

**CABINET**  
**27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021**

**EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**TASK AND FINISH GROUP INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT**  
**SCHOOL ORGANISATION CONSULTATION PROCESS**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Cabinet with:

- An Interim Recommendations Report on the School Organisation Consultation process

**Recommendations / Key Decisions Required:**

- To endorse the Interim Recommendations Report

**Reasons:**

- The recommendations contained within the report have been formulated by the Task & Finish Group following the consideration of a range of evidence to review the current consultation process for school organisation changes and to feed into the Education & Children's Services Department's plans on how we are going to consult being mindful that urgent solutions are required from Welsh Government on school categorisation.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee to be consulted? N/A This is a report produced by the Education and Children Scrutiny Committee.

Cabinet Decision Required YES (27<sup>th</sup> September 2021)

Council Decision Required NO

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-**

**Cllr. Glynog Davies – Cabinet Member for Education & Children**

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## **EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **TASK AND FINISH GROUP INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT SCHOOL ORGANISATION CONSULTATION PROCESS**

At its meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee considered an Interim Recommendations Report prepared by the Task & Finish Group in order to feed into the Education & Children's Services Department's plans on how they intended to consult being mindful that urgent solutions were required from Welsh Government on school categorisation.

The scope and main aims of the Task & Finish review were agreed as follows:

- Review the current process of engaging and consulting with schools, pupils, parents and the public in terms of any proposed school changes;
- Identify national and international best practice on consultation and engagement;
- Review the way in which the Council's Strategic Objectives are communicated, consulted upon and understood by schools, pupils, parents and residents e.g. WESP and MEP;
- To formulate recommendations for consideration by the Cabinet

The key aims and objectives for the review were detailed in a Planning and Scoping document endorsed with the membership of the Task and Finish Group, as follows:-

Cllr. Darren Price (Chair), Cllr. Edward Thomas (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Kim Broom, Cllr. Jean Lewis, Cllr. Dot Jones, Cllr. Shahana Najmi and Mr. Anthony Enoch (co-opted parent governor representative).

As part of the review the Task & Finish Group considered and discussed a wide range of issues resulting in feeding the process of consultation and proposing the recommendations contained in the Interim Recommendations Report.

<b>DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?</b>	<b>YES</b>
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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: Linda Rees-Jones

Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder & Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

## CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Linda Rees-Jones

Head of Administration and Law

**1.Scrutiny Committee**

N/A

**2.Local Member(s)**

N/A

**3.Community / Town Council**

N/A

**4.Relevant Partners**

N/A

**5.Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations**

N/A

**EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S)  
AWARE/CONSULTED**

YES

N/A

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**There are none.**