

EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME

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

To be referred to the Executive Board : YES 21/12/20

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

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 101 pupils on roll as at January 2020 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. In accordance with Executive Board's instructions on the 18th November 2019 (link to the consultation document and report provided) a formal consultation exercise was undertaken from 21 September 2020 to 1 November 2020. 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 11th January 2021.

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 Document
Consultation Report**

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:



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 was 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:  Head of Access to Education

1. Scrutiny Committee – Consulted on 15 October 2019 and during the formal consultation period.

2. Local Member(s) – The local members are aware of the proposal and have 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.

EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED	YES
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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=2079&Ver=4
Stage 1 (Permission to Consult) – ECS Scrutiny Committee Report	http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=153&MId=3552&Ver=4
Consultation Document	https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1223723/proposal-to-relocate-ysgol-heol-goffa-and-increase-its-capacity.pdf
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