

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 11 June 2021. They will become effective at Noon on 21 June 2021 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 18 June 2021.

Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found via [Democratic Services](#).

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E&S 04/21

Proposal to establish a school federation incorporating Gaer Primary School and Maesglas Primary School

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

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

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

If the proposal was approved, both schools would continue to maintain their own individual identities regarding name, culture and ethos and would continue to manage their own individual budgets. The arrangement merely involved establishing a single governing body to govern the two schools. The two governing bodies have worked collaboratively since April 2019 from which time one single Executive Head Teacher managed both schools. This arrangement positively affected both schools.

This report recommended that the proposal was taken 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 Gaer Primary School and Maesglas Primary School in taking forward a joint proposal to establish a formal federation, to be known as "The Gaer and Maesglas Primary School Partnership", with effect from January 2022.

Consultation

Head of Law and Regulation, Head of People and 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 05/21

School Reorganisation Proposal – Expansion of Ysgol Bryn Derw

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

This report referenced the requirement to move to formal consultation on the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Bryn Derw by 28 pupil places with effect from April 2022.

Ysgol Bryn Derw was an English-medium community maintained special school, situated in the Gaer area of Newport and is one of two special schools within the city. The school accommodated pupils aged between 3 years and 19 years who had a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and associated learning difficulties whose needs could not successfully be met within either mainstream or Learning Resource Base (LRB) provision. This proposal supported the increasing demand for specialist education provision across the city of Newport. The demand for places in ASD specialist provision, due to the identified needs of pupils in Newport schools, was higher than current provision available within the city.

There was a requirement to move this forward by undertaking a school reorganisation proposal, which would commence with a period of formal consultation. The formal consultation pack would include further information regarding the proposal to enable all consultees and stakeholders to be fully informed on the proposals for expansion.

Decision

To move to a period of formal consultation on a school reorganisation proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Bryn Derw by 28 pupil places with effect from April 2022.

Consultation

Head of Law and Regulation, Head of People and 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: 11 June 2021
