

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 17 February 2020. They will become effective at Noon on 25 February 2020 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 24 February 2020.

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.

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School Reorganisation Proposal – Establishment of a new Welsh medium Primary School and the relocation of Pillgwenlly Primary School

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

Formal consultation concluded on the school reorganisation proposal "to establish a new two-form entry Welsh-medium primary school in Newport and as a result to relocate Pillgwenlly Primary School from its current site to the new school on the Whiteheads development".

This formal consultation was carried out between 4 July 2019 and 13 September 2019. Following conclusion of this process a consultation report, which described the consultation process and feedback received was drafted and attached at Appendix 1. The report was published on the Newport City Council website and shared with stakeholders as outlined in the statutory School Organisation Code.

This report referenced findings, which recommended that the Council move to publish a statutory proposal. During this period, legal objections can be lodged by any stakeholder, and considered before any final determination taken.

The original report to the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, seeking permission to the proposal forward, suggested that the new Welsh-medium school be established, under a seedling arrangement, from September 2020 and that Pillgwenlly Primary would be relocated to the new school on the Whiteheads development from January 2022. Since the public consultation was launched however, the land developer confirmed that the relevant planning conditions were not discharged to enable commencement of the scheme and transfer of the school site. Until these issues were resolved the development would be delayed, therefore there was some uncertainty about over when the land transfer would take place.

In light of the above, it was recommended that the project be deferred by one full academic year meaning that:

- The seedling school would open in September 2021,

- Pillgwenlly Primary School would be relocated to the new school on the Whiteheads development at the start of the Spring term 2023, and
- The new Welsh-medium primary school would move to its permanent site in Pillgwenlly from September 2023.

Decision

To move to publish a statutory notice for a period of 28 days in respect of the proposal to establish a new two-form entry Welsh-medium primary school in Newport and as a result to relocate Pillgwenlly Primary School from its current site to the school on the Whiteheads development.

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

COUNCILLOR G GILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Date: 17 February 2020
