

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8th JULY, 2021

TASK & FINISH – INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT **School Organisation Consultation Process**

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Education Scrutiny Committee with:

- An Interim Recommendations Report on the School Organisation Consultation process

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- To endorse the report of the Task & Finish Group
- To recommend that the work of the Task & Finish Group be endorsed

Reasons:

- To review the current consultation process for school organisation changes.

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: **NO**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- **Cllr. Glynog Davies**

Cllr. Darren Price

Designations:

Chair of the Task and Finish Group

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Executive Summary
EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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Subject: TASK & FINISH – INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT
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Purpose and aims of the 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 is communicated, consulted upon and understood by schools, pupils, parents and residents eg WESP and MEP.
- To formulate recommendations for consideration by the Executive Board

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
- Mr. Anthony Enoch (co-opted parent governor representative)

As part of its considerations the group considered and discussed a wide range of issues resulting in feeding the process of consultation around Strategic Plans proposing the Interim Recommendations.

This is an interim report in order to feed into the department's plans on how they are going to consult and being mindful that urgent solutions are required from the Welsh Government on school categorisation.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

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-James

Head of Administration and Law

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| Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities | Legal | Finance | ICT | Risk Management Issues | Staffing Implications | Physical Assets |
| NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE |

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. Local Member(s)

N/A

2. Community / Town Council

N/A

3. Relevant Partners

N/A

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

N/A

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

Include any observations here

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

There are none.