

Business Case Addendum

LA name: RCT

Funding Programme: SCfL

Project name: Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Cwm Rhondda

Business case stage: FBC

BCSG review date: 22 January 2026

Addendum date: 28 January 2026

Please provide responses to the queries raised below about your project at the BCSG review on 22 January 2026.

A. STRATEGIC CASE

Policy Area: NZC / Condition and Suitability

Content subject to the LA continuing to reduce the embodied carbon through final stages to meet the 600kgCO₂e/m² target.

LA response:

Policy Area: Medr / Tertiary Education

1. What strategic planning has been undertaken to address the anticipated increased demand for Welsh-medium provision, given that post-16 Welsh-medium learner numbers have continued to decline rapidly year-on-year despite previous interventions and investment?

2. How will future planning ensure that provision is both sustainable and responsive to the specific factors contributing to this decline?

3. The existing links with Cymoedd for JAs is very positive. Would the school intend to collaborate further with Coleg y Cymoedd to broaden the offer available to learners (particularly for vocational subjects)?

4. There is a decline in sixth form demand so please provide evidence to support why the sixth form proposed has such a big capacity.

5. Please provide assurance that RCT have followed collaboration, partnership and alignment with the broader Welsh Medium Tertiary landscape in RCT.

LA response:

Policy Area: Early Years, Childcare and Play

Positive to read that the proposal supports the local community to safely use the facilities, both during and after the school day. Would this include children and young people access to improved play and recreational spaces / activities?

LA / College response:

Policy Area: Environment & Local Government & Planning

Please outline how you have followed the Planning Policy Wales stepwise approach to biodiversity as included in your Green Infrastructure Statement as part of your planning process (20/01/26). LA / College response:

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Policy Area: Regeneration

Given that Town Centre First has not been explicitly covered in the FBC, it would be helpful to have a better understanding of how the links will be strengthened between the school and Porth town centre, so businesses can gain maximum benefit from this investment.

LA / College response: