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To consider and comment on the following issue:

1. The proposal as outlined in the report and attached consultation document;
2. Officers to initiate formal consultation on the proposal during the spring term;
3. That a report is submitted to the Executive Board at the end of the consultation period.

Reasons:

- To comply with statutory procedures and guidance in relation to school re-organisation.

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

Executive Board – 18 November 2019; County Council – NO

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

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Background

Ysgol Heol Goffa is a special school located in Llanelli and is maintained by Carmarthenshire County Council. The school caters for 75 pupils between the ages of 3-19 years old who have severe learning difficulties (SLD) or profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD). All pupils have a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Individual Development Plan (IDP).

Ysgol Heol Goffa is currently over-subscribed and this trend is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. There is increased demand for places which is putting significant pressure on the Local Authority to place pupils. The current capacity of Ysgol Heol Goffa is 75 with 95 pupils on roll as at January 2019 PLASC.

As a result, the Local Authority are currently developing a scheme to increase the capacity of Ysgol Heol Goffa to 120 places for pupils aged 3-19 who have severe learning difficulties (SLD) or profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD) by providing a new school with facilities fit for the 21st Century on a new site. The proposed new site is located next to the recently completed Ysgol Pen Rhos.

The Proposal

The proposal is to relocate Ysgol Heol Goffa to a new site and increase its capacity from 75 to 120.

Recommendation

E&C Scrutiny Committee is requested to consider the proposal and recommend to the Executive Board that a formal consultation be initiated.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED

YES: Draft Consultation Document

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.

2. Legal

Appropriate consultation will need to be initiated in accordance with the relevant statutory procedures and School Organisation Code 2018.

3. Finance

Revenue implications will be catered for within the Local Management of Schools Fair Funding Scheme.

4. ICT

None

5. Risk Management Issues

Continuing with the current capacity of the school would not address the capacity issues. The statutory consultation is required to relocate and increase the capacity of the school.

6. Staffing Implications

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

7. Physical Assets

As a result of the scheme to provide Ysgol Heol Goffa with a new school building, the school will re-locate to a new building with a capacity of 120 places.

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 15 October 2019.
2. **Local Member(s)** – Local members will be consulted during the formal consultation period.
3. **Community / Town Council** – Will be consulted during the formal consultation period.
4. **Relevant Partners** – Will be consulted during the formal consultation period.
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** – Will be 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
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
School Organisation Code 2018	https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-10/school-organisation-code-second-edition.pdf