

EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 14TH MAY 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. Being satisfied that there are no other related proposals; that the statutory proposal has been consulted upon and published in accordance with the School Organisation Code and contains all the relevant information and, having considered the consultation document and consultation report, and that no objections were received in response to the Statutory Notice, the ECS Scrutiny Committee recommend to the Executive Board the implementation of the proposal as laid out in the Statutory Notice.

Reasons:

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

To be referred to the Executive Board/County Council for decision: YES

Executive Board – 23 May 2018; County Council – 13 June 2018

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Glynog Davies (Education & Children)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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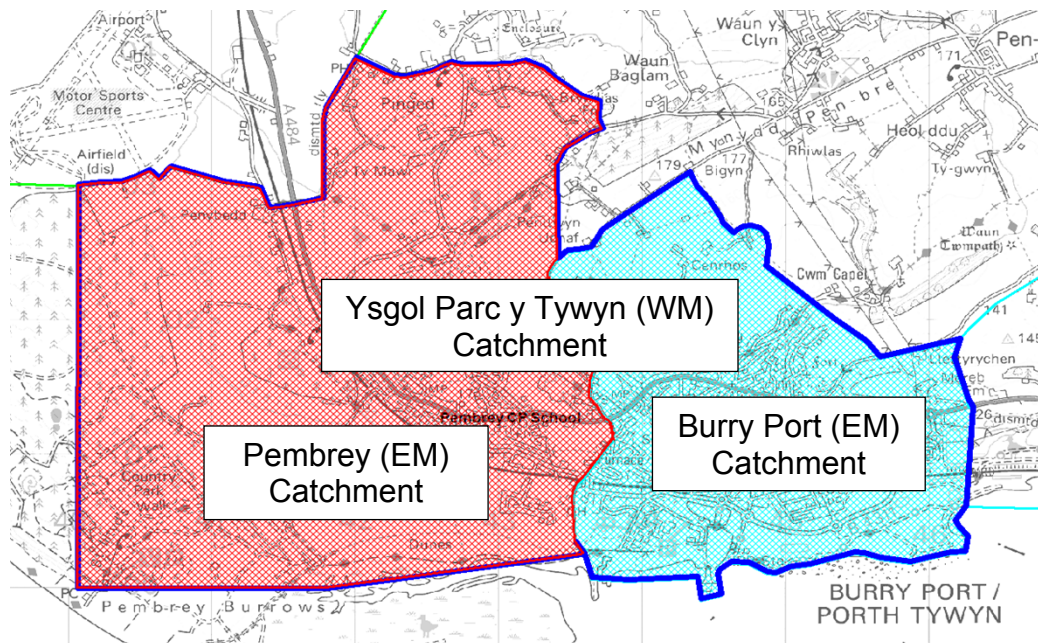
The Proposal

- 1) To standardise the **local authority part time 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.



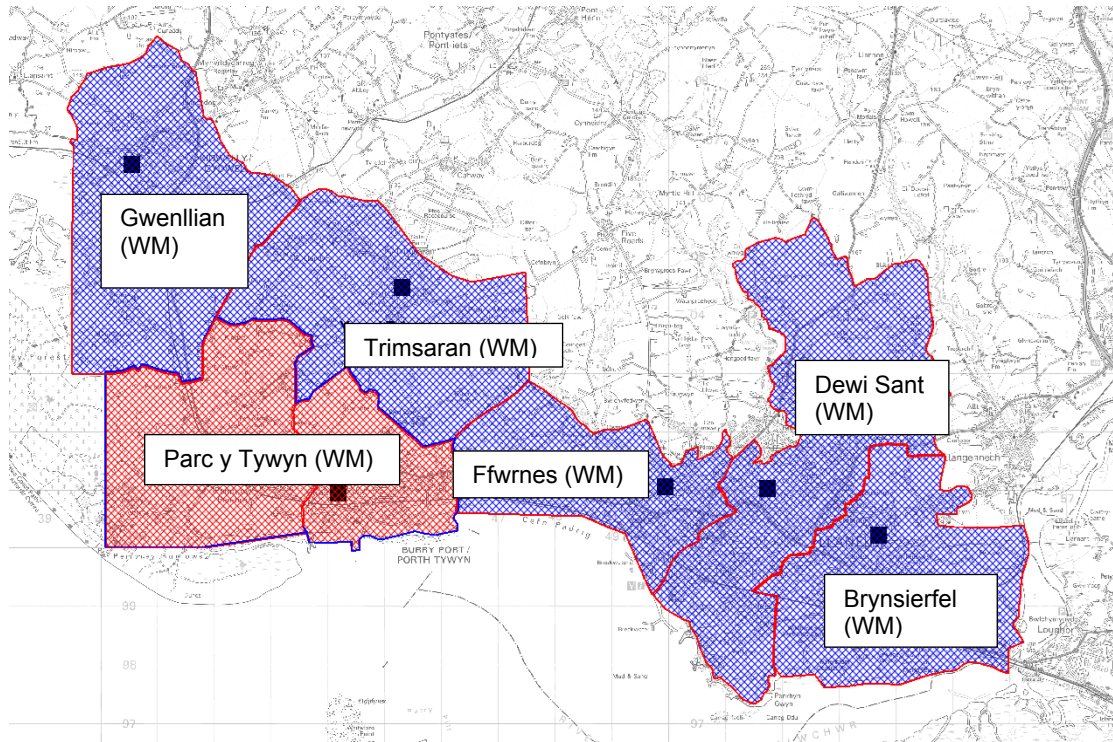
WM – Welsh Medium

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 **part time 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 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.

The Process

In accordance with Executive Board's instructions, a formal consultation exercise was undertaken from 6th November 2017 to 17th December 2017. The results of the consultation exercise are contained in the attached Consultation Report and were presented to the ECS Scrutiny Committee and then to the Executive Board for consideration and determination on whether or not to publish a Statutory Notice.

On the 26th February 2018, approval was granted by the Executive Board for the publication of the Statutory Notice. The Statutory Notice (attached) was published on 5th March 2018. The notice provided objectors with 28 days in which to forward their objections in writing to the Council which ended on the 1st April 2018. No objections were received in response to the notice therefore there is no objection report.

The full suite of documents (attached) which consists of: Consultation Document, Consultation Report and the Statutory Notice will be presented to the ECS Scrutiny Committee, Executive Board and ultimately will be presented to the County Council for their determination.

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

Should the County Council agree to implement the proposal, Ysgol Parc y Tywyn will be able to provide nursery provision in the school's new building from 1 September 2018.

The new building is to be occupied by 9 July 2018, when the existing primary aged pupils will transfer over from the old building.

Recommendation

Being satisfied that there are no other related proposals; that the statutory proposal has been consulted upon and published in accordance with the School Organisation Code and contains all the relevant information and, having considered the consultation document and consultation report, and that no objections were received in response to the Statutory Notice, that the ECS Scrutiny Committee recommend to the Executive Board the implementation of the proposal as laid out in the Statutory Notice.

**DETAILED REPORT
ATTACHED?**

**YES: - Consultation Document
Consultation Report
Statutory Notice**

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: **G. Morgans** Director of Education & 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 the Authority's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2014-2017, Corporate Strategy 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

To provide part time nursery places in a school setting will have revenue funding implications for the authority in terms of appointing additional teaching and support staff for the nursery. The Revenue implications will be catered from within the existing Local Management of Schools Fair Funding Scheme.

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.

4. ICT

None

5. Risk Management Issues

The disparity between Welsh and English part time nursery provision being provided by the Authority within the catchment of Ysgol Parc y Tywyn.

6. 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 & Children’s Services**
 S. Davies **Modernisation Services Manager**

- 1. Scrutiny Committee** – The Scrutiny Committee were formally notified of the Statutory Notice 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) were formally notified of the Statutory Notice period. All members have advised that they are fully supportive of this proposal.
- 3. Community / Town Council** – The Pembrey & Burry Port Town Council were formally notified of the Statutory notice period.
- 4. Relevant Partners** – All relevant partners were formally notified of the Statutory Notice period.
- 5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** – Staff side representatives and other organisations were formally notified of the Statutory Notice 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
Stage 2 Approval – Permission to Notice	http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s18977/Summary.pdf
Stage 1 Approval – Permission to Consult	http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s16464/SUMMARY.pdf
Carmarthenshire’s Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2014-2017	http://gov.wales/topics/educationandskills/publications/guidance/welshmededstrat/?lang=en
MEP Biennial Review	www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk Executive Board 20 th June 2016
21 st Century Schools Website	www.21stcenturyschools.org