

EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 25 JANUARY 2018

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 observations received and the local authority's responses following the consultation period (Consultation Report attached).
2. The publication of a statutory notice to implement the proposal.

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, 26 February 2018

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder:

Cllr. Glynog Davies (Education & Children)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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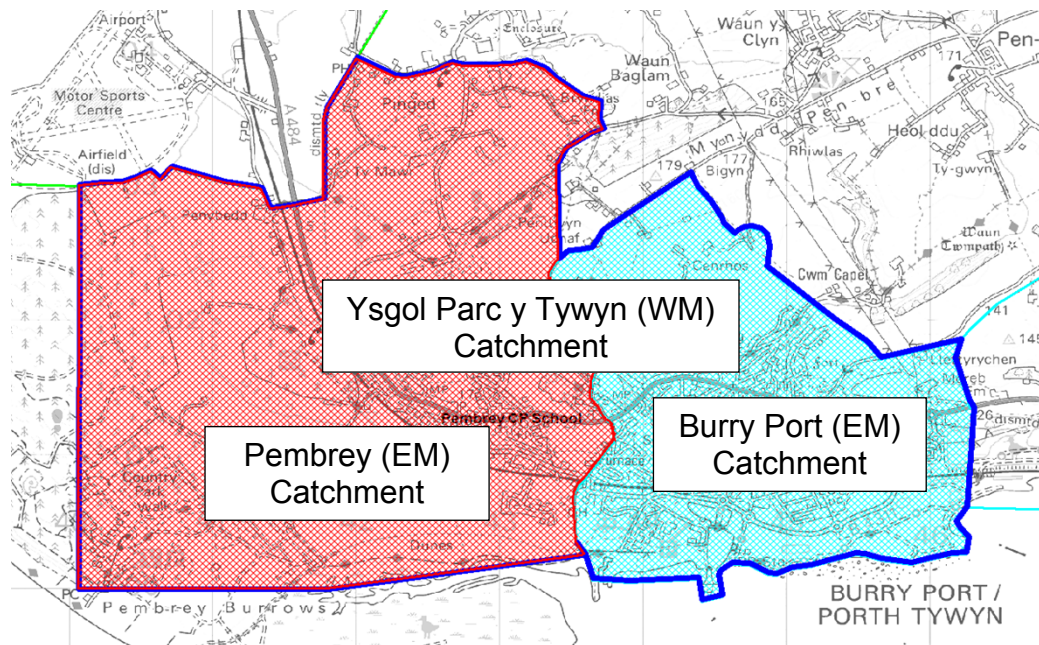
Proposal

- 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.



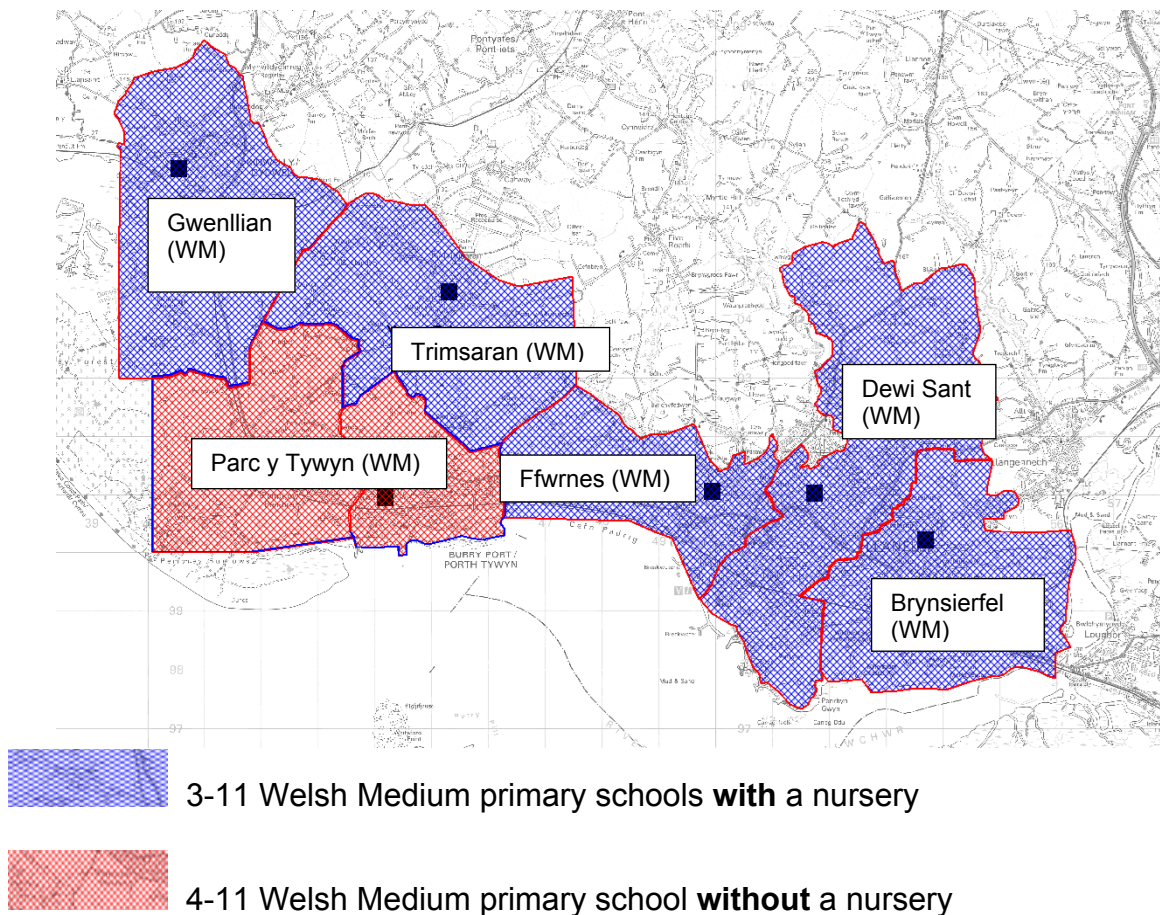
WM – Welsh Medium

EM – English Medium

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.

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



As can be seen 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 the publication of the Statutory Notice.

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
YES	YES	YES	NONE	YES	YES	YES

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Developments are consistent with National, Welsh Government and the Authority's Corporate Strategy. The 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.

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.

4. ICT

None

5. Risk Management Issues

The disparity between Welsh and English nursery provision with the catchment of Ysgol Parc y Tywyn.

6. Staffing Implications

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.

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.

7. Physical Assets

None

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: **G. Morgans** **Director of Education and Children's Services**
 S. Davies **Modernisation Services Manager**

1. Scrutiny Committee – The Scrutiny Committee were made aware of the formal consultation period.

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

3. Community / Town Council – The Pembrey & Burry Port Town Council were formally consulted with during the consultation period.

4. Relevant Partners – All relevant partners were formally consulted with 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 were formally consulted with during the 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
Strategic Outline Programme 21 st Century Schools	Strategic Outline Programme 21 st Century Schools
Carmarthenshire's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2014-2017	WESP 2014-2017
MEP Biennial Review	www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk Executive Board 20 th June 2016