

CABINET

06/12/2021

MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF YSGOL SWISS VALLEY FROM 4-11 TO 3-11

Recommendations / key decisions required:

It is recommended that the Cabinet approves:

- The observations received and the Local Authority's responses following the Consultation Period (Consultation Report attached);
- The modification to the implementation date of the proposal as noted in the report;
- The publication of a Statutory Notice to implement the proposal.

Reasons:

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

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted: No

Cabinet Decision Required: Yes - 06/12/2021

Council Decision Required: No

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

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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**PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF
YSGOL SWISS VALLEY FROM 4-11 TO 3-11**

Background

Ysgol Swiss Valley has been undertaking a pilot scheme to become a 3-11 school since 2013 which was initiated as part of a Welsh Government scheme to give parents flexibility and choice regarding nursery provision. However, as the school is currently advertised officially as a 4-11 school, parents are unaware or confused in regard to what nursery provision the school offers.

The proposal aims to provide equal provision within the Llanelli area, aligning Ysgol Swiss Valley with neighbouring schools that are already 3-11 schools. The governing body and head teacher are positive with the outcome of the pilot scheme and now wish to proceed with officially making the school a 3-11 school through statutory process.

The Proposal

The proposal is to change the age range of Swiss Valley Primary School from 4-11 to 3-11 from 1 September 2021.

Statutory Process

In accordance with the Executive Board's (now known as the Cabinet) instructions on the 21 December 2020, a formal consultation exercise was undertaken from 11 January 2021 and was due to end on the 21 February 2021. However, a decision was made by the Executive Board to extend the Consultation Period until 16 July 2021. The results of the consultation exercise are contained in the attached Consultation Report.

Should the Cabinet grant permission to proceed to Statutory Notice, the intention is to publish in due course.

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 Cabinet and ultimately to the County Council for determination.

Modifications

As a result of the extension to the Consultation Period, the implementation date for the proposal noted above require modification to ensure appropriate time to implement the proposal.

Should the Cabinet decide to proceed with this proposal it is recommended that the Cabinet accepts the modified dates as noted below:

The proposal is to change the age range of Swiss Valley Primary School from 4-11 to 3-11 from 1 September 2022.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Cabinet approves:

- The observations received and the Local Authority's responses following the Consultation Period (Consultation Report attached);
- The modification to the implementation date of the proposal as noted in the report;
- The publication of a Statutory Notice to implement the proposal.

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:  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	NONE

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.

3. Finance


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

4. ICT

None.

5. Risk Management Issues
The proposal may impact on the demand for school places at the school and surrounding catchment area schools. The situation will be monitored as part of the school admission process and ongoing data forecasting and analysis through the Authority's Modernising Education Programme.
6. Staffing Implications
Staffing implications will be addressed in accordance with the County Council's Policy and Procedures.
7. Physical Assets
None.

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 during the formal Consultation Period. 2. Local Member(s) – The local members are aware of the proposal and were 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.	
CABINET 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:	
Title of Document	File Ref No./Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
MEP Biennial Review	www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk Executive Board 20 th June 2016
21 st Century Schools Website	www.21stcenturyschools.org
Consultation Document	Swiss Valley (gov.wales)
Stage 1 (Permission to Consult) – ECS Scrutiny Committee Report	Agenda for Education & Children Scrutiny Committee on Monday, 23rd November, 2020, 10.00 am (gov.wales)
Stage 1 (Permission to Consult) Exec Board	Agenda for Cabinet on Monday, 21st December, 2020, 10.00 am - Carmarthenshire County Council (moderngov.co.uk)