

REPORT OF THE INTERIM HEAD OF EDUCATION SERVICES TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

DATE: 6th NOVEMBER 2014

LLANTARNAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND YSGOL PANTEG-PUBLICATION OF STATUTORY NOTICES

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1. Areas Affected

1.1 The Llantarnam area of Cwmbran and mid Torfaen, principally the Griffithstown and Sebastopol areas.

2. Purpose of Report

2.1 The purpose of the report is to request the Executive Member for Children & Young People to agree to the progression of proposals for the replacement and relocation of Llantarnam Community Primary School and the replacement and relocation of Ysgol Panteg, and at the same time, move to transition planning for the new schools following the conclusion of the statutory consultation and notice periods.

3. Background

3.1 As part of its 21st Century Schools Programme, Torfaen has proposed the replacement and relocation of Llantarnam Community Primary School and Ysgol Panteg. In addition, a replacement school for Blenheim Road Community Primary School (on its existing site) is included in this Programme, but because of the nature of this specific proposal a statutory process is not required. The final phase of this process saw public notices published on 24th September 2014, indicating the Local Authority's intention to replace and relocate Llantarnam Community Primary School and Ysgol Panteg.

3.2 The statutory notices were the subject of consultation from Monday 2nd June to Monday 14th July 2014 for Llantarnam Community Primary School and Monday 9th June to Monday 21st July 2014 for Ysgol Panteg.

3.3 If no objections are received, local determination of the proposals is via a report to the Executive Member for Children & Young People. If objections are received, then in accordance with the new school organisation process/regulations the determination of the proposal(s) will be a function of the Local Authority's Executive (Cabinet).

4. Outcome of Statutory consultation

- 4.1 The statutory notices for the two proposals were published on Wednesday 24th September 2014 and provided a 28 day period for interested parties to object to the proposals. **During this period the Local Authority did not receive any objections in relation to either proposal.**

5. Implications

- 5.1 N/A

6. Risks

- 6.1 N/A

7. Action to be taken following decision

- 7.1 In accordance with the School Organisation Code decisions must be made and issued in writing and must set out clearly the reasons for the decision. The decisions will be published electronically on the Council's website.
- 7.2 All stakeholders (including parents/carers) as prescribed by the School Organisation Code will be advised of the availability of the decision.

8. Monitoring and Evaluation

- 8.1 N/A

9. Conclusion

- 9.1 The report has covered the statutory proposals to replace and relocate Llantarnam Community Primary School and Ysgol Panteg. The report has also confirmed that as the proposals did not receive any objections they are a matter for local determination.

10. Recommendation(s)

- 10.1 It is recommended that the Executive Member:
- Note the outcome of the statutory objection period;
 - agrees to the proposal in respect of Llantarnam Community Primary School being implemented in September 2016;
 - agrees to the proposal in respect of Ysgol Panteg being implemented in September 2016;
 - receives regular updates on progress in relation to the new school proposals and other relevant factors to be contained in detailed transition plans.

Appendices	Appendix 1 – Policy Impact Assessment Screening Matrix
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Background Papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cabinet report dated 16th September 2014, “New School Proposals arising from the 21st Century Schools Programme”.
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For a copy of the background papers or for further information about this report, please telephone: Mark Horton 01495 766910

Appendix 1 – Policy Impact Assessment

Brief Description:		21 st Century Schools – New Schools & Associated School Closure Proposals		
Appraiser		Mark Horton	Date:	October 2014
Theme	Criteria	Type of impact	Significance of impact	Notes
Decision Implications	Corporate Plan / Policy Framework	+	High	Finances agreed with education and Corporate Finance
	Legal	N/A		
	Financial	-	High	
	Communication	N/A		
	Personnel	N/A		
	Partnership working	N/A		
Sustainability	Sustainable Development Charter	+	High	More energy efficient buildings
Health	Physical Health	+	Low	
	Mental Health	N/A		
	Healthy Lifestyle	+	Low	
Pollution	Air Pollution	N/A		
	Water Pollution	N/A		
	Ground Pollution	N/A		
Natural Environment	Animal & Plant Species	N/A		
	Habitat / Landscape	N/A		
Built Environment	Raw Materials	N/A		More energy efficient buildings
	Local Distinction & Heritage	N/A		
	Energy/Water Efficiency	+	Low	
	Waste & Recycling	N/A		
Safer Communities	Crime	+	Low	Modern buildings – easier to secure and safer environments
	Anti-Social Behaviour	N/A		
	Safety of the Area & People	+	High	
Transport	Public	N/A		Car journeys should be reduced(across the whole programme)
	Private	+	Low	
	Walking/Cycling	+	Low	
Education	Basic Skills	+	High	21 st Century Learning Facilities
	Educational Attainment	+	High	
	Continuous Learning	+	High	
Housing	Good Quality Housing	N/A		
	Homelessness	N/A		
	Affordability of Housing	N/A		
Economy	Poverty	+	Low	Longer term benefit from better education
	Employment	+	Low	
	Investment	N/A		
	Community Enterprise	N/A		
Equality	Equality Promise	N/A		Modern Inclusive settings
	Race Equality	N/A		
	Disability Equality	+	High	
	Gender Equality	N/A		More Welsh Medium Primary education Places
	Social Inclusion/Community	N/A		
	Welsh Culture/Language	+	High	
	Human Rights	N/A		

	Ethnicity	N/A		
	Age	N/A		
	Religion	N/A		
	Sexual Orientation	N/A		
Democracy	Community Engagement	+	High	Consultation undertaken with interested parties