

Decision Schedule

Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member for Education and Early Years

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

Decision Schedule published on 11 November 2022

The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 11 November 2022. They will become effective at Noon on 19 November 2022 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 November 2022.

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 20-place specialist base for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder at Llanwern High School

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Cabinet Member report referenced the requirement to move to formal consultation as part of a statutory school reorganisation proposal to establish a 20-place specialist Learning Resource Base at Llanwern High School with effect from September 2023.

The number of pupils across Newport with a formal diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) was increasing. Whilst the majority of pupils with this condition were able to attend mainstream schools with varying levels of support, others required more specialist provision in order to meet their needs. There were currently two specific ASD provisions within the City – at Ysgol Bryn Derw and The John Frost School – but the demand for places due to the identified needs of pupils in Newport schools was higher than current provision available within the city.

In accordance with Welsh Government's statutory School Organisation Code, school reorganisation proposals must commence with a period of formal consultation and stakeholder engagement. The formal consultation pack included further information regarding the proposal to enable all consultees and stakeholders to be fully informed on the proposals for establishment of this new provision.

The decision to proceed following consultation would constitute a financial commitment which would require funding via the overall school budget.

Decision

The Cabinet Member approved that a school reorganisation proposal would be taken forward "to establish a 20-place specialist base for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder at Llanwern High School with effect from September 2023".

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 D DAVIES, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS

Date: 11 November 2022
