

CABINET

06/12/2021

MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NATURE OF PROVISION AT YSGOL Y FELIN

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
- To support Carmarthenshire's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan launched on 25 June 2018 in accordance with WG Strategic Plans

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 NATURE OF PROVISION AT YSGOL
Y FELIN**

Background

On 25th June 2018 in accordance with WG Strategic Plans the Local Authority launched **Carmarthenshire's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan** and its vision for a bilingual Carmarthenshire. To achieve this, the authority will deliver significant growth in Welsh medium education and training to increase the number of children and young people who become fluent in both Welsh and English and have the ability to use their languages confidently with their families, in their communities and in the workplace.

With this in mind, the Local Authority has a responsibility to provide its communities with the best education and opportunities possible and believes that this can be achieved through set objectives. Carmarthenshire County Council are fully supportive of the aim that all pupils are able to speak, read and write in both Welsh and English fluently by the end of Key Stage 2 and will provide services that will ensure high quality learning opportunities for all Carmarthenshire's children, young people and adults, thereby enabling them to achieve their full potential as lifetime learners in the context of the unique bilingual nature of the County.

In order to support Carmarthenshire's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan and national policies in moving the county's schools along the Welsh language continuum, the attached draft consultation document sets out proposals with regards to the change in nature of provision at **Ysgol Y Felin**.

The Proposal

- From 1 September 2022 the nature of Foundation Phase provision at Ysgol Y Felin will change to Welsh medium education with Dual Stream provision remaining from Key Stage 2 (KS2).

Statutory Process

In accordance with Executive Board's (now known as the Cabinet) instructions on the 8 February 2021 a formal consultation exercise was undertaken from 22 February 2021 and was due to end on the 4 April 2021. However, a decision was made by the Executive Board to extend the Consultation Period until the 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 dates for the proposal noted above require modification to ensure appropriate time to implement the proposals.

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

- From **1 September 2022** the nature of Foundation Phase provision at Ysgol Y Felin will change to Welsh medium education with Dual Stream provision remaining from Key Stage 2 (KS2).

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: *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	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Developments are consistent with the Authority's Corporate Strategy and the Modernising Education Strategic Outline Programme and WESP 2018.

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.

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.

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)	N/A
AWARE/CONSULTED	
YES	

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
Consultation Document		https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1226179/consultation-document-ysgol-y-felin.pdf
Stage 1 (Permission to Consult) – ECS Scrutiny Committee Report		https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=153&MId=4184&Ver=4
Stage 1 (Permission to Consult) Exec Board		https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&MId=4190&Ver=4