PWYLLGOR CRAFFU ADDYSG A PHLANT
9fed O FAWRTH 2016

Y Rhaglen Moderneiddio Addysg – Bwriad i newid ystod oedran Ysgol Gynradd Betws o 4-11 i 3-11

Ystyried y materion canlynol a chyflwyno sylwadau arnynt:

1. Ystyried y sylwadau a ddaeth i law o ganlyniad i'r ymgynghoriad (Amgaeir yr Adroddiad am yr Ymgynghoriad).

2. Cymeradwyo cyhoeddi hysbysiad statudol i weithredu'r cynllun.

Rhesymau:

- Er mwyn cydymffurfio â'r cyfarwyddyd a'r gweithdrefnau statudol ar gyfer ad-drefnu ysgolion.

- Galluogi'r aelodau i lunio safbwyntiau i'w cyflwyno i'r Bwrdd Gweithredol eu hystyried.

Angen cyfeirio'r mater at y Bwrdd Gweithredol er mwyn gwneud penderfyniad: OES

Aelod y Bwrdd Gweithredol sy'n gyfrifol am y Portffolio:
Cyng. Gareth Jones (Addysg a Phlant)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 9th MARCH 2016

Modernising Education Programme (MEP) proposal to change the age range of Betws Primary School from 4-11 to 3-11

Background

The Flying Start programme in Carmarthenshire is a Welsh Government prevention initiative, providing families with children aged 0-3 years with a range of targeted intensive prevention services, who live in geographic areas of deprivation within Carmarthenshire

The provision of good quality childcare for children from 2-3 years of age is the centre-piece of service delivered under the Flying Start initiative. The quality childcare provision focuses on children living in disadvantaged communities and aims to improve their outcomes in preparation for school and in the long term.

As a result of the original eight and more recently an additional nine geographic areas being identified to receive targeted services, Flying Start currently commission childcare based in a number of Carmarthenshire Primary Schools.

The age range of Betws CP School is currently age range 4-11. This has presented the Authority with a challenge whereby children can benefit from interventions through the Flying Start programme until they are three years of age but have no provision for nearly a year until admitted to school. One of the advantages of the Flying Start programme located on school sites is to facilitate entry into school at the age of three. Therefore, to ensure continuity of progression for these disadvantaged children into primary school, the Authority has arranged for nursery provision to commence at these schools. The children can now benefit from interventions through the Flying Start programme until they are admitted to school. The Head teachers and Governing Bodies of these schools have been consulted on the new arrangements and are fully supportive.

Under the 2013 School Organisation Statutory Code a regulated alteration such as a change in the age range of a school by a year or more requires a proposal to be published to formalise arrangements. The Authority is therefore required to complete a statutory consultation process which, if approved, will commence in the Summer Term 2016.

Conclusion

In order to support the seamless transition of pupils through the Flying Start programme to school admission, it is considered essential that the County Council moves to extend the age range of Betws School from 4-11 to 3-11 as soon as possible, through the instigation of formal statutory procedures.

Should Executive Board grant permission to proceed to Statutory Notice, the intention is to publish week beginning 9th May 2016.

Following the end of the Statutory Notice period, an objection report which summarises any objections received by stakeholders, will be presented to the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee and Executive Board for their consideration.

Recommendation

This provides the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee and the Executive Board the opportunity to offer comment and a recommendation to County Council whether or not to implement the proposal as laid out in the Statutory Notice.

The process outlined above would enable the proposal to be presented to County Council for determination in November 2016.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	**YES**

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Gareth Morgans Chief Education Officer

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	**YES**	**YES**	**NONE**	**YES**	**NONE**	**NONE**

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Developments are consistent with the Authority's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2014-17, Corporate Strategy, Children and Young People's Plan and the Modernising Education Strategic Outline Programme.

2. Legal

Appropriate consultation will need to be initiated in accordance with the relevant statutory procedures.

3. Finance

Revenue implications will be catered for within the Local Management of Schools Fair Funding Scheme.

5. Risk Management Issues

Continuing with current age range of schools would not reflect the present position. The statutory consultation process needs to be completed to formalise arrangements.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Gareth Morgans Chief Education Officer

1.Local Member(s) – Observations were received from Cllr. Ryan Bartlett (Betws Ward) during the formal consultation period.

2.Community / Town Council – The Community Council has been consulted formally during the formal consultation period. Observations were received from Betws Community Council during the formal consultation period.

3.Relevant Partners – Not applicable.

4.Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – Teaching and non-teaching staff unions were consulted during the formal consultation stage. No observations were received during the formal consultation period.

Staff (Teaching and Ancillary) Ysgol Betws	Governors and Parents, Ysgol Betws
Carmarthenshire Children's Partnership Child Care/Early Years** Communities First Partnership	Community Councillors Ammanford Town Council
Local County Councillors	Welsh Language Commissioner
Assembly Member (AM) Regional Assembly Member	National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)
National Union of Teachers (NUT)	Association Of Teachers & Lecturers (ATL)
Undeb Cenedlaethol Athrawon Cymru (UCAC)	The Professional Association of Teachers (PAT)
National Association Of Head Teachers (NAHT)	GMB Union
UNISON	*Neighbouring Primary and Secondary schools in Carmarthenshire
Transport and General Workers' Union (T&G)	LA Special Educational Needs Division
Director of Education – All Neighbouring Authorities	ERW – Education through Regional Working
Local Service Board	Regional Transport Consortium
Local Police and Crime Commissioner	Welsh Ministers
Estyn	Diocesan Director of Education & RC
Flying Start	

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information **List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:** These are detailed below.		
Title of Document	**File Ref No.**	**Locations that the papers are available for public inspection**
Planning School Places - Primary Schools – The Way Forward		www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk – the County Council Agenda 9 Pre 28/06/2004) – 11/04/2001
Modernising Education Provision Strategy and Draft Implementation Plan		www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk – Education and Learning – Useful Links
Modernising Education Provision Timeline/ Rollout:		www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk – Executive Board Agenda – 31/05/2005
Modernising Education Provision Update / Revised Draft Timetable		www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk – Executive Board Agenda – 24/07/2006
Modernising Educational Provision Future Use/Disposal of Redundant Land and Buildings arising from the MEP programme		www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk Executive Board – 31/05/05
School Organisation Code		http://gov.wales/topics/educationandskills/publications/guidance/school-organisation-code/?lang=en
MEP Annual Report 2013/14 and Programme 2014/15		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/ County Council Agenda 14th January 2015
Strategic Outline Programme 21st Century Schools		Strategic Outline Programme 21st Century Schools
Carmarthenshire's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2014-2017		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/english/welsh/pages/trafodiaith.aspx
Consultation Document		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/residents/education-schools/modernising-education-programme/primary-schools/betws/