

# CABINET

17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021

## Subject

**NOTICE OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNCIL (15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021)  
VENTILATION IN SCHOOLS**

## Recommendations / key decisions required:

**To consider a Notice of Motion on Ventilation in Schools.**

## Reasons:

Council at its meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September referred a Notice of Motion in respect of ventilation in schools to the Cabinet.

The Cabinet will need to formally consider this motion and consider the proposals therein.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NO

Cabinet Decision Required YES

Council Decision Required NO

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:** Councillor Glynog Davies – Education and Children’s Services

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# CABINET SUMMARY

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### NOTICE OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNCIL (15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021) VENTILATION IN SCHOOLS

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2021, Council considered the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Glynog Davies:-

“Council notes that the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 is infecting children and young people at an unprecedented rate, yet schools in Wales have reopened with no remedial mechanisms in place to protect pupils and staff.

As it’s an airborne virus, ventilation and clean air is key in the battle against SARS-CoV-2, as recognised by the *Joint Union Guide to Improving Ventilation in Schools and Colleges* (Sept 2021) and the Welsh Government strategy to provide CO2 monitoring equipment. However, monitors are not a solution to poor ventilation: they just indicate that there is a problem and remedial action should be taken.

This council notes that the ozone technology proposed by the Welsh Government, for which £3.3m funding was allocated, has been put on hold following safety concern by medical experts. We also note HSE advice that the most suitable equipment for use in rooms with poor ventilation are:

- High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters which are no less than 99.97% efficient at capturing human-generated viral particles associated with SARS-CoV-2 (*Centres for Disease Control and Prevention; Ventilation in Buildings; update 2 June 2021.*) and:
- Ultraviolet-based devices

This council therefore calls on Welsh Government to urgently consider approving, tendering and funding UV-C and /or HEPA units, as recommended by the HSE and validated as being appropriate and safe for use by the WHO, The Lancet and other leading medical authorities and publications”

**The Notice of Motion was supported and passed to Cabinet for consideration.**

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

No

## 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:** Simon Davies, Head of Access to Education

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

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

**Signed:** Simon Davies, Head of Access to Education

**1.Scrutiny Committee**

Not applicable

**2.Local Member(s)**

Not applicable

**3.Community / Town Council**

Not applicable

**4.Relevant Partners**

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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

Cllr Glynog Davies proposed the NoM at the County Council meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> September

**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
Council Meeting 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 Link to agenda and minutes		<a href="#">Agenda for County Council on Wednesday, 15th September, 2021, 10.00 am (gov.wales)</a>

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