

**Y PWYLLGOR CRAFFU
CYMUNEDAU, CARTREFI AC ADFYWIO**

8 GORFFENNAF 2024

Y PWNC:

CYNNIG ADDYSG AWYR AGORED AMGEN – DIWEDDARIAD

GOFYNNIR I'R PWYLLGOR CRAFFU:-

Nodi a rhoi sylwadau ar y sefyllfa ddiweddaraf o ran y Gwasanaeth Addysg Awyr Agored a chynlluniau ar gyfer ail-leoli ac ail-fodelu'r cynnig.

Y Rhesymau:

Nid yw'r cyfleusterau addysg awyr agored presennol ym Mhentywyn yn addas i'r diben ar gyfer y dyfodol ac maent wedi cyrraedd diwedd eu hoes. Y bwriad yw cau'r ganolfan ar ddiwedd tymor 2025 (hanner tymor Hydref '25), gan roi'r cyfle i drosglwyddo i fodel / safle arall. Cydnabyddir nad oes cyllid cyfalaf ychwanegol ar gael gan y Cyngor Sir i gymryd lle'r ddarpariaeth addysg awyr agored presennol ar y safle, fodd bynnag, mae'r aelodau'n awyddus i gadw'r gwasanaeth.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COMMUNITIES, HOMES & REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 8TH JULY 2024

Alternative Outdoor Education Service offer

Background Information

The current outdoor education facilities at Pendine are not fit-for-future purpose and have reached the end of their life. The centre is planned for closure at the end of the 2025 season (Oct half-term '25), allowing for a transition to an alternative delivery model / site.

The current POEC site consists of:

- 6 Cabins (4 main accommodation cabins, 1 shower block, 1 classroom, 1 administration / teacher accommodation block)
- Kitchen / Dining area
- Climbing Tower, High Ropes & Zip Wire
- Low ropes area
- Recreation areas.

Recently updated property condition survey reports highlighted the deteriorating condition of the infrastructure on site, and opening beyond Oct 2025 is not considered a feasible option on safety or financial grounds.

The Proposal

To dispose of the Pendine site (no covenant) and develop an alternative outdoor education offer, based from Pembrey Country Park that allows for organic growth and development, and operates sustainably offering education facilities throughout the school terms and doubling up with accommodation for public use during holiday periods.

Further thoughts on the proposed alternative offer are highlighted in the attached presentation.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

Yes, presentation.

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: **Ian Jones, Head of Leisure**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES	YES	YES

Policy, Crime, Disorder & Equalities

This course of action, if adopted, would be aligned to two of the seven Well-being and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 goals in terms of a prosperous Wales and a Wales of cohesive Communities. The Act puts in place a ‘sustainable development principle’ which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Staffing

Staff are being kept fully informed of developments. Potential re-location implications.

Physical Assets

The purpose of the existing site would need to be considered / re-purposed. The poor condition of the buildings at POEC is well documented via structural engineer visits and reports, with estimates (pre-covid) provided at circa £5-6m to re-furbish the accommodation cabins and main hall / cafeteria – these costs are more likely to be £8-10m+ by now.

Biodiversity and Climate Change

Any alternative development will need to ensure protection and enhancement of existing biodiversity whilst the requirement and the Authority’s commitment to the net carbon agenda and sustainable principles will be a prerequisite of any future development.

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED YES	Include any observations here	
Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: THERE ARE NONE		
Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection