

EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 4th September 2019

MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NATURE OF PROVISION AT YSGOL RHYS PRICHARD

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 support Carmarthenshire's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan launched on 25 June 2018 in accordance with Welsh Government Strategic Plans
- To formulate views for submission to Executive Board for consideration.

To be referred to the Executive Board : YES 23/09/19

To be referred to County Council for decision: NO

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

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Background

On 25th June 2018 in accordance with WG Strategic Plans the Local Authority launched **Carmarthenshire's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan** and its vision for a bilingual Carmarthenshire. To achieve this, the authority would need to deliver significant growth in Welsh medium education to increase the number of children and young people who become fluent in both Welsh and English and have the ability to use their languages confidently with their families, in their communities and in the workplace.

With this in mind, the Local Authority has a responsibility to provide its communities with the best education and opportunities possible and believes that this can be achieved through set objectives. Carmarthenshire County Council are fully supportive of the aim that all pupils are able to speak, read and write in both Welsh and English fluently by the end of Key Stage 2 and will provide services that will ensure high quality learning opportunities for all Carmarthenshire's children, young people and adults, thereby enabling them to achieve their full potential as lifetime learners in the context of the unique bilingual nature of the County.

In order to support Carmarthenshire's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan and national policies in moving the county's schools along the Welsh language continuum, the attached draft consultation document sets out proposals with regards to the change in nature of provision at **Ysgol Rhys Prichard**.

The Proposal

The proposal is to change the nature of provision of Ysgol Rhys Prichard to Welsh medium.

In accordance with Executive Board's instructions on the 13th May 2019 (link to the consultation document and report provided) a formal consultation exercise was undertaken from 20 May 2019 to 30 June 2019. The results of the consultation exercise are contained in the attached Consultation Report.

The E&C Scrutiny Committee are provided the opportunity to offer comment and a recommendation to the Executive Board whether or not to publish a Statutory Notice.

Should the Executive Board grant permission to proceed to Statutory Notice, the intention is to publish on 24th September 2019.

If approved, following the end of the Statutory Notice period, an objection report which summarises any objections received by stakeholders, will be presented to the E&C Scrutiny Committee; the Executive Board and ultimately County Council for determination.

Recommendation

That the E&C Scrutiny Committee endorses the proposal and recommends to the Executive Board the publication of a Statutory Notice.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED	YES: Consultation Report
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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: **S. Davies** Head of Access to Education

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 Corporate Strategy and the Modernising Education Strategic Outline Programme and WESP 2018.

2. Legal

Appropriate consultation was 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 proposal may impact on the demand for school places at the school and surrounding catchment area schools. Admissions will be monitored and if required, appropriate action will be undertaken.

6. Staffing Implications

Staffing implications will be addressed in accordance with the County Council's Policy and Procedures.

7. Physical Assets

Ysgol Rhys Prichard will be re-locating to their new premises (the former Ysgol Pantycelyn) from Spring 2021.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: S. Davies Head of Access to Education

1. **Scrutiny Committee** – Consulted on 24 April 2019.
2. **Local Member(s)** – The local member is aware of the proposal and has been consulted during the formal consultation period.
3. **Community / Town Council** – Consulted during the formal consultation period.
4. **Relevant Partners** – Consulted during the formal consultation period.
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** – Consulted 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
Stage 1 (Permission to Consult) – Executive Board Report	http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&MId=3025&Ver=4
Stage 1 (Permission to Consult) – ECS Scrutiny Committee Report	http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=153&MId=2235&Ver=4
Consultation Document	https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/education-schools/modernising-education-programme/consultation/primary-school/rhys-prichard/
Carmarthenshire’s Welsh in Education Strategic Plan	https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/strategies-and-plans/welsh-in-education-strategic-plan/
MEP Biennial Review	www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk Executive Board 20 th June 2016
21 st Century Schools Website	www.21stcenturyschools.org