

Decision Schedule

Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 24 May 2019. They will become effective at Noon on 31 May 2019 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 30 May 2019.

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

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Proposal to establish a school federation incorporating Eveswell Primary School and Somerton Primary School

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

Federation of schools is a legal process that enables between two and six schools to work together through a formal structured process by sharing governance arrangements and a single governing body that will make decisions in the best interest of all the schools, staff and pupils within that federation.

The governing bodies of Eveswell Primary School and Somerton Primary School have met individually and collectively with the Local Authority, and have confirmed that they wish to promote a formal federation between the two schools.

If the proposal is approved, both schools will continue to maintain their own individual identities regarding name, culture and ethos and will continue to manage their own individual budgets. The arrangement merely involves establishing a single governing body to govern the two schools. The two governing bodies have worked collaboratively since September 2016 during which time a single Executive Headteacher has managed the two schools. This arrangement has impacted positively on both schools.

This report recommends that the proposal is taking forward jointly by the two governing bodies and the Local Authority, commencing with a period of stakeholder consultation as outlined within the **Federation of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2014**.

Decision

To support the governing bodies of Eveswell Primary School and Somerton Primary School in taking forward a joint proposal to establish a formal federation, to be known as "The Eveswell and Somerton Primary School Partnership", with effect from January 2020.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer 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: 24 May 2019
