

**3 JUNE 2019**

<b>Executive Board Member:</b>	<b>Portfolio:</b>
Cllr. Glynog Davies	Education & Children

## **MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME (MEP)**

### **APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT FEDERATION PROPOSALS (LOCAL AUTHORITY LED)**

#### **Recommendations / key decisions required:**

It is recommended that the Executive Board Member approves:

- the proposed process for determining the outcome of federation proposals.

#### **Reasons:**

To be able to proceed with and determine Local Authority led federation proposals in line with the "Federation process of maintained schools in Wales- Guidance for governing bodies and local authorities".

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**Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):**

None

**Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):**

N/A

**DECISION MADE:**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted <b>subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:</b>	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was <b>not adopted:</b>	

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISION MEETING FOR EDUCATION &**  
**CHILDREN**  
**3 JUNE, 2019**

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AUTHORITY LED)**

**Background Information**

With the increasing need to consider more so the federation between schools as an option to address current issues, the Local Authority needs to consider in detail the federation process (for LA led proposals), in particular the determination element of federation proposals.

The attached document sets out the powers that the Local Authority have in proposing federations, the federation process and the options open to the Local Authority in determining the proposals.

**Determining the Federation Proposals**

As can be seen from the federation process timetable (attached), the Local Authority is fully responsible for completing all stages of the process through to implementation, inclusive of determining whether or not to proceed with the federation. Established processes are already in place with the Local Authority for the determination of school reorganisation proposals, however there is no process in place for determining school federation proposals.

Whilst the collation of a federation report, seeking the views of stakeholders and the preparation of a consultation report can be completed by the Modernising Education Team, the Local Authority must decide on a process/person to determine the outcome of the federation proposals.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Executive Board Member approves the proposed process for determining the outcome of federation proposals

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED**

**Yes – Approval to Implement Federation  
Proposals (Local Authority Led)**

## 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: Simon Davies

Head of Access to Education

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
None	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

### 2. Legal

The report provides information on why the process is required in order that Local Authority led federations can be progressed in line with the "Federation process of maintained schools in Wales – Guidance for governing bodies and local authorities".

## CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Simon Davies

Head of Access to Education

1. **Scrutiny Committee** – Not applicable at this time

2. **Local Member(s)** - Not applicable

3. **Community / Town Council** – Not applicable

4. **Relevant Partners** - Not applicable

5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** - Not applicable

### 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
Federation process of maintained schools in Wales – Guidance for governing bodies and local authorities		<a href="https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-03/federation-process-of-maintained-schools-in-wales-guidance-for-governing-bodies-and-local-authorities.pdf">https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-03/federation-process-of-maintained-schools-in-wales-guidance-for-governing-bodies-and-local-authorities.pdf</a>
School Organisation Code (2013)		<a href="https://beta.gov.wales/school-organisation-code-0">https://beta.gov.wales/school-organisation-code-0</a>
School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013		<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2013/1/contents/enacted">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2013/1/contents/enacted</a>