

JOINT DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS FOR EDUCATION & CHILDREN AND RESOURCES

5TH OCTOBER, 2016

Executive Board Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Gareth O. Jones Cllr. David Jenkins	(Education & Children Portfolio Holder) (Resources Portfolio)

Subject: MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME (MEP)

Purpose:

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF COUNTY COUNCIL LAND TO THE OWNERSHIP OF THE DIOCESAN OF MENEVIA AT ST JOHN LLOYD R.C. SCHOOL, LLANELLI.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

It is recommended that the Executive Board Member for ECS, and the Executive Board Member for Resources:

Approve the transfer of County Council Land over to the Diocese of Menevia in order that construction works can take place at the St John Lloyd RC school as required under the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and to confirm that the Diocese will not be required to make any payment for the land. The County Council and the Diocese will meet their own costs in the transaction.

Reasons:

- To comply with statutory procedures and guidance in relation to School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.

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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	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

5th October 2016

SUBJECT

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF COUNTY COUNCIL LAND TO THE OWNERSHIP OF THE DIOCESAN OF MENEVIA AT ST JOHN LLOYD V.A. SCHOOL, LLANELLI.

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

Background

In April 1989 the former St John Lloyd school building which was constructed on Diocese Land was demolished following an intense fire which left the school building in total ruin. In order to get the school fully operational as soon as possible, mobile classrooms were brought into the site as a temporary measure whilst a new school building was constructed on CCC Land. The school and Diocese have received support from CCC in resolving issues relating to the lack of land for playing fields and for construction. They have also been working to resolve other historical issues relating to the ownership of further parts of land on the site

St John Lloyd RC School, Llanelli is the only faith based secondary school covering the geographical area west of Swansea. The School is currently over subscribed in all year groups and has been for the last 10-12 years. The school capacity is currently 465 but the current number on roll is in excess of 500.

On the 20th June 2016 the CCC Executive Board approved the revised MEP 21st Century schools Programme which included the scheme at St John Lloyd RC School in Llanelli.

On the 8th June 2016 a Business Case was submitted to Welsh Government seeking approval to invest £3.2m to build a new science block, an extension onto the existing sportshall and a major refurbishment of the existing classrooms within the main block.

On the 8th August 2016 Welsh Government approved £3.2m for this scheme

As part of the WG Grant conditions (School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, Part 3 – Transfer of Land, The following conditions apply where:

- a) Land is transferred to and vests in a body in accordance with the schedule (i.e the construction of a new building must take place on Diocese land).

Proposal

In order that the construction of the new Science block and Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) can take place at St John Lloyd school the authority needs to arrange the transfer of CCC Land over to the ownership of the Diocesan of Menevia.

The Diocese will not be required to make any payment for the land and that the County Council and the Diocese will meet their own costs in the transaction.

Conclusion

Executive Board Member for ECS and the Executive Board Member for Resources have the opportunity to agree to the proposed transfer or not.

The process outlined above would enable the Authority's legal team to complete the transfer in order that the construction programme can legally take place.

The proposed scheme at St John Lloyd school, Llanelli will sustain future pupil demand and for the long term will be suitable in size to accommodate the anticipated increases in pupil population by 2026, safeguarding secondary faith based provision in Carmarthenshire.

Recommendation

Executive Board Member for ECS and the Executive Board Member for Resources are requested to approve the proposal to transfer the required land at St John Lloyd to the Diocesan ownership.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	NO
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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: **G. Morgans**

Chief Education Officer

S. Davies

School Modernisation Manager

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

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

None

2. Legal

Appropriate documentations will need to be initiated in accordance with the relevant grant conditions.

3. Finance

None

4. ICT

None

5. Risk Management Issues

In order that the construction of the new Science block and Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) can take place at St John Lloyd school the authority needs to transfer an area of CCC Land (which is under market value) over to the ownership of the Diocesan of Menevia.

- The Land transfer must take place to comply with WG Grant Conditions.
(School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, Part 3 – Transfer of Land.

6. Organisational Development

None

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
S. Davies

Chief Education Officer
School Modernisation Manager

1. Scrutiny Committee - No

2. Local Member(s)

Cllr Tegwen Devichand has been advised and is supportive of the proposal.

3. Community / Town Council

Not applicable.

4. Relevant Partners

Governors of St John Lloyd School, Llanelli and Diocesan of Menevia

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
Modernising Educational Programme 2016	MEP	http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s6644/Summary.pdf
21 st Century Band A Programme	MEP	http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s6646/Appendix%201.pdf http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s6647/Appendix%202.pdf http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s6648/Appendix%203.pdf
21 st Century Schools	MEP	www.21stcenturyschools.org