interim Director of Learning and Skills, The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Provincial House, Kendrick Road, Barry CF62 8BF or e-mail [JMJones@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:JMJones@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

Signed:



Paula Ham, Interim Director of Learning and Skills  
3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE – which does not form part of the statutory notice**

The Council proposes to transform English medium secondary education in Barry by establishing two new mixed sex 11-18 English medium comprehensive schools on the current sites of Barry Comprehensive and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive schools. The Council further proposes to create a joint sixth form led by a single head of sixth form with courses being offered across both sites, with each school specialising in specific subject areas.

Significant capital investment will be made, subject to Welsh Government funding, in establishing the new schools and developing state of the art facilities. The estimated cost of the project is £44m of which £32.5 million will be spent on building a new school and Centre of Behavioural Excellence on the Barry Comprehensive School site and £11.5 million spent on modernising and creating new facilities the current Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School site.

The two new mixed sex schools would be established in September 2018 prior to a full investment and new build programme for the schools. By September 2018 work would be carried out to ensure that there are separate toilet and changing facilities for boys and girls at both schools. In 2020 a full Investment programme would commence to include a new build school for Barry Comprehensive School together with modernised and new facilities at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School facilities. The investment programme would be completed by 2022, subject to funding.

As both schools share the same catchment area at present, two new school catchment areas will be established. The new school on the Barry Comprehensive School site would largely serve the west of the town and the new school on the site of Bryn Hafren Comprehensive the east.

The Council will be the admission authority for the schools. Admissions to the sixth form will be delegated to the governing body of both schools. Normal admission arrangements will apply from years 7 to year 11 where attendance at a linked feeder school and living in catchment area is a high priority for entry in the event of oversubscription. The requirement for entry to the joint sixth form courses is five grade C GCSE passes or equivalent.

It is proposed that the two mixed sex schools will open in 2018. Parents of pupils in years 7 to 10 will be asked to express a preference in September 2017 for a place at one of the new schools. Pupils entering year 11 will remain in their existing classes and will be registered at the school that opens on the site of their existing school. Pupils entering year 12 will choose their Post 16 options in the spring of 2018 and will attend the school that offers their course from September 2018. Pupils moving into year 13 will remain in their current class.