

EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME

**Proposal to provide nursery provision at Ysgol Parc y Tywyn
by increasing its age range from 4-11 to 3-11**

To consider and comment on the following issues:

1. The proposal as outlined in the attached Consultation Document;
2. That officers initiate formal consultation on the proposal during the Autumn Term 2017;
3. That a report is presented to the Committee and Executive Board at the end of the statutory consultation period.

Reasons:

- To comply with statutory procedures and guidance in relation to school re-organisation.
- To formulate views for submission to Executive Board for consideration.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision:

Yes, 23 October 2017

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder:

Cllr. Glynog Davies (Education & Children)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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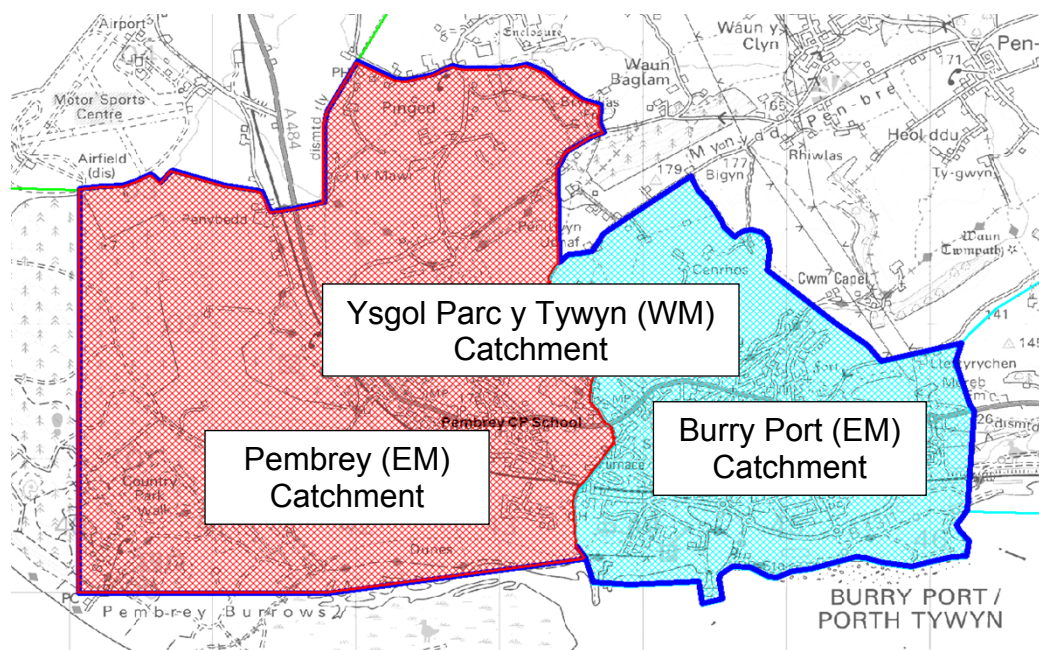
Proposal

- 1) To standardise the **local authority nursery provision** in the areas of Burry Port and Pembrey:

Ysgol Parc y Tywyn is a Welsh Medium school with an age range of 4-11.

Outlined in blue below is the catchment area for Ysgol Parc y Tywyn.

The school shares the same catchment as the combined Burry Port Community School and Ysgol Pembrey catchment areas.



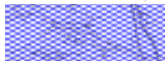
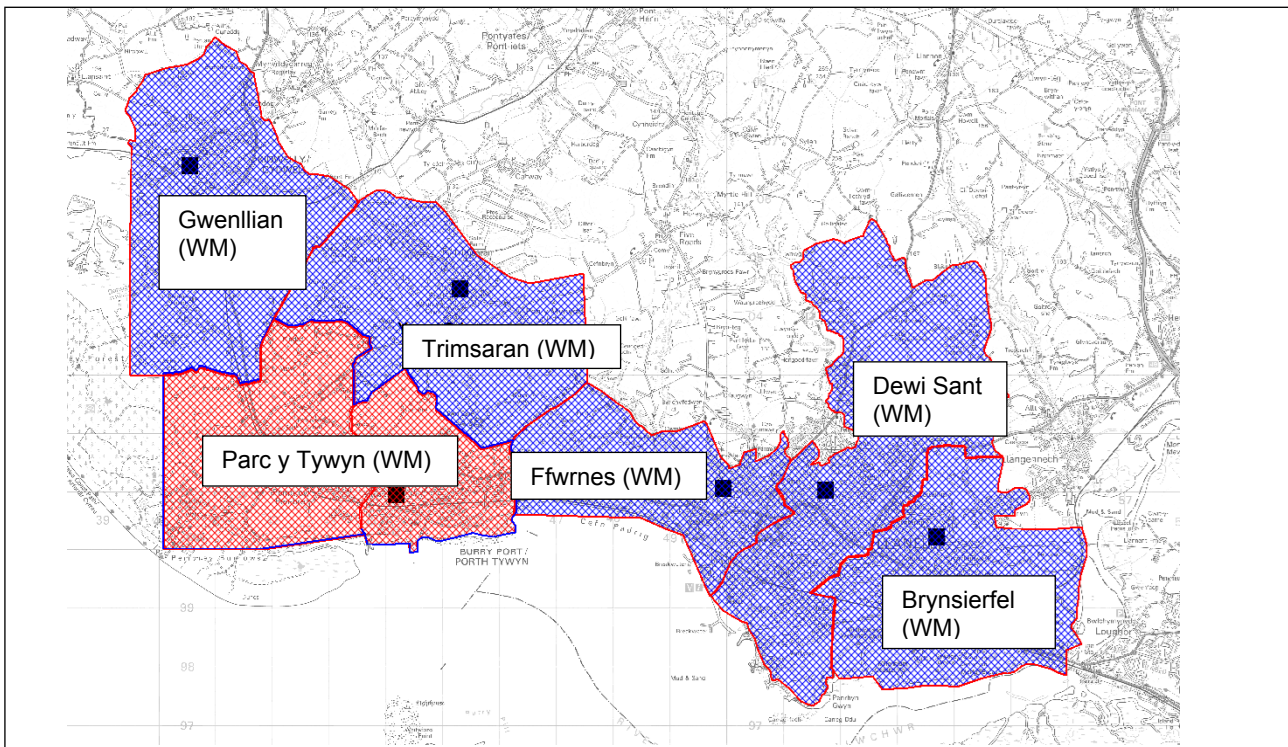
WM – Welsh Medium EM – English Medium

The association between the catchments of Ysgol Parc y Tywyn, Pembrey and Burry Port primary schools can be seen overleaf.

Burry Port Community School and Ysgol Pembrey are categorised as English Medium language schools. The age range at the schools is 3-11. Nursery provision is being provided at both schools.

This proposal seeks to standardise the nursery education for the area by ensuring that the same level of provision is provided at both the Welsh and English medium schools in the areas of Burry Port and Pembrey.

- 2) To standardise the local authority **Welsh Medium nursery provision** in the area:



3-11 Welsh Medium primary schools **with** a nursery



4-11 Welsh Medium primary school **without** a nursery

As can be seen in the map above, Ysgol Parc y Tywyn is surrounded by Welsh Medium schools that provide local authority nursery provision.

This proposal seeks to standardise the nursery provision in Welsh Medium schools by ensuring that the same level of provision is provided at all **Welsh medium schools** in the area, including Burry Port and Pembrey.

Recommendation

That the Committee endorses the proposal and recommends to the Executive Board that a formal consultation be initiated.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES – Consultation Document
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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: **G. Morgans** Director of Education and Children's Services
S. Davies Modernisation Services Manager

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
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YES	YES	YES	NONE	YES	YES	YES
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<p>1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities</p> <p>Developments are consistent with National, Welsh Government and the Authority's Corporate Strategy. Also, Welsh Government Welsh Language Strategies and the Authority's Welsh Language Development Strategy and Welsh In Education Strategic Plan as well as the Children and Young People's Plan and Modernising Education Strategic Outline Programme.</p>
<p>2. Legal</p> <p>Appropriate consultation will need to be initiated in accordance with the relevant statutory procedures.</p>
<p>3. Finance</p> <p>Revenue implications will be catered for within the Local Management of Schools Fair Funding Scheme.</p>
<p>4. ICT</p> <p>None</p>
<p>5. Risk Management Issues</p> <p>The disparity between Welsh and English nursery provision with the catchment of Ysgol Parc y Tywyn.</p>
<p>6. Staffing Implications</p> <p>There will be staffing implications for Ysgol Parc y Tywyn in terms of appointing additional teaching and support staff for the nursery. This can be managed effectively through existing staff recruitment arrangements.</p> <p>This proposal will have a detrimental effect on employment for local private providers as provision is currently being provided for 3 year olds by local nurseries and childminders.</p>
<p>7. Physical Assets</p> <p>None</p>

CONSULTATIONS

<p>I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:</p>		
Signed:	G. Morgans	Director of Education and Children's Services
	S. Davies	Modernisation Services Manager

1. Scrutiny Committee –

2. Local Member(s) – Local members in the Wards of Pembrey (Cllr. Shirley Matthews and Cllr. Hugh Shephardson) and Burry Port (Cllr. John James and Cllr. Amanda Fox) have been kept fully informed.

3. Community / Town Council – The Pembrey & Burry Port Town Council we be consulted during the formal consultation stage.

4. Relevant Partners – All relevant partners will be consulted during the formal consultation period including existing Nurseries and Childminders.

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – Staff side representatives and other organisations, such as the local nurseries and childminders will be consulted with during the formal consultation period.

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Modernising Educational Provision Future Use/Disposal of Redundant Land and Buildings arising from the MEP programme	www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales Executive Board 31/05/05
MEP Annual Report 2013/14 and Programme 2014/15	MEP Annual Report 2013/14 and Programme 2014/15
Strategic Outline Programme 21 st Century Schools	Strategic Outline Programme 21st Century Schools
Carmarthenshire's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2014-2017	WESP 2014-2017