

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 decision on 24 February 2016. It will take immediate effect, the reason for this decision being the short turnaround required to establish a new school in time for September 2016. The Council's agreed consultation process would create delays in the process of decision making before the final decision could be considered on whether to establish the school.

The decision is not subject to the "Call in" Process.

In accordance with Standing Order 24 – Urgent Matters, this matter will be forwarded to the Audit Committee.

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

EYP 03/16

Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed, Newport

Options considered/Reasons for Decision

In July 2015 Cabinet took the decision to establish the new Welsh-medium secondary school on Duffryn Way intended to open in September 2016. The build programme included enabling and remodelling works for Duffryn High School and the new Welsh-medium secondary school. There was a need for detailed site and build design before completing a Flood Consequence Analysis and then applying for planning permission.

As a result of the failure to gain planning permission to build the relevant school blocks on the Duffryn Way site, it was necessary to cease any and all development of that site and to immediately move to formal consultation to establish a new Welsh-medium Secondary School at another location in order to accommodate the 80 pupils who have applied for admission. The school already had a Temporary Governing Body, a Headteacher and the name of Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed had been approved by the Chief Education Officer for Newport City Council.

The proposal for consultation would describe a temporary location as Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Teyrnnon for up to two academic years and then to transfer to the Duffryn Way site if planning permission was gained following a re-submission of the application. If planning permission was not gained then all consultation stakeholders would be formally consulted on a permanent location at another site.

Decision

To move to Formal Consultation on the proposal to establish a seedling Welsh-medium secondary school, sharing the site of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Teyrnnon on a temporary basis from September 2016 and a temporary transfer to the original site on Duffryn Way, Newport as soon as possible, or to a permanent location yet to be determined, at the earliest available opportunity.

This decision is not subject to the consultation process or the call in period for the reasons described above.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People and Business Change.

Implemented by: Chief Education Officer

Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Councillor Wilcox, Cabinet Member for Education & Young People

Signed:

Date: 24 February 2016