



Decision Schedule

Cabinet Member for Education & Young People

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 7 January 2015. They will become effective at Noon on 15 January 2015 with the exception of any particular decision(s), which is (are) the subject of a valid "call-in".

The deadline for submission of a [‘Call-in’ request form](#) is 4.00 pm on 14 January 2015

Information relating to the ‘Call-in’ process can be found in the above link.

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

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Welsh-medium secondary education provision

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

Welsh-medium secondary school provision is currently available across the South East Wales Consortium area at Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw in Torfaen and Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymini in Caerphilly.

However pupil forecasts show that from September 2016 there will be insufficient places to accommodate Welsh-medium secondary learners across the region, with additional pressures emerging by September 2019.

The four authorities of Blaenau Gwent, Monmouthshire, Newport and Torfaen have all included a commitment within their 21st Century Schools Strategic Outline Programme (SOP) to work together to secure additional and sufficient Welsh-medium secondary provision within the region in the medium to longer term.

The Outline Business Base submitted to Welsh Government outlines that the preferred option is to split the Duffryn High School site, currently set over three blocks, to provide for a 1200 capacity two-block English-medium school and a 900 capacity one-block Welsh-medium school. Some site remodelling will be required to accomplish this.

The new Welsh-medium school would initially operate in a seedling capacity of approximately 100 pupils in the first academic year. The catchment area for this school will be the south-Gwent area, encompassing the city of Newport along with the geographical catchment area of Ysgol Y Ffin in Monmouthshire.

Decision

To proceed to Formal Consultation to establish a new Welsh-medium secondary school in September 2016.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People & Business Change

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

Councillor Wilcox , Cabinet Member for Education & Young People

Date:7 January 2015