

Decision Schedule

Cabinet Member for Education & Skills

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 29 June 2017. They will become effective at Noon on 7 July 2017 with the exception of any particular decision, which is the subject of a valid "call-in".

The deadline for submission of a 'Call-in' request form is 4.00 pm on 6 July 2017.

Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found via Democratic Services.

Reports relating to staffing issues/Confidential reports are not circulated to all members of the Council as part of the consultation/call-in processes.

E&S 02/17

School Reorganisation Proposal – Removal of Learning Resource Base (LRB) provision at Llanwern High School

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

To move to formal consultation on a school reorganisation proposal "to permanently remove the Learning Resource Base provision currently at Llanwern High School with effect from January 2018"

The report

- outlined a previous decision by Cabinet to cease the funding attributable through the Individual Schools Budget (ISB) for the Learning Resource Base provision at Llanwern High School,
- sets out the requirement to undertake a statutory School Reorganisation Proposal to support this decision, and described the process with approximate timelines, and
- recommended that the Council move to the formal consultation stage of the statutory consultation process.

Decision

To move to a period of formal consultation on a school reorganisation proposal to permanently remove the current Learning Resource Base (LRB) provision from Llanwern High School with effect from January 2018.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People & Business Change and Chief Education Officer.

All members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment. Any comments received and response thereafter are set out in the report.

Implemented By: Chief Education Officer
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

E&S 03/17

School Reorganisation Proposal – Expansion of Maes Ebbw School

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

To request permission to move to formal consultation on a school reorganisation proposal “to expand the main Maes Ebbw School site and provide additional pupil places by increasing the capacity of the school from 100 to 150 with effect from September 2018”.

Maes Ebbw School was currently the only special school within the City, operating over 3 separate sites although Ysgol Bryn Derw; a specialist 48-place provision for children aged 3-19 with a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD), was due to open in September 2017.

This proposal supported the increasing demand for specialist education provision across the city of Newport. This need had grown significantly over the past 5-10 years, so much so that the number on children on roll at the Maes Ebbw School main site now exceeded the physical capacity.

The school site had the necessary space available to support the development of additional facilities without any detrimental impact on provision. This proposal would benefit pupils across the whole of Newport as additional facilities would be provided to support children who have specialist needs in an appropriate and secure environment.

Decision

To move to a period of formal consultation on a school reorganisation proposal to increase the capacity of the main Maes Ebbw School site from 100 to 150 with effect from September 2018.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People & Business Change and Chief Education Officer.

All members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment. Any comments received and response thereafter are set out in the report.

Implemented By: Chief Education Officer
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

E&S 04/17

School Reorganisation Proposal – Expansion of Millbrook Primary School

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

To move to formal consultation on a school reorganisation proposal “to increase the capacity of Millbrook Primary School from 210 to 315, therefore creating a permanent 1.5 form entry school from September 2018”.

The report made reference to the Council’s vision for “the right school in the right place” and the philosophy of “local schools for local children”. There was increasing parental demand for school places in this area of the city, and the site had both the space and infrastructure to support additional capacity without any detrimental impact on other schools in the locality. The Council had already carried out some maintenance work on the interior and exterior of the building to ensure that it was capable of meeting the full demands of the school curriculum with an increased pupil population.

The report therefore recommended increasing the capacity of the school from 210 to 315 pupil places, therefore creating a 1.5 form entry school. There was now a requirement to move to the formal consultation stage of the statutory consultation process.

Decision

To move to a period of formal consultation on a school reorganisation proposal to increase the capacity of Millbrook Primary School from 210 to 315, creating a permanent 1.5 form entry school from September 2018.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People & Business Change and Chief Education Officer.

All members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment. Any comments received and response thereafter are set out in the report.

Implemented By: Chief Education Officer
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

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Date: 29 June 2017
