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Executive Board Member: Cllr. Glynog Davies	Portfolio: Education & Children
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MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME (MEP)
PROPOSAL TO FEDERATE YSGOL GYNRADD LLANGAIN,
YSGOL GYNRADD LLANSTEFFAN AND
YSGOL GYNRADD BANCYFELIN
(LOCAL AUTHORITY LED)

Recommendations / key decisions required:

It is recommended that the Executive Board Member approves:

- the implementation of the proposal to formally federate Ysgol Gynradd Llangain, Ysgol Gynradd Llansteffan and Ysgol Gynradd Bancyfelin.

Reasons:

To comply with statutory procedures and guidance in relation to 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 subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISION MEETING FOR EDUCATION & CHILDREN
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Background Information

The Local Authority is responsible for promoting high educational standards and for delivering efficient primary and secondary education across the county. Having effective leaders in its schools is considered central to this and is a challenge facing councils across Wales.

The federation of schools is a legal process which enables schools (between two and six) to work together through a formal structured process by sharing a governing body that will make decisions in the best interest of all the schools, staff and pupils in that federation.

As Ysgol Gynradd Llangain, Ysgol Gynradd Llansteffan and Ysgol Gynradd Bancyfelin Schools share the same Headteacher and each schools' governing bodies have worked collaboratively over the last few years which is continuing to impact positively upon the schools, the Local Authority now intend to propose a formal federation between the three schools. Whilst each school will continue to have their own individual identity with regards to name, culture, ethos and continue to manage their own budgets, this process involves establishing a single governing body to govern the three schools.

As such the consultation document (link provided) sets out the case for a formal change to the leadership and governance arrangements at the schools.

The Proposal

The proposal is to establish a formal federation between Ysgol Gynradd Llangain, Ysgol Gynradd Llansteffan and Ysgol Gynradd Bancyfelin.

A formal consultation exercise was undertaken from 22 February 2021 to 4 April 2021. The results of the consultation exercise are contained in the attached Consultation Report.

If approved, the proposal will be implemented on 1 September 2021.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Executive Board Member approves the implementation of the proposal to formally federate Ysgol Gynradd Llangain, Ysgol Gynradd Llansteffan and Ysgol Gynradd Bancyfelin.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED

Yes – 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:

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	NONE	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 the "Federation process of maintained schools in Wales – Guidance for governing bodies and local authorities".

3. Finance

Revenue implications will be catered for within the Local Management of Schools Fair Funding Scheme and each school within the federation will continue to be funded individually. Each school will receive additional funding for being a part of a formal federation and it is expected that the schools involved work collaboratively together to promote better value for money and to ensure that efficiencies and economies of scale are achieved through partnership working.

4. ICT

None

5. Risk Management Issues

None

6. Staffing Implications

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

7. Physical Assets

Should the proposal be adopted the one governing body will be responsible for each school building.

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** – Were made aware of the formal consultation period
2. **Local Member(s)** – The local members were notified of the proposal and were consulted during the formal consultation period
3. **Community / Town Council** – Were consulted during the formal consultation period
4. **Relevant Partners** – Were consulted during the formal consultation period
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** – Were 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
Consultation Document	https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1225185/consultation-document_llangain-llansteffan-and-bancyfelin.pdf
Federation process of maintained schools in Wales – Guidance for governing bodies and local authorities	https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-03/federation-process-of-maintained-schools-in-wales-guidance-for-governing-bodies-and-local-authorities.pdf
School Organisation Code (2013)	https://beta.gov.wales/school-organisation-code-0
School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013	http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2013/1/contents/enacted