

Decision Schedule

Cabinet Member for Education & Skills

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 31 October 2018. They will become effective at Noon on 7 November 2018 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 6 November 2018.

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 – Expansion of Ysgol Bryn Derw

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

Ysgol Bryn Derw is one of two special schools within the City, accommodating pupils aged between 3 years and 19 years who have a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and associated learning difficulties whose needs cannot successfully be met within either mainstream or Learning Resource Base (LRB) provision. The school, with capacity to accommodate 48 pupils, opened in September 2017. The demand for places however continues to be higher than this provision.

There is an annexe building within the grounds of the school which is currently empty. It is proposed that this building is refurbished to provide additional teaching space. This would support the development of additional facilities without any detrimental impact on provision at the school, and indeed at any other school within the City. This proposal will benefit pupils across the whole of the Newport as additional facilities will be provided to support children who have specialist needs in an appropriate and secure environment.

This report recommends moving to a period of formal consultation on this proposal in accordance with the requirements of the statutory School Organisation Code.

Decision

To move to a period of formal consultation on a school reorganisation proposal to expand the Ysgol Bryn Derw site and therefore provide additional pupil places by increasing the capacity of the school from 48 to 68 with effect from September 2019 subject to confirmation of full capital funding from the Gwent Integrated Care Fund (ICF) Capital Investment Plan.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People & 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: 31 October 2018
