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<b>RHYBUDD O GYFARFOD</b>	<b>NOTICE OF MEETING</b>
<b>PWYLLGOR GWAITH</b>	<b>THE EXECUTIVE</b>
<b>DYDD LLUN 23 IONAWR 2017 10.00 o'r gloch</b>	<b>MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2017 10.00 am</b>
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R Dew, K P Hughes, H E Jones and Ieuan Williams (Cadeirydd/Chair)

## **Plaid Lafur/Labour Party**

J A Roberts (Is-Gadeirydd/Vice-Chair) and Alwyn Rowlands

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I Aelodau'r Cyngor Sir / To the Members of the County Council

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## **A G E N D A**

**1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

To receive any declaration of interest from a Member or Officer in respect of any item of business.

**2 URGENT MATTERS CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR HIS APPOINTED OFFICER**

No urgent matters at the time of dispatch of this agenda.

**3 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 8)**

To submit for confirmation, the draft minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

**4 MINUTES - CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL (Pages 9 - 16)**

To submit for adoption, the draft minutes of the Corporate Parenting Panel held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

**5 THE EXECUTIVE'S FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 17 - 32)**

To submit a report by the Head of Democratic Services.

**6 REPORT ON THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON LOWERING THE ADMISSION AGE FOR YSGOL BRYNSIENCYN (Pages 33 - 68)**

To submit a report by the Head of Learning.

**7 SCHOOL MODERNISATION - HOLYHEAD AND LLANFAETHLU (Pages 69 - 72)**

To submit a report by the Head of Learning.

**8 FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW SCHOOLS (Pages 73 - 76)**

To submit a report by the Head of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer.

## THE EXECUTIVE

### Minutes of the meeting held on 19 December, 2016

**PRESENT:** Councillor Ieuan Williams (Chair)

Councillors Richard Dew, Kenneth Hughes, Aled Morris Jones,  
H. Eifion Jones, Alwyn Rowlands

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive  
Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Business Process Transformation)  
Assistant Chief Executive (Partnerships, Community and Service Improvement)  
Head of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer  
Head of Learning  
Head of Service (Highways, Waste and Property)  
Head of Democratic Services  
Project Director (Major Projects) (AR)  
Housing Services Technical Services Manager (DR)  
Housing Strategy and Development Manager (LR)  
Committee Officer (ATH)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor J. Arwel Roberts

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillors Ann Griffith, John Griffith, Trefor Lloyd Hughes, Llinos Medi Huws  
R. Meirion Jones, Alun Mummery, Nicola Roberts.

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#### 1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Richard Dew declared a personal and prejudicial interest with regard to item 9 on the agenda.

#### 2 URGENT MATTERS CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR HIS APPOINTED OFFICER

None to report.

#### 3 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Executive held on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 were presented for confirmation.

**It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Executive held on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 be confirmed as correct.**

#### 4 THE EXECUTIVE'S FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The report of the Head of Democratic Services incorporating the Executive's Forward Work Programme from the period from January to August, 2017 was presented for the Executive's consideration.

The Head of Democratic Services reported that item 26 (Interim Homeless Strategy) scheduled for consideration at the Executive's 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 meeting is new to the Work Programme. Item 18 (Annual Equality Report 2015/16) and item 31 (Welsh Language Standards Annual Report) are included as additional items on the Work Programme being decisions that are delegated to the relevant Portfolio Members; they are scheduled to be made in March and in June, 2017 respectively.

**It was resolved to confirm the Executive's updated Forward Work Programme for the period from January to August 2017 as presented.**

## **5 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2017/18**

The report of the Head of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer incorporating the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2017/18 was presented for the Executive's consideration.

The Portfolio Member for Finance reported that the Treasury Management Strategy Statement was scrutinised by the Audit and Governance Committee at its meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2016. The Portfolio Member said that the TM Strategy for 2017/18 has not fundamentally changed from that in effect during 2016/17 and similarly advocates an approach considered likely to yield the best value in the current economic circumstances based on using internal cash balances to avoid new external borrowing due to the fact that medium term investment rates are expected to continue to be below long term borrowing rates.

**It was resolved –**

- **To note the contents of the covering report.**
- **To endorse the contents of and the assumptions and proposals made within the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (including the Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators) for 2017/18 as at Annexe A to the report.**
- **To forward the Statement to the County Council without further comment.**

## **6 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR REVIEW REPORT 2016/17**

The report of the Head of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer incorporating the mid-year review report of treasury management activity for 2016/17 was presented for the Executive's attention.

The Portfolio Member for Finance reported that the mid-year review report was scrutinised by the Audit and Governance Committee at its meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2016. The Portfolio Member said that the prospects for interest rates remain low and the position remains largely unchanged from that of six months ago. Although consideration has been given to the possibility of debt rescheduling, taking this course of action has been discounted for now because the cost of debt repayment is more than the Council would save in interest due to the early repayment premiums imposed by the Public Works Loan Board.

**It was resolved to accept the Treasury Management Mid-Year Review report 2016/17 and to forward it to the County Council without further comment.**

## **7 COUNCIL HOUSING GARAGES**

The report of the Head of Housing Services regarding the treatment of the Council's garage stock was presented for the Executive's consideration.

The Portfolio Member for Housing and Social Services reported that the Housing Service manages a stock of 764 garages. A review of the garages was undertaken in the first half of this financial year and a subsequent detailed survey of all garages deemed to be in fair or poor condition showed that the condition of the pre-fabricated concrete garage units are generally in an advanced state of disrepair in comparison with those built of traditional masonry construction and are recommended for demolition. In addition, a number of the more traditional garages are also recommended for demolition due to structural distress or advanced disrepair.

The Housing Services' Technical Services Manager said that while it is envisaged that the land released by the demolition of the garages will primarily be used to improve parking provision, paths and amenity areas on the Council's estates, as part of the demolition process careful consideration will be given to whether the vacant land offers opportunities for alternative use such as affordable housing developments. The Finance Service has confirmed that the scheme presented is affordable.

The Executive welcomed the proposed overhaul of the Council's garage stock and noted that the scheme carries a potential for developing affordable housing. The Executive also noted that all investment requirements associated with this proposal will be borne by the Housing Revenue Account. The Executive sought assurance that the proposed demolition of each of 33 blocks will

be subject to consultation with local residents as well as the relevant Local Members and that the feedback received will inform the decisions taken as to the use of the land.

The Housing Technical Services Manager confirmed that residents and Local Members will be consulted with a view to agreeing on plans for future use of the land released. Likewise, the Portfolio Member for Housing and Social Services said that the view of tenants and Local Members will be sought and that the scheme will also seek to balance the need for parking and amenity provision with that for affordable housing.

**It was resolved –**

- **To approve the demolition of 33 garage blocks and associated expenditure.**
- **To delegate authority to the Head of Service (Housing) to consider the disposal of garage assets when disposal is deemed to be the most appropriate course of action.**

## **8 GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITES**

The report of the Head of Housing Services outlining the progress to date in relation to the development of gypsy and traveller sites was presented for the Executive's consideration.

The Portfolio Member for Housing and Social Services said that the report explains the work undertaken since the Executive gave approval to proceed with preliminary site investigations at Penhesgyn and Star at its meetings on 31 May and 25 July, 2016 respectively. The report also provides an update on the land acquisition position and seeks approval in principle for the use of Compulsory Purchase Orders in circumstances where land necessary for the development of the gypsy and traveller accommodation cannot be secured by negotiation. The Portfolio Member highlighted that the Council is statutorily required to identify suitable sites for gypsy and traveller accommodation.

The Housing Technical Services Manager said that Capita has been appointed as consultants tasked with delivering the gypsy and traveller accommodation sites; the consultancy service being provided involves a range of undertakings as referred to in paragraph 2.4 of the report including preparation of site design and planning applications. Key project milestones have been identified and the project will be split into five principal stages as per paragraph 2.5 of the report.

The Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Business Process Transformation) confirmed that the Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Gypsy and Travellers Accommodation Needs Assessment, 2016 which was presented to the Executive in February, 2016 has now been approved by the Welsh Government.

Councillor R. Meirion Jones having requested to speak on this matter referred to the Council's resolution from its meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 to carry out further investigation of Site 1 (strip of land between A55/A5 between Llanfairpwll and Star Crossroads) to confirm its suitability and to further assess any safety or technical risks posed by this site, and he pointed out that the project management specification and timeline as at paragraph 2.5 do not factor in any decisions that may arise or have to be taken as a result of the investigation of these matters. The minutes of the Council's meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 make reference to a number of concerns that were raised during the debate on this issue including for example potential flooding problems, health and safety and impact on tourism in the area. Councillor R. Meirion Jones said that he was keen to ensure that the concerns raised are properly examined and a full assessment carried out before the project progresses to the next stage, that costs are clearly documented at each stage of the project and that a Local Member is invited to serve on the Project Board.

The Housing Technical Services Manager confirmed that Capita Consultants have been appointed to look into the range of factors which might influence whether or not the site is suitable; should there be any specific reason why development cannot take place then the next stage of the project would not go ahead. The specialised work to assess the suitability of the site is currently ongoing and will continue into January; the outcome of this investigatory work will determine whether or not a planning application can be made.

The Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Business Process Transformation) confirmed that she was happy to discuss the inclusion of a Member of the Executive as well as a Local Member as members of the Project Board.

**It was resolved –**

- **To note progress since the Executive's approval to proceed with preliminary site investigations at Penhesgyn and Star and proposed key milestones for project delivery.**
- **To approve in principle, the use of Compulsory Purchase Order(s) in order to secure land essential for the development of Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation in the event that Officers are unable to secure the same by negotiation.**

## **9 SCHOOL MODERNISATION – LLANGEFNI AREA**

The report of the Head of Learning setting out the outcome of the non-statutory consultation on the reconfiguration of primary school education provision in the Llangefni area was presented for the Executive's consideration.

*Having declared a prejudicial interest in this matter, Councillor Richard Dew withdrew from the meeting for the discussion and determination thereof.*

The Portfolio Member for Education reported on the background to the matter, the stakeholder consultation events held and the recommendation for moving ahead based on a detailed analysis of the range of options that were put forward as possibilities. The Portfolio Member commended the report to the Executive.

The Head of Learning reported that an informal consultation process with parents, governors, and staff of the six affected schools in the Llangefni area was held in the period from 3 October to 13 November, 2016. Local Councillors, the Welsh Government and other stakeholders were also consulted. The main drivers for change are set out in section 2 of the non-statutory consultation report and while reducing the number of empty places in primary schools has been a leading factor for schools in other areas of the Island which have undergone or are undergoing a modernisation process this does not hold true for Llangefni where there is a shortage of primary school places. This accounts for why permission has been granted to place Llangefni in Band A rather than in Bands B or C of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Scheme. The Officer referred to the substance of the responses from each of the six schools the greater percentage of which has come from Ysgol Bodffordd and from Ysgol Talwrn. A petition by parents of pupils at Ysgol Talwrn has also been received via the full Council meeting on 15 December, 2016. Among the issues highlighted in the stakeholder response were the advantages of smaller schools; the centrality of smaller schools in community life; the importance of the schools to the Welsh language in the area and the community use of the school buildings. Additionally young people from the Llangefni area were given the opportunity to put their views on the school modernisation proposals for the area and did so in an hour long session on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. Their comments are summarised in section 11 of the report.

The Officer referred to the methodology used to evaluate the range of options and she outlined the criteria against which the options were assessed and scored. Two principal options – Options A and B in the report have emerged from the options analysis process and these are being proposed as the basis on which to undertake the formal, statutory consultation process on the reorganisation of primary education in the Llangefni area.

Councillors Dylan Rees and Nicola Roberts both addressed the Executive as Local Members. The former referred to the need to reduce the number of empty places as one of the main drivers of primary school reorganisation on the Island which he emphasised is not an issue in the Llangefni area where the opposite is true; he said that both Options A and B involve the closure of Ysgol Bodffordd and Ysgol Talwrn which the parents of pupils at the two schools strongly oppose as attested to in the report. Councillor Dylan Rees said that he hoped the Authority would prove itself to be the listening authority it says it is by taking into account the views expressed through the informal consultation process. In addition, the Welsh Government's Minister for Education has recently announced new rules setting out a presumption against the closure of rural schools in Wales. Councillor Nicola Roberts (who cited an interest on the basis of her daughter's attendance as a pupil at Ysgol y Graig) acknowledged the need to review primary education provision in the Llangefni area and said that the shortage of school places in the area needs to be resolved especially in light of added pressure from new housing developments. She sought clarification of the pupil numbers in the Officer's report which she said differed from those issued in the reports by the schools. Councillor Nicola Roberts referred also to the announcement by the Welsh Government's Communities and Children's Secretary regarding the introduction of a scheme to provide 30 hours per week of free childcare for working parents of 3 and 4 year old children in Wales for which Anglesey will be one of the test authorities. She highlighted the fact that currently,

the Authority cannot incorporate nursery provision within its school reorganisation plans because the method for assessing a school's capacity does not allow authorities to take into account nursery school pupils only pupils of statutory school age. In light of the childcare scheme and the implications for capacity and provision in future she asked Officers to consider taking this issue up with the Welsh Government. She further made reference to the Safe Route to School scheme and sought assurance that the scheme will remain viable following the reorganisation of primary schools in the Llangefni area.

The Head of Learning said that the Authority is required within its plans to take into account the number of pupils in its schools as reflected in a census which is taken in January and provides a snapshot of pupil numbers at that time. She confirmed that school reorganisation plans are accompanied by a comprehensive traffic assessment which looks at the travel impact of reorganisation proposals on groups of children especially from a safety perspective. The Officer confirmed that the Authority had received support from the Welsh Government to implement the childcare pilot scheme and said that she would raise the issue of including nursery school pupil numbers in capacity calculations with Welsh Government Officials. The Leader said that the Portfolio Member for Education could also raise the matter by letter with the Welsh Government's Minister for Education.

Councillor Llinos Medi Huws spoke to welcome the consultation with young people in the Llangefni area and said that she hoped this would be replicated not only in the formal consultation process regarding the reorganisation of primary schools in the Llangefni area but would also become a characteristic of consultation and engagement on future transformation plans.

The Head of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer while acknowledging that a number of factors need to be considered in coming to a determination on the model of primary school education provision in the Llangefni area emphasised that any plan needs to be affordable given that Welsh Government will only be contributing 50% of the costs with the Authority expected to fund the remaining 50%. A report on the affordability of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Scheme will be presented to the Executive in the New Year.

The Chief Executive drew attention to the fact that the school modernisation programme also seeks to ensure improved standards, consistency of education provision and equal opportunities for all pupils and while such decisions are not easy to make there are many factors in the equation.

The Executive considered and noted the information presented as well as the representations made.

**It was resolved to authorise Officers to proceed to the formal or statutory consultation process when they consult on Options A and B as described in the report.**

#### **10 IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE HIGHWAY BETWEEN THE A55 J3 AND WYLFA NEWYDD ALONG THE A5 AND A5025**

The report of the Head of Service (Highways, Waste and Property) regarding improvement works to the highway between the A55 J3 and Wylfa Newydd along the A5 and A5025 was presented for the Executive's consideration.

The Project Director (Major Projects) reported that the Executive has previously authorised preparatory steps to be taken in relation to the making and serving of Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) to progress highway improvement works as part of the development of Wylfa Newydd, and that this report now seeks the Executive's approval to make, serve and implement such Orders to move forward with the A5025 works. Prior to that, an Indemnity Agreement needs to be completed. The Officer referred to the CPO plans attached to the report showing the extent of the land required, and he drew the Executive's attention to the fact that as the scheme progresses, minor amendments may be required to the plans shown. The Executive recognised and accepted this.

**It was resolved to authorise the Head of Service (Highways, Waste and Property) –**

- **Following completion of the Indemnity Agreement, to make and serve CPO(s) under sections 239, 240, 246, 250 and 260 of the Highways Act 1980 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 and all other powers considered by the Head of Service to be necessary in relation to the making and serving of CPO(s) in respect of all or part of the land**

outlined in red on the CPO plans at Appendix 1 to the report and such other land as may be considered necessary to deliver the A5025 including any mitigation.

- Following completion of the Indemnity Agreement, to make and serve any SROs and any other highway orders necessary to enable the carrying out of the AF025 works.
- Following completion of the Indemnity Agreement, to take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the CPO(s), any SROs and any other highway orders including the publication and service of all notices, requisitions for information, statement of reasons and the preparation and presentation of the Council's case at any public inquiry to secure confirmation of the CPO(s) and SRO(s) by the Secretary of State.
- Once the CPO(s) is/are confirmed, to exercise the powers conferred by the relevant CPO to acquire land and/or rights or acquire by agreement the land and/or rights.
- Following completion of the Indemnity Agreement, to enter into such agreements as the Head of Service considers appropriate with landowners and others with an interest in the land the subject of the CPO(s) to acquire land/rights and/or secure withdrawal of objections to the CPO(s) and any SRO(s).
- Following completion of the Indemnity Agreement, to make any necessary payments of compensation (including interim payments) either as agreed with landowners or as determined by the Lands Chamber of the Upper Tribunal in relation to acquisition of land interests.

#### **11 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was considered and resolved Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act and in the Public Interest Test as presented.

#### **12 MARKET HALL RE-DEVELOPMENT**

The report of the Head of Learning and the Head of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer with regard to matters relating to the re-development of the Market Hall Hub in Holyhead was presented for the Executive's consideration.

**It was resolved to approve the recommendation of the report with regard to the re-development of the Holyhead Market Hall Hub.**

**Councillor Ieuan Williams  
Chair**



## CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December, 2016

- PRESENT:** Dr Gwynne Jones (Chief Executive) (Chair)
- Councillor Kenneth Hughes (Portfolio Member for Education)  
Councillor Ann Griffith (Corporate Scrutiny Committee)  
Councillor Dylan Rees (Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee)  
Mr Llyr Bryn Roberts (Interim Head of Children's Services)  
Alex Kaitell (Interim Principal Operations Officer)  
Mr Gareth Llwyd (Service Manager – Safeguarding & Quality Assurance) (on behalf of the IRO)  
Dawn Owen (Child Placement Team Manager)  
Huw Owen (LAC Team Manager)  
Dr Eimir Thomas (Education Officer – ALN)  
Heulwen Owen (LAC Education Liaison Officer)  
Llinos Edwards (LAC Nurse – BCUHB)  
Ann Holmes (Committee Officer)
- APOLOGIES:** Councillor Aled Morris Jones (Portfolio Member for Housing and Social Services), Dr Caroline Turner (Assistant Chief Executive & Designated Statutory Director of Social Services), Mrs Rona Jones (Independent Reviewing Officer - IRO)
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#### 1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration of interest was received.

#### 2 MINUTES OF THE 5 SEPTEMBER, 2016 MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel held on 5th September, 2016 were presented and confirmed as correct.

#### 3 MATTERS ARISING

- **Health Matters**

The Panel noted that feedback from the meeting with the Clinical Psychologists to address the issues raised in the draft pathway action plan in relation to pregnancy and relationship issues in the looked after population was incorporated within the LAC Nurse's written report under item 8 on the agenda and would be considered at that point.

- **Children and Young People Missing from Care**

The Interim Head of Children's Services said that a discussion with the Data Collection Officer had confirmed that the service does not systematically collate data about children and young people missing from care because it is not a standard performance indicator. Should it be the Panel's wish that such data be provided then consideration will be given to creating a process for gathering the information.

The Panel noted that it wished to satisfy itself that every effort is made to track down children and young people who go missing from placements and that it would want to be informed as to if and when these children are found so as to be assured about their welfare and safety. The Panel was particularly concerned about children and young people who may have been trafficked who go missing from care as a particularly vulnerable group at risk of further exploitation.

The Service Manager (Safeguarding & Quality Assurance) said that Children's Services do work collaboratively with other agencies in relation to children and young people who go missing from care and are aware of such cases as they arise. These are tracked and monitored via the arrangements within the Duty Team and with North Wales Police. While the specific information may not be formally recorded via the data collection system, it is available through the individuals who deal with the cases at the time and who co-ordinate the monitoring work with North Wales Police. The risk status of children and young people who go missing from care for over 7 hours is escalated jointly with North Wales Police and a strategy meeting is held.

The Interim Principal Operations Officer said the service has an arrangement with Barnardo's as regards completing return home interviews and that information is supplied to the Police. Consideration could be given to how the Panel could be provided with the information on a regular basis. For children missing from care there is an escalation process, and the service follows the North Wales Child Protection Procedures which are clear in setting out the process and timescale for responding in cases where children and young people go missing from care. However more work needs to be done in terms of the local picture and on evidencing what the service is doing with the data.

The Panel noted that data about children and young people who go missing from care is therefore available and is monitored but that it needs to be further developed in order to produce a more local picture of vulnerability and risk, and a process needs to be put in place for reporting the information to the Panel systematically.

**It was agreed to note the information.**

**ACTION ARISING: Interim Principal Operations Officer to provide a report for the Panel's next meeting in relation to children and young people who go missing from care.**

#### **4 ESTYN THEMATIC REVIEW – RAISING THE ATTAINMENT, ACHIEVEMENT AND ASPIRATION OF CHILDREN WHO ARE LOOKED AFTER**

- Correspondence dated 2 November, 2016 from Welsh Government in relation to the above was presented for the Panel's attention. The correspondence sought clarification of the actions taken by the local authority to ensure that practice in its area is in line with the features of effective local authorities identified by Estyn with regard to raising the attainment, achievement and aspiration of children who are looked after along with practice examples of how the approach recommended by Estyn is being implemented. **The correspondence was noted by the Panel.**
- An Action Plan by the Education Service setting out the action steps to be taken by the service in response to recommendations contained within the Estyn Thematic Review above was presented for the Panel's consideration.

The Education ALN Officer reported that the Action Plan has been formulated in consultation with the Head of Learning and discussions have also been held with the Interim Head of Children's Services, the Interim Principal Operations Manager and the LAC Education Liaison Officer. The Plan shows the actions to be taken, the responsible officer, the timescale for completion, the arrangements for monitoring and the desired outcomes as regards providing a more composite picture of the educational progress of children in care. The Officer said that much of the work has been completed and that one of the most significant steps involves the establishment of a County Children in Care (CIC) Progress Tracking Group which will report to the Corporate Parenting Panel on progress, performance, interventions, provision and best practice which will help identify where improvements need to be made particularly in terms of specific aspects of education. The group will initially include 5 primary school representatives and 5 secondary school representatives and will have its inaugural meeting in January, 2017. It is anticipated that the Tracking Group will be in a position to provide a report to this Panel at its next meeting in March, 2017.

**It was agreed to accept and to note the Education Service Action Plan.**

**ACTION ARISING: An initial report from the County CIC Progress Tracking Group to be presented to the Panel's next meeting in March, 2017.**

## **5 SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS – CORRESPONDENCE BY THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER FOR WALES**

Correspondence dated 14 November, 2016 from the Office of the Children's Commissioner for Wales with regard to support for care leavers was presented for the Panel's information. The correspondence set out the Children's Commissioner's intention of reinvigorating the discussion about what every local authority can offer to ensure consistent support for care leavers across Wales with the aim that by 2019, a measured increase will have been made in offering care experienced young people access to safe and secure housing options and an active offer of a job, education or training place.

The Interim Head of Children's Services said that the Children's Commissioner in her letter draws particular attention to three elements of support for care leavers in relation to housing, education, and employment and training opportunities which she proposes are discussed in meetings with key personnel and Elected Members in local authorities in Wales and which she sees as essential aspects in helping care leavers get the best start to independent living. Children's Services in Anglesey do have a plan in place for reviewing after care arrangements which is being implemented. The Commissioner specifically highlights the expectation that local authorities, as corporate parents for the children in their care, should offer work and training to care leavers as any other parent would do within their own family firm.

The Interim Principal Operations Officer confirmed that there is within Children's Services a Transformation Project in relation to care leavers which was established originally to address the recommendations of the Lost After Care report. The project is looking at provision for care leavers, what care leavers themselves think of the services provided for them and what is required going forward. It is intended to bring a report to this panel on how the service assesses its position, where it wants to be and the challenges it is facing in the key areas identified by the Children's Commissioner. One of the main challenges is successfully engaging wider service areas within the Council in contributing to corporate parenting objectives. Corporate parenting by definition is a responsibility that involves the whole authority but is often focussed on Children's Social Services. Progress has been made e.g. in updating the Housing Policy and in creating a Financial Policy which sets out the expectations in terms of financial support for care leavers.

The Panel considered the correspondence presented and the information provided by officers and made the following points:

- The Panel noted, and was agreed in supporting the Children's Commissioner's ambitions for care experienced young people.
- The Panel noted that as well as actively supporting care leavers to gain employment or training opportunities, the Children's Commissioner expects local authorities to proactively offer work and training places for care leavers within their own organisation.
- The Panel noted that without access to good employment, young people leaving care are unlikely to be able to meet their housing costs especially in light of the impact of the Welfare Reform Bill and it sought clarification of how the Authority proposes to help them sustain accommodation out in the real world. The Panel was informed that the local authority does provide accommodation for care leavers with the response being on an individual basis. A joint protocol with the Housing Service has been developed and is in the process of being updated in line with the new legislation. The Housing Service provides starter packs for care leavers and a rent deposit scheme is also offered. However, work needs to be done in developing a more collective corporate approach rather than issues being addressed on a case by case basis by an individual officer.
- The Panel sought clarification whether the engagement of partner agencies had been sought. The Panel was informed that further work needs to be done in the first instance in securing the buy-in of other departments within the council to corporate parenting and in raising awareness that corporate parenting encompasses the wider authority and is not just the responsibility of Children's Services. The Children's Commissioner's letter provides an opportunity to highlight

the issue. **It was agreed that Officers would consult with other services within the council about their contribution to achieving corporate parenting objectives.**

- The Panel sought clarification of its authority in driving this agenda forward. The Panel was informed that it has the status of a permanent working group which reports directly to the Council's Executive and to which recommendations can be made.

**It was agreed to note the correspondence of the Children's Commissioner for Wales.**

**ACTION ARISING: Children's Service's self-assessment of leaving care arrangements along with a Corporate Action Plan to be presented to the Panel's next meeting.**

## **6 REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER (IRO)**

The report of the Independent Reviewing Officer for Quarter 2 2016/17 was presented for the Panel's consideration. The report provided quantitative data in relation to the number of looked after children; their legal status; the number and nature of the placements made; the statutory visits undertaken, the performance of the IRO against key indicators and the caseload of the IRO.

The Service Manager – Safeguarding & Quality Assurance reported on the following main considerations –

- That by September, 2016 the number of children and young people accommodated by the Council had increased to 135 compared to 126 at the end of June, 2016.
- That there has been a steady increase in the looked after population in Anglesey since the first quarter of 2014/15 as illustrated by the graph in paragraph A (iii).
- In terms of legal status, there has been a slight increase in the number of children and young people on Full Care Orders to the Authority and similarly, there is a slight increase in the number of children and young people who are accommodated with parental consent under Section 76 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. This is a group which the Authority may need to target in terms of support and intervention so that the children can return to their parents and family setting.
- Safeguarding remains the main reason why children and young people are accommodated by the Council.
- That there has been an increase in the number of LAC reviews held within timescale from 81.48% to 85.96%. 113 LAC reviews were held in Quarter 2 of which 27 were within county (previously 57) and 41 out of county (previously 24); the latter in particular place pressure on the officer conducting the reviews. Consideration needs to be given to the children in care in light of the new initiatives being developed around early intervention and preventative services to establish whether some can safely return to the family setting. Others may need more intensive intervention before more permanent plans can be made for them in the form of adoption.
- In terms of issues arising, the IRO caseload continues to be very high at 135. Steps to engage a second IRO to reduce the workload are being taken currently.
- Issues identified by the IRO as areas for continuous improvement are set out under paragraph (vi) of the report. These include improving the qualitative aspects of documentation and reviews; undertaking statutory visits within timescale and better involving young people in reviews and in the review of LAC consultation documents.

The Interim Principal Operations Manager reported that improvements have been made with regard to safeguarding and quality assurance; communication has also improved significantly in the past six to twelve months. New procedures in relation to work around Section 76 – voluntary accommodation have been developed and are awaiting sign-off; new templates with regard to obtaining consent are now being put to use; work is ongoing around resilient families which involves targeting the most vulnerable groups of young people and engaging with them in a timely manner and offering more intense intervention. As regards the LAC service there is work being done to prevent escalation and children coming into the care system as well as work to develop the information and advice hub and to promote the early intervention agenda. Therefore a great deal of work is ongoing in the areas highlighted by the IRO's report.

The Panel considered the information presented and it raised the following issues –

- The Panel noted the high caseload of the IRO and noted also that action is being taken to address the situation.
- The Panel sought clarification whether capacity within the Legal Service is sufficient to support the work in relation to rescinding care orders. The Panel was informed that a joint protocol with the Legal Service has been established and where necessary external legal provision is commissioned. Cases to be presented to the courts are tracked closely. Social Services have access to an Adults' Legal Advisor as well as a Children's Legal Advisor so currently capacity is not an issue with regard to court work.
- The Panel sought clarification of the reasons for the continuing increase in the number of children being looked after by the Authority in Anglesey. The Panel was informed that a rising LAC population is a feature across local authorities in Wales and that the number of children going through the Public Law Outline process which seeks to move cases to a resolution within 26 weeks, is also increasing. In Anglesey, there has been an increase in the number of larger sibling groups coming into the care system which is a factor in the upward trend in numbers as is the need to review the thresholds in light of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.
- The Panel noted that the number of children in out of county placements (27 with private out of county Foster Carers and 6 in residential out of county placements) remains high. The Panel was informed that in the absence of children's residential provision on the Island, the service has to access residential accommodation out of county to meet the sometimes specialised needs of children requiring care provision.
- The Panel noted and emphasised the importance of the Authority being able to drill down to the reasons behind the ongoing rise in the number of looked after children and young people so it can identify what the needs are and plan how these can best be met in the future. The Panel was informed that some of the Edge of Care funding will be used to develop processes to better capture the profile of the Authority's looked after children and young people leading to an improved understanding of their needs and how those might be fulfilled.
- The Panel noted that for the future it would like to see within the report of the IRO an increased focus on the work being done to improve the quality of decision making and consequently the effects of that as regards better outcomes for the children in the Authority's care. The Panel was informed that the Quality Assurance process has highlighted areas requiring attention as documented in the report and that that task is the responsibility of the whole service; this is being addressed in a number of ways including by issuing clear staff guidelines, improved supervision and setting up small practice groups to look at specific areas.
- The Panel noted that LAC reviews need to be held in a more child-friendly environment.

**It was agreed to accept the report of the IRO and to note its contents.**

**ACTIONS ARISING:**

- **IRO to give consideration to how the report can in future evidence how quality issues are being addressed and how this is leading to better outcomes.**
- **IRO to provide further information regarding the requirements in identifying appropriate venues for conducting LAC reviews.**

**7 FOSTERING SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT**

The Interim Head of Children's Services reported that the Fostering Service was the subject of a positive CSSIW inspection in January 2016 which was reported to the Panel. Recommendations made by CSSIW with regard to improving practice in some areas were subsequently incorporated in an Action Plan. Children's services were also the subject of a Child Practice Review which resulted in a number of ECPR 2 recommendations which are interlinked to the Fostering Service. The two action plans (CSSIW inspection action plan and ECPR 2 action plan) have been combined; the recommendations relate primarily to improving processes and related documentation with regard to risk assessing children in care placements and ensuring that the care provision is suitable for the child's needs. The documentation relating to the areas highlighted by both the CSSIW inspection and the Child Practice Review are being reviewed to ensure they meet the purpose.

**It was agreed to accept and to note the information.**

## NO FURTHER ACTION ENSUING

### 8 SERVICE REPORTS

8.1 The report of the LAC Nurse for Quarter 2 2016/17 was presented for the Panel's consideration.

The Panel considered the information in the report and made the following points:

- The Panel noted that only 1 from 14 initial looked after health assessments were completed within the 28 day timescale which it deemed unsatisfactory. The Panel sought assurance that this was an isolated event and did not represent a trend. The Panel was informed that late assessments have been an issue previously; the Health Service maintains a register of reasons for delays in health assessments which can be due to the late receipt of information by partners. This makes scheduling appointments with the paediatrician who undertakes the assessment more difficult within the 28 day timescale. Improved co-operation should make it easier to meet the timescale in all cases. Additionally, a task group has been set up in all six areas across the region to facilitate co-operation and practices between the local authorities and the Health Service with a view to improving the timeliness of health assessments.
- The Panel noted the developments with regard to the revised pathway for better access to mental health services for looked after children and young people as well as the carer's report which is designed to give a more comprehensive picture of the needs of the child. The Panel sought assurance that the pathway (appended as a flow chart to the report) will facilitate access to CAMHS for looked after children and is not an additional hurdle to be overcome in order for them to receive a mental health service. The Panel was informed that while progress has been made from an Education Service perspective, less inroads have been made from a Children's Services perspective and that accessing CAMHS and ensuring that looked after children receive a timely therapeutic service that is responsive to their needs remain an issue.
- The Panel noted that there were two professional viewpoints in relation to the provision of mental health services for looked after the children the one being that an assessment of mental health needs should take place at the point of entry and should form part of the LAC initial health assessment; the other proposed that the mental health needs of looked after children should be assessed only when they are settled within their placements to allow any mental health issues to emerge. The Panel was informed that the pathway chart is meant to facilitate access to a CAMHS consultation when a mental health concern about a looked after child is raised and does not cover access to a therapy service for which there is a waiting list. **It was suggested and agreed that the matter be discussed at a North Wales regional level and feedback reported to this Panel.**
- The Panel noted that a task group has been established to look at pregnancy issues in the looked after population. While the Panel supported the task group as undertaking an essential piece of work in the context of improving after care support and guidance, it also recognised that the issue of care leavers becoming parents extends beyond Children's Services and involves Health, Education and Schools in helping looked after children and young people to develop healthy relationships and to make positive decisions about their future.

**It was agreed to accept the report and to note the contents.**

**ACTION ENSUING: Officers to seek a regional view on the effectiveness of the Looked After Children Mental Health Pathway as well as on the timing of mental health assessments for looked after children entering the care system, and to report back to the Panel thereon.**

8.2 The report of the Child Placement Team Manager was presented for the Panel's consideration.

The Panel considered the report and noted the following:

- The Panel noted that the number of placement breakdowns continues to rise and stands at 6.63% for Quarter 2.
- The Panel noted that the child placement team managers have been managing a high volume of assessments during the quarter due to the high number of viability and full assessment for friends and family cares.

- The Panel noted that the retention of foster carers remains high on the agenda for the fostering service and that the work of the Recruitment and Marketing Officer is key to this objective. The Panel supported the emphasis placed on retention of foster carers given the importance of having in place a stable pool of in house foster carers in being able to provide better placement choice.

**It was agreed to accept and to note the report**

#### **NO FURTHER ACTION ENSUING**

8.3 The report of the LAC Education Liaison Officer was presented for the Panel's consideration. Information in relation to the educational attainment of individual looked after children was tabled at the meeting.

The Panel considered the report and noted the following:

- The Panel noted that it would be useful for it know what were the targets set for the educational attainment of the looked after children whose results are documented. The Panel was informed that those are monitored via tracking reports.
- The Panel noted the position with regard to a case where the outcomes could have been better. The Panel noted that it was disappointed in this instance and believed that lessons in improving practice could be learnt. The Panel considered how review and escalation processes within the authority were applied in the case and it discussed how communication and collaboration with other authorities might be improved to ensure a better outcome in the circumstances in future. It noted that a joint approach for monitoring the quality of provision in out of county placements is needed. The Panel also noted that in circumstances where securing a placement is a matter of priority there is sometimes less opportunity to give attention to other considerations.

**It was agreed to accept and to note the report.**

**ACTION ENSUING: Officers to consider formulating a protocol to be applied in future in circumstances as described in the report of the LAC Education Officer.**

#### **9 NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the Panel's next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

**Dr Gwynne Jones  
Chair**

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ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>The Executive</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>23 January 2017</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>The Executive's Forward Work Programme</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	<b>Cllr Ieuan Williams</b>
<b>Head of Service:</b>	<b>Lynn Ball Head of Function – Council Business / Monitoring Officer</b>
<b>Report Author:</b> Tel: E-mail:	<b>Huw Jones, Head of Democratic Services</b> <b>01248 752108</b> <a href="mailto:JHuwJones@anglesey.gov.uk">JHuwJones@anglesey.gov.uk</a>
<b>Local Members:</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>

<b>A –Recommendation/s and reason/s</b>
<p>In accordance with its Constitution, the Council is required to publish a forward work programme and to update it regularly. The Executive Forward Work Programme is published each month to enable both members of the Council and the public to see what key decisions are likely to be taken over the coming months.</p> <p>The Executive is requested to:</p> <p>confirm the attached updated work programme which covers <b>February – September 2017</b>;</p> <p>identify any matters subject to consultation with the Council's Scrutiny Committees and confirm the need for Scrutiny Committees to develop their work programmes further to support the Executive's work programme;</p> <p>note that the forward work programme is updated monthly and submitted as a standing monthly item to the Executive.</p>

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**B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?**

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**C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?**

The approval of the Executive is sought before each update is published to strengthen accountability and forward planning arrangements.

**D – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?**

Yes.

**DD – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?**

Not applicable.

<b>E – Who did you consult?</b>		<b>What did they say?</b>
1	<b>Chief Executive / Strategic Leadership Team (SLT)</b> (mandatory)	The forward work programme is discussed at Heads of Service meetings ('Penaethiaid') on a monthly basis (standing agenda item).  It is also circulated regularly to Corporate Directors and Heads of Services for updates.
2	<b>Finance / Section 151</b> (mandatory)	
3	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer</b> (mandatory)	
5	<b>Human Resources (HR)</b>	
6	<b>Property</b>	
7	<b>Information Communication Technology (ICT)</b>	
8	<b>Scrutiny</b>	
9	<b>Local Members</b>	Not applicable.
10	<b>Any external bodies / other/s</b>	Not applicable.

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<b>F – Risks and any mitigation (if relevant)</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Economic</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Anti-poverty</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Crime and Disorder</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Environmental</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Equalities</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Outcome Agreements</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>FF - Appendices:</b>	
The Executive's Forward Work Programme: February – September 2017.	

<b>G - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):</b>

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The Executive's forward work programme enables both Members of the Council and the public to see what key decisions are likely to be taken by the Executive over the coming months.

Executive decisions may be taken by the Executive acting as a collective body or by individual members of the Executive acting under delegated powers. The forward work programme includes information on the decisions sought, who will make the decisions and who the lead Officers and Portfolio Holders are for each item.

It should be noted, however, that the work programme is a flexible document as not all items requiring a decision will be known that far in advance and some timescales may need to be altered to reflect new priorities etc. The list of items included is therefore reviewed regularly.

Reports will need to be submitted from time to time regarding specific property transactions, in accordance with the Asset Management Policy and Procedures. Due to the influence of the external market, it is not possible to determine the timing of reports in advance.

The Executive's draft Forward Work Programme for the period **February – September 2017** is outlined on the following pages.

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<b>February 2017</b>						
1	<b>Write off of Debts in value of over £5,000</b>  Approve write off of debts.	Finance Portfolio Holder and Section 151 Officer.	Resources  Marc Jones Head of Function – Resources / Section 151 Officer  Cllr Hywel Eifion Jones		Delegated Decision  February 2017	
2	<b>Rent of Council Housing and Garages during 2017-18</b>  Approval of increase in rents.	Housing and Social Services Portfolio Holder.	Housing  Shan Lloyd Williams Head of Housing Services  Cllr Aled Morris Jones		Delegated decision  February 2017	
3	<b>The Executive's Forward Work Programme (S)</b>  Approval of monthly update.	The approval of the full Executive is sought to strengthen forward planning and accountability.	Council Business  Huw Jones Head of Democratic Services  Cllr Ieuan Williams		The Executive  14 February 2017	
4	<b>2017/18 Budget (S)</b>  Adoption of final proposals for recommendation to the County Council.	This is a matter for the Executive as it falls within the Council's Budget Framework.	Resources  Marc Jones Head of Function – Resources / Section 151 Officer  Cllr Hywel Eifion Jones	6 February 2017	The Executive  14 February 2017	28 February 2017

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5 <b>Financial Reserves</b>  To provide an update on the situation relating to financial reserves.	This is a matter for the full Executive as it provides assurance of current financial position.	Resources	Marc Jones Head of Function – Resources / Section 151 Officer  Cllr Hywel Eifion Jones		The Executive  14 February 2017	
6 <b>Discretionary Business Rate Relief Policy for 2017/18</b>  Approve policy for 2017/18.	There is a requirement for a collective decision by the Executive in detailing additional business rates relief to be awarded to charities and non-profit making organisations.	Resources	Marc Jones Head of Function – Resources / Section 151 Officer  Cllr Hywel Eifion Jones		The Executive  14 February 2017	
7 <b>Charges for non-residential services 2017/18</b>  Approval.	A collective decision is required as the matter involves material financial considerations.	Adults' Services	Alwyn Jones Head of Adults' Services  Cllr Aled Morris Jones		The Executive  14 February 2017	
8 <b>Standard Charge for Council Care Homes 2017/18</b>  Approval.	A collective decision is required as the matter involves material financial considerations.	Adults' Services	Alwyn Jones Head of Adults' Services  Cllr Aled Morris Jones		The Executive  14 February 2017	

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9 <b>Independent Sector Residential and Nursing Home Fees 2017/18</b>  Approval.	A collective decision is required as the matter involves material financial considerations.	Adults' Services	Alwyn Jones Head of Adults' Services  Cllr Aled Morris Jones		The Executive  14 February 2017	
10 <b>Charges for independent home care services 2017/18</b>  Approval.	A collective decision is required as the matter involves material financial considerations.	Adults' Services	Alwyn Jones Head of Adults' Services  Cllr Aled Morris Jones		The Executive  14 February 2017	
11 <b>Housing Revenue Account – Housing Capital Programme 2017-2018</b>  Approval.	The approval of the Executive is requested on the capital programme.	Housing	Shan Lloyd Williams Head of Housing Services  Cllr Aled Morris Jones		The Executive  14 February 2017 (to be confirmed)	
12 <b>Social Services and Well-being Act Needs Assessment</b>  Statutory approval of regional assessment.	Statutory code of Practice: "The local authority and Local Health Board are required formally to approve the population assessment report. This will need to be done by the Board of the Local Health Board and in the case of the local authority will	Adults' Services	Alwyn Jones Head of Adults' Services  Cllr Aled Morris Jones	24 January 2017	The Executive  14 February 2017	28 February 2017

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	need to be approved by the full Council on submission by the Council's Executive or board. This will ensure that the information contained within the report is considered at the most senior levels within these organisations.”					
13	<b>Well-being Assessment – Local Services Board</b>  Approval of the Well-being Assessment.	Chief Executive	Dr Gwynne Jones Chief Executive  Cllr Ieuan Williams	24 January 2017	The Executive  14 February 2017	
14	<b>Full Business Case for New School at Bro Rhosyr/Bro Aberffraw</b>  Approval of business case.	Learning	Delyth Molyneux Head of Learning  Cllr Kenneth P Hughes		The Executive  14 February 2017	
15	<b>Transformation of the Library Service</b>  Approval of strategy.	Learning	Delyth Molyneux Head of Learning  Cllr Kenneth P Hughes	6 February 2017	The Executive  14 February 2017	

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16	<b>Transformation of the Youth Service</b>	Learning	Delyth Molyneux Head of Learning  Cllr Kenneth P Hughes	22 November 2016	The Executive  14 February 2017	
17	<b>Welsh in Education – Strategic Plan 2017-2020</b>  Approval of Plan.	Learning	Delyth Molyneux Head of Learning  Cllr Kenneth P Hughes		The Executive  14 February 2017	
18	<b>Supporting People Commissioning Plan</b>	Housing	Shan Lloyd Williams Head of Housing Services  Cllr Aled Morris Jones		The Executive  14 February 2017	
19	<b>Use of Council Tax Premium on second homes and long term vacant properties</b>	Housing	Shan Lloyd Williams Head of Housing Services  Cllr Aled Morris Jones		The Executive  14 February 2017	

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20	<b>Sites on Anglesey for Gypsies and Travellers</b>  To agree the next steps.	This is a matter for the full Executive as it follows on from discussions at previous meetings of the Executive.	Housing	Shan Lloyd Williams Head of Housing Services  Cllr Aled Morris Jones		The Executive  14 February 2017	
<b>March 2017</b>							
21	<b>Annual Equality Report 2015/16</b>  Approval of report.	Social Services and Housing Portfolio Holder	Council Business	Huw Jones Head of Democratic Services  Cllr Aled Morris Jones		Delegated decision  March 2017	
22	<b>The Executive's Forward Work Programme (S)</b>  Approval of monthly update.	The approval of the full Executive is sought to strengthen forward planning and accountability.	Council Business	Huw Jones Head of Democratic Services  Cllr Ieuan Williams		The Executive  20 March 2017	
23	<b>Corporate Scorecard – Quarter 3, 2016/17 (S)</b>  Quarterly performance monitoring report.	This is a matter for the full Executive as it provides assurance of current performance across the Council.	Corporate Transformation	Scott Rowley Head of Corporate Transformation  Cllr Alwyn Rowlands	13 March 2017	The Executive  20 March 2017	

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24 <b>2016/17 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 3 (S)</b>  Quarterly financial monitoring report.	This is a matter for the full Executive as it provides assurance of current financial position across the Council.	Resources	Marc Jones Head of Function – Resources / Section 151 Officer  Cllr Hywel Eifion Jones	13 March 2017	The Executive  20 March 2017	
25 <b>Discretionary Housing Payments Policy 2017/18</b>  Report on administration of policy in 2016/17 and any recommended changes – determine policy.	There is a requirement for a collective decision by the Executive in detailing additional help towards housing costs for some benefit claimants.	Resources	Marc Jones Head of Function – Resources / Section 151 Officer  Cllr Hywel Eifion Jones		The Executive  20 March 2017	
26 <b>CSSIW Inspection of Children's Services in Anglesey</b>	The approval of the full Executive is sought since the inspection has looked at the way that a number of services provide care and support for children, young people and their carers.	Children's Services	Llyr Bryn Roberts Interim Head of Children's Services  Cllr Aled Morris Jones	13 March 2017	The Executive  20 March 2017	

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27 <b>Transformation of the Culture Service – Heritage assets</b>	The approval of the full Executive is sought with regard to the future of the heritage assets.	Learning	Delyth Molyneux Head of Learning  Cllr Kenneth P Hughes	16 February 2017	The Executive  20 March 2017	
28 <b>Childcare Sufficiency Assessment</b>  Approval.	The approval of the full Executive is sought before submitting the Assessment to Welsh Government.	Learning	Delyth Molyneux Head of Learning  Cllr Kenneth P Hughes		The Executive  20 March 2017	
29 <b>Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and Draft Budget 2017-2018</b>  Approval.	The approval of the Executive is requested on the Business Plan and capital and revenue budgets prior to submission to the Welsh Government.	Housing	Shan Lloyd Williams Head of Housing Services  Cllr Aled Morris Jones		The Executive  20 March 2017	
30 <b>Interim Homeless Strategy</b>  To approve the interim Homeless Strategy, which is a statutory strategy.		Housing	Shan Lloyd Williams Head of Housing Services  Cllr Aled Morris Jones		The Executive  20 March 2017	

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<b>April 2017</b>						
31	<b>The Executive's Forward Work Programme (S)</b>  Approval of monthly update.	The approval of the full Executive is sought to strengthen forward planning and accountability.	Council Business	Huw Jones Head of Democratic Services  Cllr Ieuan Williams		The Executive  24 April 2017
<b>June 2017</b>						
32	<b>Welsh Language Standards Annual Report</b>  Approval of report.	Portfolio holder with responsibility for the Welsh language.	Council Business	Huw Jones Head of Democratic Services  Relevant portfolio holder	To be confirmed	Delegated decision  June 2017
33	<b>The Executive's Forward Work Programme (S)</b>  Approval of monthly update.	The approval of the full Executive is sought to strengthen forward planning and accountability.	Council Business	Huw Jones Head of Democratic Services  Relevant portfolio holder		The Executive  June 2017
34	<b>Corporate Scorecard – Quarter 4, 2016/17 (S)</b>  Quarterly performance monitoring report.	This is a matter for the full Executive as it provides assurance of current performance across the Council.	Corporate Transformation	Scott Rowley Head of Corporate Transformation  Relevant portfolio holder	TBA	The Executive  June 2017

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35	<b>2016/17 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 4 (S)</b>  Quarterly financial monitoring report.	Resources	Marc Jones Head of Function – Resources / Section 151 Officer  Relevant portfolio holder	TBA	The Executive  June 2017	
<b>July 2017</b>						
36	<b>The Executive's Forward Work Programme (S)</b>  Approval of monthly update.	Council Business	Huw Jones Head of Democratic Services  Relevant portfolio holder		The Executive  July 2017	
<b>September 2017</b>						
37	<b>The Executive's Forward Work Programme (S)</b>  Approval of monthly update.	Council Business	Huw Jones Head of Democratic Services  Relevant portfolio holder		The Executive  September 2017	
38	<b>Annual Performance Report (Improvement Plan) 2016/17</b>  Approval of report and recommendation to full Council.	Corporate Transformation	Scott Rowley Head of Corporate Transformation  Relevant portfolio holder		The Executive  September 2017	September 2017

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## THE EXECUTIVE'S FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

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39	<p><b>Corporate Plan 2017 – 2022</b></p> <p>Approval of report and recommendation to full Council.</p>	Forms part of the Council's Policy Framework – a collective decision is required to make a recommendation to the full Council.	Corporate Transformation	<p>Scott Rowley Head of Corporate Transformation</p> <p>Relevant portfolio holder</p>		<p>The Executive</p> <p>September 2017</p>	September 2017
40	<p><b>Corporate Scorecard – Quarter 1, 2017/18 (S)</b></p> <p>Quarterly performance monitoring report.</p>	This is a matter for the full Executive as it provides assurance of current performance across the Council.	Corporate Transformation	<p>Scott Rowley Head of Corporate Transformation</p> <p>Relevant portfolio holder</p>	TBA	<p>The Executive</p> <p>September 2017</p>	
41	<p><b>2017/18 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 4 (S)</b></p> <p>Quarterly financial monitoring report.</p>	This is a matter for the full Executive as it provides assurance of current financial position across the Council.	Resources	<p>Marc Jones Head of Function – Resources / Section 151 Officer</p> <p>Relevant portfolio holder</p>	TBA	<p>The Executive</p> <p>September 2017</p>	

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<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Executive Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>23 January 2017</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Lowering Age of Admission at Ysgol Brynsiencyn</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	<b>Councillor Ken Hughes</b>
<b>Head of Service:</b>	<b>Delyth Molyneux</b>
<b>Report Author:</b> Tel: E-mail:	<b>Gareth Jones</b> <b>01248 752947</b> <b>dgjed@anglesey.gov.uk</b>
<b>Local Members:</b>	<b>Hywel Eifion Jones</b> <b>Victor Hughes</b>

<b>A –Recommendation/s and reason/s</b>
<p>A request was received from the Governing Body at Ysgol Brynsiencyn for the Authority to consider lowering the age of admission so as to admit pupils part time in the September following their third birthday.</p> <p>The Executive agreed, June 2016, to begin the consultation process.</p> <p>An open meeting was held at the school on 13 September 2016 to discuss the draft Consultation Document. Then the final document was prepared and consultation took place between 24 October and 4 December. The report on the consultation is attached and it can be seen on the Council’s website.</p> <p>To summarise Llanidan Community Council and the School Council were in favour of the proposal.</p> <p>Estyn stated, “that the proposal is likely to at least maintain the current standards</p>

of education in the area.” The following two matters were raised by them-

i) The Consultation Document has not identified appropriately the disadvantages to the current proposal and the potential impact on the Cylch Meithrin isn't highlighted in any detail. One can respond as follows:-

The Cylch staff did not object when a meeting was held with them on 7 September. No formal response was received but from the discussions with them they see this as an opportunity to develop their provision as they are to consider “wrap around” schemes. These are children’s care arrangements for parents before and/or after sessions for the children in the school or cylch. Also there will be no effect on the finance from the Council as there will be children within the statutory age continuing to attend the Cylch. No negative effects are foreseen on the local provision.

ii) There was has no appropriate equality impact assessment within the proposal. A negative impact on equality is not foreseen nor on pupils with special needs as they will be considered at an earlier stage of their education within the Authority’s provision and structure. The children will be school pupils and so be within the school’s Strategic Equality Plan. See Appendix 2 for the Equality Impact Assessment.

**Authority officers recommend continuing with the process by publishing a statutory order and collecting objections.**

**B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?**

The alternative option is to maintain the present arrangements but there were no objections to the proposal.

**C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?**

The change in the age range of a school is a “regulated alteration” within school reorganisation and is subject to the provisions of the School Organisation Code, 006/2013. It is a decision for the Executive Committee who are required to publish proposals on the change and to consider the responses.

**CH – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?**

Yes, as the Authority has followed the process over the last few years with other schools.

**D – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?**

Yes.

<b>DD – Who did you consult?</b>		<b>What did they say?</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Chief Executive / Strategic Leadership Team (SLT)</b> (mandatory)	
<b>2</b>	<b>Finance / Section 151</b> (mandatory)	
<b>3</b>	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer</b> (mandatory)	There is a need to complete an Equality Impact Assessment – attached, Appendix 2. There is a need to expand on the response of Cylch staff and to assess the impact of the proposal on them. This has been added to this report.
<b>4</b>	<b>Human Resources (HR)</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Property</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Information Communication Technology (ICT)</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Scrutiny</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Local Members</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Any external bodies / other/s</b>	

<b>E – Risks and any mitigation (if relevant)</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Economic</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Anti-poverty</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Crime and Disorder</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Environmental</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Equalities</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Outcome Agreements</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Other</b>

**F - Appendices:**

Report on the consultation.

**FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):**

None



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ADRODDIAD AR YR YMGYNGHORI YNGLŶN Â  
CHYNNIG I OSTWNG  
OED MYNEDIAD  
YSGOL BRYNSIENCYN  
AR  
31 AWST 2017

REPORT ON THE CONSULTATION  
REGARDING PROPOSALS TO LOWER THE  
ADMISSION AGE OF YSGOL BRYNSIENCYN  
AS FROM  
31 AUGUST 2017

## **ADRODDIAD AR YR YMGYNGHORI YNGLŶN Â CHYNNIG I OSTWNG OED MYNEDIAD YSGOL BRYNSIENCYN AR 31 AWST 2017.**

Yn ystod y cyfnod rhwng 24 Hydref a 4 Rhagfyr 2016 bu ymgynghoriad ar y cynnig canlynol -

“Y cynnig yw i ostwng oed mynediad Ysgol Brynsiencyn i dderbyn disgyblion yn rhan amser o’r mis Medi yn dilyn eu penblwydd yn 3 oed; hyn yn weithredol o 31 Awst 2017.”

Ymwelwyd gyda staff y Cylch Meithrin ar 7 Medi 2016 I drafod y cynnig a’r goblygiadau I’r Cylch Meithrin.

Trafodwyd Dogfen Ymgynghori Drafft mewn cyfarfod agored yn yr ysgol ar 13 Medi gyda 19 o bobl yn bresennol. Roedd Llywodraethwyr, staff ysgol, rhieni a staff a swyddogion Mudiad Meithrin yno’n bresennol. Yn dilyn y drafodaeth buddiol a derbyn sylwadau adeiladol cwblhawyd y ddogfen (Atodiad A)

Rhannwyd y ddogfen ymgynghori i bawb sydd â diddordeb, gan gynnwys yr Awdurdod a sicrhawyd bod copiau o’r ddogfen ymgynghori ar gael yn yr ysgol ac yn y lleoliadau nas-gynhelir perthnasol ac ar safwe Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn. Ceir rhestr o’r ymgynghoreion yn y Ddogfen Ymgynghori (Atodiad A)

### **Ymatebion.**

#### **A. Cyngor Cymuned.**

Derbyniwyd neges drwy ebost gan Gyngor Cymuned Llanidan ar 26 Hydref yn datgan cefnogaeth I’r cynnig.

#### **B. Estyn.**

Derbyniwyd ymateb drwy ebost gan Estyn ar 10 Tachwedd, gweler Atodiad B.

Ym marn Estyn, mae’r cynnig o leiaf yn debygol o gynnal y safonau addysg presennol yn yr ardal.

Mae’r ymateb yn datgan bod y cynigiwr yn nodi manteision y cynnig yn briodol ond nid yw wedi nodi anfanteision y cynnig presennol yn briodol ac nid yw’r effaith bosibl ar y Cylch Meithrin wedi’i amlygu’n fanwl. Hefyd nid oes asesiad priodol o’r effaith ar gydraddoldeb i ystyried effaith y cynnig ar grwpiau agored i niwed, gan gynnwys y rhai ag anabledd neu ddisgyblion ag anghenion addysgol arbennig.

#### **C. Cyngor Ysgol.**

Cynhaliwyd cyfarfod gyda’r Cyngor Ysgol I drafod yr ymgynghori uchod gan ddiolch iddynt am gytuno i fy nghyfarfod. Esboniwyd beth oedd y cynnig dan sylw yn ofalus iddynt gan ddatgan mae cyfle iddynt gael rhoi eu barn hwy oedd amcan y cyfarfod.

### **Trafodaeth.**

Cafwyd trafodaeth ddiddorol ac roedd yn amlwg y daethant i ddeall goblygiadau'r cynllun yn ystod y drafodaeth drwy esboniadau ac ymatebion i'w cwestiynau. Maent yn gwybod bod amseroedd sesiynau'r ysgol am newid ac roedd y cyfarfod presennol yn rhoi cyd-destun i'r newid.

Gwelwyd y buasai effaith ar yr ysgol. Buasai'r dosbarth Cyfnod Sylfaen yn gweld un grŵp o blant ychwanegol yn y prynhawn a buasai'r Adran Iau yn gweld y plant yn ystod gweithgareddau cyhoeddus yr ysgol e.e. diolchgarwch, Nadolig, Mabolgampau, tripiâu, amseroedd egwyl. Adroddodd un disgybl y buasai mwy o blant ar y gofrestr.

### Canlyniad

Roedd y Cyngor Ysgol yn unfrydol o blaid y cynnig. Materion oedd yn eu harwain at y canlyniad yma oedd-

- Buasai'r cynnig yn ehangu ar brofiadau'r plant meithrin wrth gychwyn yn yr ysgol blwyddyn yng nghynt
- Buasai'r plant yn dysgu mwy ac yn dod i ddeall mwy gydag athrawes e.e. siarad, darllen ac ysgrifennu mwy; trefn hybu darllen yr ysgol sef Reading Leaders.
- Buasai unrhyw blentyn gydag anawsterau yn cael help llaw ynghynt o fewn yr ysgol.
- Buasai'n help llaw i blant uniaith Saesneg ddod i siarad Cymraeg.
- Buasai'r cynllun newydd o gymorth i rieni gyda'u trefniadau teuluol.

Ni dderbyniwyd unrhyw sylw arall erbyn y dyddiad cau.

### Camau nesaf.

1. Bydd yr Awdurdod yn cyhoeddi'r adroddiad ar yr ymgynhori a fydd ar gael ar wefan y Cyngor.
2. Cyflwynir yr adroddiad i'r Pwyllgor Gwaith gan swyddogion yr Awdurdod ar 23 Ionawr 2017 ynghyd â argymhelliad.

## **REPORT ON THE CONSULTATION REGARDING PROPOSALS TO LOWER THE ADMISSION AGE OF YSGOL BRYNSIENCYN AS FROM 31 AUGUST 2017.**

During the period between 24 October and 4 December 2016 there was a consultation on the following proposal -

“The proposal is to lower the admission age of Ysgol Brynsiencyn to admit pupils on a part time basis from the September following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday with effect from 31 August 2017.

The staff at the local setting, the Cylch Meithrin, were visited on 7 September 2016 to discuss the proposal and the implications to the Cylch.

The Draft Consultation Document was discussed at an open meeting at the school on 13 September with 19 people present. Present were Governors, school staff, parents and staff and officers from Mudiad Meithrin. Following a valuable discussion and constructive comments the document was completed (Appendix A)

The document was provided to all interested parties, including the Authority and it was ensured that the document was available at the school and at the relevant non-maintained settings as well as on the Isle of Anglesey website. The list of consultees can be seen in the Consultation Document (Appendix A)

### **Responses.**

#### **A. Community Council**

Llanidan Community Council responded by email on 26 October expressing support for the proposal.

#### **B. Estyn**

A response was received from Estyn by email on 10 November, see Appendix B.

The response notes that , in Estyn’s opinion, the proposal is likely to at least maintain the current standards of education in the area.

The response also states that the proposer notes appropriately the advantages of the proposal but has not identified appropriately the disadvantages to the current proposal and the potential impact on the Cylch Meithrin isn’t highlighted in any detail. In addition the proposer has not undertaken an appropriate equality impact assessment to consider the impact of the proposal on vulnerable groups including those with a disability or pupils with special educational needs.

#### **C. School Council**

A meeting was held with the School Council to discuss the above consultation and they were thanked for agreeing to the meeting. The proposal was carefully explained to them and they were told that the aim of the meeting was as an opportunity for them to give their views.

### Discussion.

An interesting discussion was held and it was obvious that they came to understand the implications of the proposal during the discussion and through explanations and responses to questions. They know that school session times are to change and the present meeting gave the context for this change.

They saw that there would be an effect on the school. The Foundation Phase class would have an extra group of children in the afternoon and the Junior class would see the children during school public activities such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Sports Day, trips, break times. One pupil said there would be more children on the register.

### Result.

The School Council were unanimous in favour of the proposal. Matters that led them to this result were-

- The proposal would widen the nursery children's experiences by starting at school a year earlier.
- The children would learn more and come to understand more with a teacher e.g. speaking, reading and writing more; the school's way of promoting reading - Reading Leaders.
- Any child with difficulties would receive help earlier within the school.
- It would be of help to English speaking children to come to speak Welsh.
- The new plan would be of help to parents with family arrangements.

No other comments were received by the closing date.

### Next steps.

1. The Authority will publish a report on the consultation which will be available on the Isle of Anglesey web site.

2. Authority officers will present the report to the Executive Committee on 23 January 2017 along with a recommendation.



## **Atodiad A Y Ddogfen Ymgynghori.**

### **DOGFEN YMGYNGHORI YNGLŶN Â CHYNNIG I OSTWNG OED MYNEDIAD YSGOL BRYNSIENCYN AR 31 AWST 2017**

#### **Cyflwyniad -**

Yn dilyn derbyn cais gan Corff Llywodraethu Ysgol Brynsiencyn, mae'r Awdurdod yn ymgynghori ar y cynnig i ostwng oed mynediad Ysgol Brynsiencyn i dderbyn disgyblion yn rhan amser o'r mis Medi yn dilyn eu penblwydd yn 3 oed; hyn yn weithredol o 31 Awst 2017.

Ar hyn o bryd mae Ysgol Brynsiencyn yn derbyn plant yn llawn amser yn y Medi yn dilyn eu pen-blwydd yn 4 oed. Mae'r ysgol yn un o 6 ysgol gynradd gyda'r polisi yma. Mae'r 41 ysgol gynradd arall yn derbyn plant yn rhan amser yn dilyn eu pen-blwydd yn 3 oed.

Mae newid ystod oedran ysgol yn "newidiad a reoleiddir" o fewn trefn ail strwythuro ysgolion ac o fewn gofynion Cod Trefniadaeth Ysgolion, 006/2013. Penderfyniad i'r Pwyllgor Gwaith yw hyn ac mae angen iddynt gyhoeddi cynigion ar y newid gan ystyried yr ymatebion.

Cyn bwrw ymlaen â'u cynigion mae'r Awdurdod am geisio barn pawb sy'n debygol o fod â buddiant yn y cynnig fel y gellir ystyried eu barn cyn gwneud penderfyniad.

Bydd y broses ar gyfer cynnal ymgynghoriad yn cynnwys

- cysylltu a darparu copi o'r ymgynghoriad hwn i bawb sydd â diddordeb, gan gynnwys yr Awdurdod, fel sydd wedi eu rhestru yn Atodiad 1.
- cynnal cyfarfod i bawb sydd â diddordeb ar Ddydd Mawrth, 13 Medi, 2016 am 6.30 yr hwyr yn yr ysgol.
- sicrhau bod copiau o'r ddogfen ymgynghori ar gael yn yr ysgol, yn y lleoliadau nas-gynhelir perthnasol ac ar safwe Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn
- cyflwyno safbwyntiau gan bawb sydd â diddordeb mewn ysgrifen i:

Mr Gareth Jones  
Swyddog Addysg  
Adran Dysgu Gydol Oes  
Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn  
Swyddfeydd y Cyngor  
Llangefni  
Ynys Môn  
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Rhaid i'r holl sylwadau gyrraedd

**dim hwyrach na hanner dydd Dydd Llun, 4 Rhagfyr 2016.**

- Cynnal cyfarfod gyda'r Cyngor Ysgol i drafod eu barn ar y cynnig

### Cefndir

Os y daw'r cynnig i rym fe all Ysgol Brynsiencyn ddenu disgyblion yn y dyfodol buasai wedi mynychu ysgolion eraill yn yr ardal sydd gyda darpariaeth i blant 3 oed. Yn achos Ysgol Brynsiencyn mae'r ysgolion canlynol yn ardal yr ysgol - Ysgol Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, Ysgol Y Borth, Ysgol Esceifiog, Ysgol Dwyran ac Ysgol Parc y Bont.

Manylion perthnasol yr ysgolion gan gynnwys Ysgol Brynsiencyn yw-

<b>Manylion</b>	<b>Ysgol Llanfairpwllgwyngyll</b>	<b>Ysgol Y Borth</b>	<b>Ysgol Esceifiog</b>	<b>Ysgol Dwyran</b>	<b>Ysgol Parc y Bont</b>	<b>Ysgol Brynsiencyn</b>
Lleoliad	YSGOL LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLL  Llanfairpwll, Ynys Môn LL61 5TX	YSGOL Y BORTH  Porthaethwy, Ynys Môn LL59 5DS	YSGOL ESCEIFIOG  Gaerwen, Ynys Môn LL60 6DD	YSGOL DWYRAN  Dwyran, Ynys Môn LL61 6AQ	YSGOL PARC Y BONT  Llanddaniel, Ynys Môn LL60 6HB	YSGOL BRYNSIENCYN  Brynsiencyn, Llanfairpwll LL61 6HZ
Categori	Ysgol Gymunedol i ddisgyblion 3 – 11 oed	Ysgol Gymunedol i ddisgyblion 3 – 11 oed	Ysgol Gymunedol i ddisgyblion 3 – 11 oed	Ysgol Gymunedol i ddisgyblion 3 – 11 oed	Ysgol Gymunedol i ddisgyblion 3 – 11 oed	Ysgol Gymunedol i ddisgyblion 4 – 11 oed
Iaith	Dwyieithog	Dwyieithog	Dwyieithog	Dwyieithog	Dwyieithog	Dwyieithog
Capasiti	322	199	124	78	93	79
Rhif mynediad i ddisgyblion rhan amser	46	19	17	11	12	Dim yn berthnasol

Rhif mynediad i ddisgyblion llawn amser	46	28	17	11	13	11
Nifer disgyblion rhan amser ar y gofrestr ym Medi	2016 - 46 2015 - 44 2014 - 0 2013 - 0 2012 - 0 2011 - 0 2010 - 0	2016 - 32 2015 - 32 2014 - 32 2013 - 28 2012 - 29 2011 - 0 2010 - 0	2016 - 23 2015 - 23 2014 - 18 2013 - 12 2012 - 21 2011 - 18 2010 - 0	2016 - 3 2015 - 6 2014 - 5 2013 - 8 2012 - 0 2011 - 0 2010 - 0	2016 - 13 2015 - 12 2014 - 14 2013 - 12 2012 - 17 2011 - 9 2010 - 16	Dim yn berthnasol
Nifer disgyblion llawn amser ar y gofrestr ym Medi	2016 - 321 2015 - 303 2014 - 307 2013 - 291 2012 - 291 2011 - 294 2010 - 283	2016 - 207 2015 - 195 2014 - 186 2013 - 177 2012 - 183 2011 - 187 2010 - 179	2016 - 120 2015 - 106 2014 - 97 2013 - 99 2012 - 88 2011 - 82 2010 - 79	2016 - 38 2015 - 39 2014 - 35 2013 - 27 2012 - 28 2011 - 35 2010 - 37	2016 - 97 2015 - 98 2014 - 90 2013 - 89 2012 - 88 2011 - 85 2010 - 75	2016 - 42 2015 - 44 2014 - 50 2013 - 48 2012 - 40 2011 - 49 2010 - 51
Rhagamcan niferoedd cyfanswm disgyblion	2017 - 368 2018 - 364 2019 - 374 2020 - 372	2017 - 250 2018 - 254 2019 - 265 2020 - 265	2017 - 151 2018 - 157 2019 - 151 2020 - 157	2017 - 37 2018 - 39 2019 - 40 2020 - 40	2017 - 116 2018 - 114 2019 - 118 2020 - 118	2017 - 45 2018 - 42 2019 - 39 2020 - 40
Cyflwr yr adeilad fel yr aseswyd yn 09/10 gan EC Harris ar ran Llywodraeth Cymru	<b>B</b> <b>Boddhaol</b>	<b>B</b> <b>Boddhaol</b>	<b>B</b> <b>Boddhaol</b>	<b>B</b> <b>Boddhaol</b>	<b>B</b> <b>Boddhaol</b>	<b>B</b> <b>Boddhaol</b>

Mae'n ofynnol i'r ysgol a'r Cylch weithredu o fewn Polisi Iaith yr Awdurdod ond ni buasai effaith negyddol ar ddarpariaeth y Gymraeg ond yn hytrach buasai effaith positif gan yr addysgu'r disgyblion o fewn Polisi Iaith yr ysgolion.

Pe byddai'r bwriad i dderbyn disgyblion 3 oed i'r ysgol yn rhan amser yn cael ei wireddu rhagwelir y byddai'r disgyblion meithrin yn cael eu derbyn pob prynhawn ac yn cael eu addysgu o fewn y dosbarth Cyfnod Sylfaen. Ysgol Brynsiencyn buasai'r darparwyr lleol i blant o'r mis Medi yn dilyn eu pen-blwydd yn 3 oed.

Y cylch gwirfoddol fyddai yn parhau i ddarparu addysg blynyddoedd cynnar i blant hyd at y Medi yn dilyn eu 3ydd penblwydd.

Byddai'r cylch gwirfoddol yn derbyn plant unwaith y byddent yn 2.5 mlwydd oed. Ar hyn o bryd mae gan y cylch 12 o blant wedi cychwyn ym mis Medi 2016. Mae'r cylch yn derbyn y plant yma am 4 bore yr wythnos.

O dderbyn y cynnig buasai'r plant newydd yn dod yn rhan o'r ysgol a buasai'r Corff Llywodraethol yn atebol i'r Awdurdod am y safonau a'r ddarpariaeth a buasai'r plant yn destun holl bolisiau a gweithdrefnau'r ysgol.

Mae'r tabl isod yn gosod allan barnau adroddiad diweddar Estyn am yr ysgol a'r cylch.

<b><u>Agwedd</u></b>	<b>Ysgol</b> <b>Brynsiencyn</b> <b>Dyddiad –</b> <b>Mehefin 2012</b>	<b>Cylch</b> <b>Brynsiencyn</b> <b>Dyddiad –</b> <b>Gorffennaf 2014</b>
<i><u>Cwestiwn Allweddol 1: Pa mor dda yw'r deilliannau?</u></i>	<b>DA</b>	<b>Dim yn berthnasol</b>
Safonau:	<b>DA</b>	<b>Dim yn berthnasol</b>
Lles:	<b>DA</b>	<b>Dim yn berthnasol</b>
<i><u>Cwestiwn Allweddol 2: Pa mor dda yw'r ddarpariaeth?</u></i>	<b>DA</b>	<b>DA</b>
Profiadau dysgu:	<b>DIGONOL</b>	<b>DA</b>
Addysgu:	<b>DA</b>	<b>DA</b>
Gofal, cymorth ac arweiniad:	<b>DA</b>	<b>DA</b>
Amgylchedd dysgu:	<b>DA</b>	<b>DA</b>
<i><u>Cwestiwn Allweddol 3: Pa mor dda yw'r arweinyddiaeth a'r rheolaeth?</u></i>	<b>DIGONOL</b>	<b>DA</b>
Arweinyddiaeth:	<b>DIGONOL</b>	<b>DA</b>
Gwella ansawdd:	<b>DIGONOL</b>	<b>DA</b>

Gweithio mewn partneriaeth:	<b>DA</b>	<b>DA</b>
Rheoli adnoddau:	<b>DA</b>	<b>DA</b>
<b>Perfformiad cyfredol yr ysgol / cylch</b>	<b>DA</b>	<b>DA</b>
<b>Rhagolygon gwella'r ysgol / cylch</b>	<b>DIGONOL</b>	<b>DA</b>

### Y Cynnig –

Y cynnig yw i ostwng oed mynediad Ysgol Brynsiencyn i dderbyn disgyblion i'r ysgol ar sail rhan amser o'r Medi yn dilyn eu 3ydd penblwydd o 31 Awst 2017 ymlaen.

Ar hyn o bryd Cylch Meithrin Brynsiencyn sy'n darparu addysg blynyddoedd cynnar yn yr ardal o ddechrau'r tymor yn dilyn y 3ydd penblwydd i'r Medi yn dilyn y 4ydd penblwydd. Mae'r Cylch Meithrin yn cyfarfod yn yr ysgol. Mae'r Cylch yn cyfarfod am 4 bore, 8.45 – 11.15.

Ar hyn o bryd mae 5 o blant oedd yn 3 oed ar 1 Medi 2016, a 7 o blant oedd dan 3 oed ar 1 Medi 2016 yn mynychu Cylch Meithrin Brynsiencyn. Rhagwelir 5 o blant a fydd yn 3 oed erbyn 1 Medi 2017.

Derbynnir disgyblion i Ysgol Brynsiencyn yn llawn amser yn y Medi yn dilyn eu 4ydd penblwydd. Ym mis Medi 2016 roedd 42 o ddisgyblion yn Ysgol Brynsiencyn ac fe'i addysgir mewn 3 dosbarth yn y bore a 2 dosbarth yn y prynhawn -

<b><u>Dosbarth</u></b>	<b><u>Oedran</u></b>	<b><u>Nifer disgyblion</u></b>
1	Cyfnod Sylfaen (D, 1 a 2)	18
2 - bore	Cyfnod Allweddol 2 – Blwyddyn 3 a 4	13
3 - bore	Cyfnod Allweddol 2 – Blwyddyn 5 a 6	11
4 - prynhawn	Cyfnod Allweddol 2 – Blynyddoedd 3, 4,	24

	5 a 6.	
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Y cylch gwirfoddol fyddai yn parhau i ddarparu addysg blynyddoedd cynnar i blant hyd at y Medi yn dilyn eu 3ydd penblwydd.

Byddai'r cylch gwirfoddol yn derbyn plant unwaith y byddent yn 2.5 mlwydd oed.

Yn nhermau cyllid buasai'r ysgol yn derbyn cyllid ychwanegol drwy fformiwla'r Awdurdod yn seiliedig ar niferoedd y disgyblion rhan amser ychwanegol wedi eu cofrestru yn yr ysgol. Buasai hyn yn cyllido unrhyw staff addysgu ychwanegol sef chymorthyddion Cyfnod Sylfaen yn unol â rheoliadau statudol.

Buasai'r cylch yn parhau i dderbyn cyfraniad tuag at eu costau cynnal. Mae'r Cylch eisoes yn ystyried Cynllun Busnes pe bae'r cynnig yn cael ei dderbyn.

Ni ostyngir safonau addysgol ond rhagwelir gwelliant gan yr addysgir y plant gan athrawes cymwysedig o dan arweiniad pennaeth yr ysgol ac yn atebol i Gorff Llywodraethol yr ysgol.

### **Y Broses Statudol.**

Mae'r broses ymgynghori o fewn gofynion Cod Trefniadaeth Ysgolion, rhif y ddogfen 006/2013.

Yn dilyn diwedd yr ymgynghori, 4.12.2016, bydd yr Awdurdod yn cyhoeddi adroddiad ar yr ymgynghori a fydd ar gael ar wefan y Cyngor.

Cyflwynir yr adroddiad i'r Pwyllgor Gwaith gan swyddogion yr Awdurdod ym mis Ionawr 2017 ynghyd â argymhelliad.

Os mai parhau gyda'r cynnig yw'r argymhelliad a bod y Pwyllgor Gwaith yn derbyn hyn yna cyhoeddir Hysbysiad Statudol a chychwynir ar gyfnod i wrthwynebu 28 diwrnod. Cyhoeddir adroddiad ar y safbwyntiau adroddwyd i'r Awdurdod a fydd ar gael ar safwe'r Cyngor Sir.

Cyflwynir yr adroddiad i'r Pwyllgor Gwaith ym mis Ebrill / Mai 2017 ynghyd â argymhelliad terfynol.

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### **Ffurflen Ymateb**

Atodir ffurflen ymateb i'r ddogfen ymgynghori hwn ar gyfer cyflwyno

sylwadau, gan gynnwys cyfle i ymgynghoreion nodi eu dymuniad i gael gwybod pan gaiff yr adroddiad ar yr ymgynghoriad ei gyhoeddi.

## **Appendix A The Consultation Document**

### **CONSULTATION DOCUMENT REGARDING PROPOSALS TO LOWER THE ADMISSION AGE OF YSGOL BRYNSIENCYN AS FROM 31 AUGUST 2017**

#### **Introduction –**

This consultation is on a proposal by the Education Authority , following a request by the Governing Body of Ysgol Brynsiencyn , to lower the admission age of Ysgol Brynsiencyn to admit pupils on a part time basis from the September following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday with effect from 31 August 2017.

Ysgol Brynsiencyn admits children full time in the September following their fourth birthday. The school is one of 6 schools with this policy. The other 41 primary schools admit children part time in the September following their third birthday.

The change in the age range of a school is a “regulated alteration” within school reorganisation and is subject to the provisions of the School Organisation Code, 006/2013. It is a decision for the Executive Committee who are required to publish proposals on the change and to consider the responses.

Before moving forward with its proposals, the Authority wishes to seek the views of all those with a likely interest in the proposal so that their views can be taken into account before decisions are made.

This consultation process will consist of

- contacting and providing a copy of this consultation document to all interested parties, including the Authority, who are listed in Appendix 1
- holding a meeting for interested parties on Tuesday, 13 September, 2016 at 6.30 pm at the school.
- making copies available of this consultation document at the school, at the relevant non-maintained settings and on the Isle of Anglesey website.
- submission of views by interested parties in writing to:

Gareth Jones  
Education Officer  
Lifelong Learning Department  
Isle of Anglesey County Council  
Council Offices  
Llangefni  
Ynys Môn  
LL77 7TW



or you can e-mail: [dgjed@anglesey.gov.uk](mailto:dgjed@anglesey.gov.uk)

All views must be received by

**no later than midday Monday, 4 December 2016.**

- holding a meeting with the School Council to discuss their views on the proposal

## Background

If the proposal were to be implemented Ysgol Brynsiencyn may well attract future 3 year old pupils who may have attended other schools with existing 3 year old provision in the immediate area. In the case of Ysgol Brynsiencyn the schools in the immediate area are Ysgol Llanfairpwllgwyngyll , Ysgol Y Borth, Ysgol Esceifiog, Ysgol Dwyran and Ysgol Parc y Bont.

The relevant details of the schools including Ysgol Brynsiencyn are-

Details	Ysgol Llanfairpwll	Ysgol y Borth	Ysgol Esceifiog	Ysgol Dwyran	Ysgol Parc y Bont	Ysgol Brynsiencyn
Location	YSGOL LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLL Llanfairpwll, Ynys Môn LL61 5TX	YSGOL Y BORTH Porthaethwy, Ynys Môn LL59 5DS	YSGOL ESCEIFIOG Gaerwen, Ynys Môn LL60 6DD	YSGOL DWYRAN Dwyran, Ynys Môn LL61 6AQ	YSGOL PARC Y BONT Llanddaniel, Ynys Môn LL60 6HB	YSGOL BRYNSIENCYN Brynsiencyn, Llanfairpwll LL61 6HZ
Category	Community school for 4-11 year olds	Community school for 3-11 year olds	Community school for 3-11 year olds	Community school for 3-11 year olds	Community school for 3-11 year olds	Community school for 4-11 year olds
Language	Bilingual	Bilingual	Bilingual	Bilingual	Bilingual	Bilingual
Capacity	322	199	124	78	93	79
Admission number for part time pupils	46	19	17	11	12	Not relevant
Admission number for full time	46	28	17	11	13	11

pupils						
Number of part time pupils on roll as in January	2016 - 46 2015 - 44 2014 - 0 2013 - 0 2012 - 0 2011 - 0 2010 - 0	2016 - 32 2015 - 32 2014 - 32 2013 - 28 2012 - 29 2011 - 0 2010 - 0	2016 - 23 2015 - 23 2014 - 18 2013 - 12 2012 - 21 2011 - 18 2010 - 0	2016 - 3 2015 - 6 2014 - 5 2013 - 8 2012 - 0 2011 - 0 2010 - 0	2016 - 13 2015 - 12 2014 - 14 2013 - 12 2012 - 17 2011 - 9 2010 - 16	Not relevant.
Number of full time pupils on roll as in January	2016 - 321 2015 - 303 2014 - 307 2013 - 291 2012 - 291 2011 - 294 2010 - 283	2016 - 207 2015 - 195 2014 - 186 2013 - 177 2012 - 183 2011 - 187 2010 - 179	2016 - 120 2015 - 106 2014 - 97 2013 - 99 2012 - 88 2011 - 82 2010 - 79	2016 - 38 2015 - 39 2014 - 35 2013 - 27 2012 - 28 2011 - 35 2010 - 37	2016 - 97 2015 - 98 2014 - 90 2013 - 89 2012 - 88 2011 - 85 2010 - 75	2016 - 42 2015 - 44 2014 - 50 2013 - 48 2012 - 40 2011 - 49 2010 - 51
Total pupil number forecasts	2017 - 368 2018 - 364 2019 - 374 2020 - 372	2017 - 250 2018 - 254 2019 - 265 2020 - 265	2017 - 151 2018 - 157 2019 - 151 2020 - 157	2017 - 37 2018 - 39 2019 - 40 2020 - 40	2017 - 116 2018 - 114 2019 - 118 2020 - 118	2017 - 45 2018 - 42 2019 - 39 2020 - 40
Condition of school building as measured by survey in EC Harris, 09/10 on behalf of Welsh Government	<b>B</b> <b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>B</b> <b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>B</b> <b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>B</b> <b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>B</b> <b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>B</b> <b>Satisfactory</b>

Both the school and the Cylch are required to operate within the Authority's Welsh Language Policy and Welsh Language provision would not be diminished but would be enhanced as the pupils would be taught according to the Welsh Language Policy for schools.

If the proposal to admit 3 year olds to the school on a part time basis is implemented it is foreseen that the nursery pupils would be admitted every afternoon and educated within the Foundation Phase class. Ysgol Brynsiencyn would be the local providers for children from the September following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Early Years education up to the September following the 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday would still be provided by Cylch Meithrin Brynsiencyn.

The Cylch Meithrin would accept pupils once they are 2.5 years old. At present the Cylch has 12 children who started in September 2016. The Cylch admits these children for 4 mornings a week.

If the proposal were to be implemented the new children would become a part of the school and the Governing Body would be answerable to the Authority for the standards and provision and the children would be subject to all of the school's policies and procedures.

The table below sets out the judgements within the last available Estyn report for the school and the Cylch.

<b><u>Aspect</u></b>	<b>Ysgol Brynsiencyn</b>	<b>Cylch Brynsiencyn</b>
	<b>Date June 2012</b>	<b>Date July 2014</b>
<i><u>Key Question 1: How good are the outcomes?</u></i>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
Standards	<b>Good</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
Wellbeing	<b>Good</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<i><u>Key Question 2: How good is provision?</u></i>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Good</b>
Learning Experiences	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Good</b>
Teaching	<b>Good</b>	<b>Good</b>
Care, support and guidance	<b>Good</b>	<b>Good</b>
Learning environment	<b>Good</b>	<b>Good</b>
<i><u>Key Question 3: How good are leadership and management?</u></i>	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Good</b>
Leadership	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Good</b>
Improving Quality:	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Good</b>
Partnership working	<b>Good</b>	<b>Good</b>
Resource management	<b>Good</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>The school's / Cylch's current</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Good</b>

<b>performance</b>		
<b>The school's / Cylch's prospects for improvement</b>	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Good</b>

**The proposal –**

The proposal is to lower the admission age of Ysgol Brynsiencyn to admit pupils on a part time basis from the September following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday with effect from 31 August 2017.

Cylch Meithrin Brynsiencyn are the current providers of early years education in the area from the beginning of term following the 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday to the September following the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. Cylch Meithrin Brynsiencyn meets in the school. The Cylch meets for four mornings a week, 8.45 – 11.15..

There are currently 5 pupils who had achieved their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday by 1 September 2016, and 7 pupils who had not achieved their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 attending Cylch Meithrin Brynsiencyn. It is foreseen that 5 pupils will be 3 years old by September 2017.

Pupils are admitted to Ysgol Brynsiencyn on a full time basis in the September following their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. In September 2016 there were 42 pupils on roll who are taught in 3 classes in the morning and 2 classes in the afternoon -

<u>Class</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Number of Pupils</u>
1	Foundation Phase (Years R, 1 and 2)	18
2 - morning	Key Stage 2 - Years 3 and 4	13
3 - morning	Key Stage 2 – Years 5 and 6	11
4 - afternoon	Key Stage 2 – Years 3, 4 , 5 and 6.	24

Early Years education up to the September following the 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday would still be provided by Cylch Meithrin Brynsiencyn.

The Cylch Meithrin would accept pupils once they are 2.5 years old.

In terms of funding the school would receive additional funding through the Authority's formula based on the number of additional part time pupils registered at the school. This would provide for any additional staff in terms of Foundation Phase assistants in accordance to statutory guidelines.

The Cylch would continue to receive a contribution towards running costs. The Cylch have already started to consider a Business Plan should the proposal be implemented.

Educational standards would not decrease and are expected to rise as the pupils would be taught by a qualified teacher under the direction of the head teacher and answerable to the school's Governing Body.

### **The statutory process**

The consultation process is subject to the requirements of the School Organisation Code, document number 006/2013.

Following the end of this consultation, 4.12.16, the Authority will publish a report on the consultation which will be available on the Isle of Anglesey web site.

Authority officers will then present the report to the Executive Committee in January 2017 along with a recommendation.

If the recommendation is to continue with the proposal and this is accepted by the Executive Committee then a statutory notice will be issued and a 28 day period to receive objections will begin. A report will be published on the views expressed to the Authority and will be available on the Isle of Anglesey web site.

Authority officers will then present the report to the Executive Committee in April/May 2017 along with a final recommendation.

### **Response Pro-forma**

A response pro-forma for comments, including an opportunity for consultees to register their wish to be notified of publication of the consultation report, is attached to the consultation document.



**CYNGOR SIR  
YNYS MÔN  
ISLE OF ANGLESEY  
COUNTY COUNCIL**

YMGYNGHORI YNGLŶN Â CHYNNIG I OSTWNG OED MYNEDIAD  
YSGOL BRYNSIENCYN  
AR 31 AWST 2017

CONSULTATION REGARDING PROPOSALS TO LOWER THE ADMISSION AGE OF YSGOL  
BRYNSIENCYN  
AS FROM 31 AUGUST 2017

### **Ffurflen Sylwadau / Feedback Form**

Mae'r Cyngor Sir yn awyddus i glywed eich barn chi. Rhowch eich sylwadau inni ar y cynnig i ostwng oed mynediad Ysgol Brynsiencyn os gwelwch yn dda.

*The County Council is keen to hear your opinion. Please send us your comments on the proposal to lower the age of admission at Ysgol Brynsiencyn*

#### **1..Ydych chi'n cytuno gyda'r cynnig?**

**1..Do you agree with the proposal?**

**2. A oes unrhyw faterion yr hoffech dynnu eich sylw atynt? 2. Are there any matters to which you wish to draw our attention?**

3. Mae'n ddewisol os ydych chi eisiau rhoi eich manylion isod. 3. *It is optional if you want to enter your details below.*

Llofnod / *Signature*

Printiwch eich Enw / *Print your name*

Cyfeiriad / *Address*

Swydd / Categori'r Ymatebydd (e.e. staff ysgol, rhiant, llywodraethwr, arall)  
Post / Respondent's category (e.g. staff member, parent, governor, other)

Côd Post / Postcode

Dyddiad / Date

**Oni bai eich bod yn nodi'n wahanol, bydd eich sylwadau yn agored i'r cyhoedd fel rhan o gofnodion ffurfiol yr ymgynghoriad.**

***Unless otherwise noted, your comments will be open to the public as part of the official records of this consultation.***

Dychwelwch unrhyw sylwadau at / Return any comments to:

Mr Gareth Jones  
Swyddog Addysg / Education Officer  
Adran Dysgu Gydol Oes / Lifelong Learning Department  
Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn / Isle of Anglesey County Council  
Swyddfeydd y Cyngor / Council Offices  
Llangefni  
Ynys Môn  
LL77 7TW

[dgjed@ynysmon.gov.uk](mailto:dgjed@ynysmon.gov.uk)

Mae croeso i chi ddanfôn unrhyw sylwadau neu gwestiynau at Mr Gareth Jones hyd at 4.12.16

*You are welcome to send any comments or questions to Mr Gareth Jones up to 4.12.16*

### **Atodiad 1 / Appendix 1.**

Rhestr o ymgynghoreion i dderbyn copi o'r Ddogfen Ymgynghorol.

List of consultees to receive a copy of the Consultation document

<b>Cyrff / Bodies</b>
Cadeirydd / Chair Ysgol Brynsiencyn
Cadeirydd / Chair Ysgol Y Borth
Cadeirydd / Chair Ysgol Esceifiog

Cadeirydd Ysgol / Chair Parc y Bont
Cadeirydd / Chair Ysgol Llanfairpwll
Cadeirydd / Chair Ysgol Dwyran
Cadeirydd / Chair Ysgol David Hughes
Cadeirydd / Chair Cylch Meithrin Brynsiencyn
Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau Llywodreth Cymru  Minister for Education and Skills Welsh Government
AS / MP Albert Owen
AC / AM Rhun ap Iorwerth
Prif Arolygydd / Chief Inspector Estyn
Aelodau Fforwm Undebau / Union Forum Members
Cadeirydd Consortiwm Addysg Gogledd Cymru  Chair North Wales Education Consortium
Prif Weithredwr / Chief Executive GwE
Comisiynydd Heddlu a Throsedd Gogledd Cymru  North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner
Cyngorau Cymuned / Community Councils –  Cyngor Bro Llanidan Mr M E Jones 5 Plas Hen Llanddaniel Fab Gaerwen Ynys Môn LL60 6HW
Cynghorwyr Sir / County Councillors-



Hywel Eifion Jones
Victor Hughes
Cymdeithas Darparwyr Cyn-ysgol Cymru Wales Pre-school Providers Association (WPPA)
Mudiad Meithrin (MM)
Partneriaeth Môn a Gwynedd Partnership

## **Atodiad B Ymateb Estyn.**

### **Ymateb Estyn i'r cynnig i ostwng oedran derbyn Ysgol Brynsiencyn o 31 Awst 2017**

Paratowyd yr adroddiad hwn gan Arolygwyr Ei Mawrhydi dros Addysg a Hyfforddiant yng Nghymru.

O dan delerau Deddf Safonau a Threfniadaeth Ysgolion (Cymru) 2013 a'i Chod cysylltiedig, mae'n ofynnol i gynigwyr anfon dogfennau ymgynghori i Estyn. Fodd bynnag, nid yw Estyn yn gorff y mae'n ofynnol iddo weithredu yn unol â'r Cod ac nid yw'r Ddeddf yn gosod unrhyw ofynion statudol ar Estyn o ran materion trefniadaeth ysgolion. Felly, fel corff yr ymgynghorir ag ef, bydd Estyn yn rhoi eu barn ar rinweddau cyffredinol cynigion trefniadaeth ysgolion yn unig.

Mae Estyn wedi ystyried yr agweddau addysgol ar y cynnig ac mae wedi llunio'r ymateb canlynol i'r wybodaeth a ddarparwyd gan y cynigiwr, a gwybodaeth ychwanegol arall fel data gan Lywodraeth Cymru a barnau'r Consortia Rhanbarthol sy'n darparu gwasanaethau gwella ysgolion i'r ysgolion yn y cynnig.

### **Cyflwyniad**

Mae'r cynnig gan Gyngor Sir Ynys Môn.

Y cynnig yw gostwng oedran derbyn Ysgol Brynsiencyn o 31 Awst 2017.

### **Crynodeb**

Mae'r cynnig gan Gyngor Sir Ynys Môn yn ymateb i gais a wnaed gan gorff llywodraethol Ysgol Brynsiencyn i ostwng oedran derbyn yr ysgol a derbyn disgyblion yn rhan-amser o 31 Awst 2017 ymlaen.

Ym marn Estyn, mae'r cynnig o leiaf yn debygol o gynnal y safonau addysg presennol yn yr ardal.

### **Disgrifiad a manteision**

Mae'r awdurdod lleol wedi rhoi rhesymwaith priodol dros y manteision disgwylidig arfaethedig o gymharu â'r sefyllfa sydd ohoni. Mae'r cynnig yn diffinio manteision disgwylidig y cynnig yn ddigonol ac mae'r rhain yn cysylltu'n briodol â'r diben a'r rhesymwaith datganedig. Mae'r awdurdod lleol wedi darparu tystiolaeth addas i ddangos sut mae'r cynllun o leiaf yn debygol o gynnal safon yr addysg yn yr ardal. Mae'r cynigiwr yn nodi manteision y cynnig yn briodol ond nid yw wedi nodi anfanteision y cynnig presennol yn briodol ac nid yw'r effaith bosibl ar y Cylch Meithrin wedi'i amlygu'n fanwl. Mae'r cynigiwr wedi dangos yn briodol sut bydd y cynnig yn effeithio ar leoedd dros ben yn Ysgol Brynsiencyn. Nod y cynnig yw gostwng nifer arfaethedig y lleoedd dros ben trwy dderbyn pum disgybl rhan-amser a fydd yn dair oed erbyn Medi 2017, ar sail rhagolygon derbyn presennol.

Mae'r ysgol a Chylch Meithrin Brynsiencyn yn lleol yn dilyn Polisi Iaith Gymraeg yr awdurdod lleol. Mae'r cynigiwr yn haeru y byddai'r trefniadau newydd yn ategu darpariaeth well ar gyfer y Gymraeg gan fod yn rhaid i Ysgol Brynsiencyn addysgu disgyblion yn unol â'r polisi iaith ar gyfer ysgolion.

Mae'r cynigiwr wedi ystyried deilliannau adroddiadau arolygu mwyaf diweddar Estyn ar gyfer Ysgol Brynsiencyn a Chylch Meithrin Brynsiencyn yn briodol ac mae'n haeru'n rhesymol na fyddai'r cynnig yn effeithio'n anffafriol ar y safonau presennol yn yr ysgol.

Nid yw'r cynigiwr wedi cynnal asesiad priodol o'r effaith ar gydraddoldeb i ystyried effaith y cynnig ar grwpiau agored i niwed, gan gynnwys y rhai ag anabledd neu ddisgyblion ag anghenion addysgol arbennig.

## **Appendix B Estyn's response.**

### **Estyn response to the proposal to lower the admission age of Ysgol Brynsiencyn as from 31 August 2017**

This report has been prepared by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Education and Training in Wales.

Under the terms of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and its associated Code, proposers are required to send consultation documents to Estyn. However, Estyn is not a body which is required to act in accordance with the Code and the Act places no statutory requirements on Estyn in respect of school organisation matters. Therefore as a body being consulted, Estyn will provide their opinion only on the overall merits of school organisation proposals.

Estyn has considered the educational aspects of the proposal and has produced the following response to the information provided by the proposer and other additional information such as data from Welsh Government and the views of the Regional Consortia which deliver school improvement services to the schools within the proposal.

#### **Introduction**

The proposal is by Isle of Anglesey County Council.

The proposal is to lower the admission age of Ysgol Brynsiencyn as from 31 August 2017.

#### **Summary**

The proposal by Isle of Anglesey County Council is in response to a request made by the governing body of Ysgol Brynsiencyn to lower the admission age of the school to admit pupils on a part time basis from 31 August 2017.

It is Estyn's opinion that the proposal is likely to at least maintain the current standards of education in the area.

#### **Description and benefits**

The local authority has given an appropriate rationale for the proposed expected benefits when compared with the status quo. The proposal adequately defines the expected benefits of the proposal and these link appropriately to the stated purpose and rationale. The local authority has provided suitable evidence to show how the plan is likely to at least maintain the standard of education in the area.

The proposer notes appropriately the advantages of the proposal but has not identified appropriately the disadvantages to the current proposal and the potential impact on the Cylch Meithrin isn't highlighted in any detail. The proposer has

appropriately shown how the proposal will affect surplus places at Ysgol Brynsiencyn. The proposal aims to reduce the projected number of surplus places by admitting five part time pupils who will be three years old by September 2017, based on current admission forecasts.

Both the school and the local Cylch Meithrin Brynsiencyn adhere to the local authority's Welsh Language Policy. The proposer maintains that the new arrangements would support improved provision for the Welsh language as Ysgol Brynsiencyn has to teach pupils in accordance with the Welsh language policy for schools.

The proposer has considered appropriately the outcomes of the most recent Estyn inspection reports for both Ysgol Brynsiencyn and Cylch Meithrin Brynsiencyn and asserts reasonably that the proposal would not impact unfavourably on the current standards at the school.

The proposer has not undertaken an appropriate equality impact assessment to consider the impact of the proposal on vulnerable groups including those with a disability or pupils with special educational needs.

Appendix 2.



**ASESIAD EFFAITH CYDRADDOLDEB YNGLŶN Â CHYNNIG I OSTWNG OED  
MYNEDIAD YSGOL BRYNSIENCYN AR 31 AWST 2017**

***EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGARDING PROPOSALS TO LOWER THE  
ADMISSION AGE OF YSGOL BRYNSIENCYN AS FROM 31 AUGUST 2017***

## **1. BACKGROUND**

During the period between 24 October and 4 December 2016 there was a consultation on the following proposal -

“The proposal is to lower the admission age of Ysgol Brynsiencyn to admit pupils on a part time basis from the September following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday with effect from 31 August 2017.

The staff at the local setting, the Cylch Meithrin, were visited on 7 September 2016 to discuss the proposal and the implications to the Cylch.

The Draft Consultation Document was discussed at an open meeting at the school on 13 September with 19 people present. Present were Governors, school staff, parents and staff and officers from Mudiad Meithrin. Following a valuable discussion and constructive comments the document was completed (Appendix A)

The document was provided to all interested parties, including the Authority and it was ensured that the document was available at the school and at the relevant non-maintained settings as well as on the Isle of Anglesey website.

When changes like this are possibly going to take place, according to the Equality Act 2010, public bodies are required to assess the effect of ‘policies and practices’. This means that the Authority has to consider relevant evidence in order to understand the likely or real effects of its policies and practices on protected groups and give ‘appropriate consideration’ to these assessment results. This includes:

- ensuring that the policy or practice does not differentiate unlawfully
- note any harmful effects on the protected groups
- consider how the policy or the practice promotes equal opportunities better
- consider whether the policy affects links between various groups

It is necessary to complete assessments when a policy or practice is proposed or reviewed. This includes business planning, efficiency savings and staff reorganization. An authority has to publish a report when an assessment comes to the conclusion that there will be considerable effect on equality.

The Equality Act 2010 places a general duty on the Council, as it supports its work to consider the need for:

- abolishing differences, unlawful disturbance and persecution and other behaviour that has been prohibited by the Act

- promote equal opportunities between people who share a relevant protected feature and those who do not
- nurture a good relationship between people who share a protected feature and those who do not

This assessment looks at the effect of any possible change on equality on ten equality groups:

1. Race
2. Disabilities
3. Sex
4. Age
5. Religion or Belief – including lack of belief
6. Sexual orientation
7. The Welsh Language
8. Sex change
9. Pregnancy and maternity
10. Other

The main source of the following information are the figures that are fed back to the Welsh Government from an annual census namely the Annual School Census on a Pupil level (PLASC).

## **2. ASSESSMENT**

### **2.1 Race**

Of the pupils who are over 5 years old, most of the pupils in Ysgol Brynsiencyn, are 'White British'.

Information regarding race is considered to be 'sensitive data' and as such, information about pupils under 5 years of age is withheld.

There is no evidence that suggests that children or staff from a different race are dealt with differently.

### **2.2 Disability**

The % of pupils who receive Special Educational Needs' (S.E.N.) provision at the school as seen in Table 1, including pupils who are the subject of a statement of special needs.

**Table 1** - % of pupils who receive S.E.N. provision



School Action	School Action Plus	Subject of a statement	Total with S.E.N.
28.6%	2.4%	2.4%	33.4%

The situation as regards accessibility of the school for the disabled is as follows:

**Table 2**

Ramp?	Accessible toilet?	2 floor area?	Lift present?
Yes*	Yes**	No*	N/A

\*The ramp leads to the front of the school (reception, staff room, headteacher's office and staff toilets) but the hall and classes of Ysgol Brynsiencyn are on a lower level than the rest of the school building- there is no chair lift to enable access to the disabled.

\*\*These toilets are accessible to the disabled but were not purpose built for access by disabled persons.

There is no evidence that suggests that disabled pupils or staff are dealt with differently.

### 2.3 Sex

See Table 3 below for the % of boys and girls at Ysgol Brynsiencyn,

**Table 3**

Number of boys of statutory school age	Number of girls of statutory school age
47.6%	52.4%

Although there might be a difference between the educational performance of boys and girls, any change in the configuration is unlikely to exacerbate this. This is reflected in the Estyn report:

#### **Ysgol Brynsiencyn (Estyn Report June 2012)**

“In general, there is no significant difference between the performance of the sexes in terms of attaining the expected level at seven years old. ... In key stage 2, there is not much difference between the performance of boys and girls in terms of attaining the expected level.”

There is no evidence that suggests that boys and girls are dealt with differently or that male or female staff are dealt with differently.

#### **2.4 Age**

No information that is considered 'sensitive' is given e.g. ethnicity, gender for children under 5 in accordance with national guidelines.

There is no evidence that suggests that pupils of a specific age are dealt with differently. There is no evidence either that discrimination on the basis of age occurs with the school staff.

#### **2.5 Religion or belief**

Ysgol Brynsiencyn is a Community school and not connected to a religious denomination.

The Estyn report gives the following comment

##### **Ysgol Brynsiencyn (Estyn Report June 2012)**

"Provision for pupils' social, moral, cultural and spiritual development is good."

There is no evidence that discrimination on the basis of religion or belief occurs with school staff.

#### **2.6 Sexual Orientation**

Irrelevant for the school's pupils.

The Isle of Anglesey County Council has a Sexual Orientation Policy and it notes that discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation is unlawful. There is no evidence that discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation occurs with school staff.

#### **2.7 The Welsh Language**

The school conforms to the Authority's Language Policy whereby pupils are expected to be bilingual by the age of 11.

#### **2.8 Sex Change**

Irrelevant for the school's pupils.

The Isle of Anglesey County Council has a Gender Equality plan and it notes that discriminating on the basis of sex change is unlawful. There is no evidence that discriminating on the basis of sex change occurs with the school's staff.

## 2.9 **Pregnancy and maternity**

Irrelevant for the school's pupils.

Female staff who become pregnant are eligible for a maternity period in accordance with the Isle of Anglesey County Council's Maternity Leave Scheme. Male staff are eligible for paternity leave in accordance with the Paternity Leave Policy. There is no evidence that discriminating on the basis of pregnancy or taking paternity leave takes place with the schools' staff.

## 2.10 **Other**

The % of pupils who attend Ysgol Brynsiencyn, and who are eligible for free meals is 23%. The figure for the Authority is 19% and for Wales 20.1%

There is no evidence that there is discrimination on the basis of eligibility for free meals taking place. There is no evidence that there is discrimination on the basis of socio-economic factors taking place with the schools' staff.

## 3. **CONCLUSION**

The Assessment shows that there is no potential for discrimination against or harmful effects from an equality point of view.

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<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>23 January 2017</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Modernising Anglesey Schools – Moving the completion date of the statutory notices for Ysgol Rhyd y Llan and Ysgol Cybi</b>
<b>Portfolio Member(s):</b>	<b>Councillor Kenneth Hughes</b>
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## **A – Recommendation(s) and Reason(s)**

### **Reasons:**

In order to comply with the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code, the Authority published **Statutory Notices** of its intention to:

- combine three schools - Ysgol Llanfachraeth, Ysgol Ffrwd Win and Cylch y Garn - in to one new school on a site in Llanfaethlu and for that school to be a community school.
- combine three schools - Ysgol Y Parchedig Thomas Ellis, Ysgol Llaingoch and Ysgol Y Parc - in to one new school on the former Ysgol Cybi site and for that school to be a Church in Wales voluntary controlled school.

The **Statutory Notices** were published on June 19 2015 and a period of 28 days to object to the proposals followed and the objection period came to an end on July 17, 2015. No objections to either proposal was received. However, the implementation date of both proposals was February 1, 2017. Delays have pushed the start date of both projects back (archaeology in Rhyd y Llan and the listed status of the old Cybi building) meaning that neither building will be ready by that time. Rather, the aim is to open both schools on 1 September 2017.

Part 6 of the School Organisation Code 2013 states: "Where proposals have received approval by the local authority ... proposers can make a determination to delay, bring forward or abandon a proposal. Any such application for agreement must be made in writing with the proposer's reasons clearly set out. Notification of any determination to delay, bring forward or abandon a proposal must be given to relevant parties ... within seven days of it being made." Accordingly, there is a need for the Isle of Anglesey County Council's Executive Committee, as the proposer of both proposals in the statutory notices, to agree to delay the implementation date of both proposals to 1 September 2017.

### **It is recommended that the Executive Committee:**

i. Approve the delaying of the of the implementation date of both proposals to complete Ysgol Rhyd y Llan ac Ysgol Cybi until 1 September 2017.

Conditional upon i. above, officers will the notify the "relevant parties" of the decision to delay the implementation date of the proposals for Ysgol Rhyd y Llan and Ysgol Cybi.

**Background:****Ysgol Rhyd y Llan**

In January 2012, the Isle of Anglesey County Council Board of Commissioners authorised officers from the Authority's Lifelong Learning Department to visit primary schools in North West Anglesey to consult on options for the primary school education provision in the area. After receiving this authorisation, officers of the Lifelong Learning Department held consultation meetings with staff, governors and parents in October 2012 and a 6 week consultation period followed and came to an end on November 20, 2012. Many responses were received and a report detailing these was compiled by officers of the Lifelong Learning Department and presented to the Isle of Anglesey County Council Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on January 15, 2013. At that meeting on January 15, 2013, the Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee resolved:

- To recommend Option 5 (A new area school for Llanfachraeth, Llanfaethlu and Llanrhuuddlad) to the Executive as the Committee's preferred option for formal consultation on the review of primary education provision in North West Anglesey subject to the identification of both funding and a suitable site for the development prior to the commencement of the formal consultation process.

At its meeting on February 11, 2013, the Isle of Anglesey County Council Executive Committee resolved to support Option 5 (namely a new area school for Llanfachraeth, Llanfaethlu and Llanrhuuddlad) as the Executive's preferred option for formal consultation on the review of primary education provision in North West Anglesey subject to the identification of both funding and a suitable site for the development prior to the commencement of the formal consultation process. The statutory or formal consultation period ran from March 31, 2014 to May 19, 2014. The Authority consulted with pupils, parents, governors, staff, local community and any other interested groups.

A site was purchased in Llanfaethlu for the new school. As part of the process to assess the suitability of the land, archaeological remains were discovered at the site. This meant a delay in the process so that construction work could not begin until May 2016 and as a result of this, pushes the implementation date of the statutory notice back.

**Ysgol Cybi**

At its meeting on December 10, 2012, the Isle of Anglesey County Council Executive Committee agreed to the merger of 3 schools i.e. Ysgol y Parc, Ysgol Llaingoch and Ysgol Parch. Thomas Ellis in a new school as the Executive's preferred option for formal consultation and that the new primary school in Holyhead be located on the Cybi site.

On May 19, 2014, officers were authorised to move to the formal consultation process. The proposal being consulted upon was for a primary school for 540 pupils and 75 nursery pupils by merging Ysgol Y Parchedig Thomas Ellis, Ysgol Llaingoch and Ysgol Y Parc in a new building on the Cybi site. The status of the new school is for it to be a Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled school (in the same manner as Ysgol Y Parchedig Thomas Ellis).

At its meeting on November 3, 2014, the Executive Committee resolved: "To merge the three schools - Ysgol Y Parchedig Thomas Ellis, Ysgol Llaingoch and Ysgol Y Parc - in a new building on the Cybi site and for the new school to be a Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled school."

A site for the new school was decided upon i.e. the old Cybi building. Many conservation issues arose as part of the planning process as the building is listed. This meant delays in the process so that the construction work could not start until January 2016 and as a result of this, pushes the implementation date of the statutory notice back. Other factors such as the national tests held every May were considered and moving the pupils at that time would have a negative effect on these tests.

**B – Which other options did you consider and what were your reasons for refusing them and/or for choosing this option?**

**Ysgol Rhyd y Llan**

Consideration was given to not changing the implementation date of the statutory notice but the school would not be ready February 1 2017. It is hoped the construction work will be complete by July 2017. The summer holidays will then follow and so 1 September 2017 is a suitable date to open a school at the start of a new school year.

**Ysgol Cybi**

Consideration was given to not changing the implementation date of the statutory notice but the school would not be ready February 1 2017. It is hoped the construction work will be complete by April 2017. Transferring the pupils in May would negatively affect the pupils' national tests. The summer holidays will then follow and so 1 September 2017 is a suitable date to open a school at the start of a new school year.

**C – For what reason is this a decision for the Executive Committee?**

The Executive Committee is responsible for school organisation matters.

**D – Is this decision in keeping with the policy approved by the full Council?**

Yes

**DD – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?**

Yes – It is one of the plans in the Strategic Outline Programme approved by the Executive Committee in its meeting on January 13, 2014.

<b>E – With whom did you consult?</b>		<b>What were their comments?</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Chief Executive / Senior Management Team (SMT)</b> (mandatory)	No comment
<b>2</b>	<b>Finance / Section 151</b> (mandatory)	No comment
<b>3</b>	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer</b> (mandatory)	No comment
<b>5</b>	<b>Human Resources (HR)</b>	Any staffing issues arising from the recommendations should be addressed in accordance with recognised consultation and human resources processes. If HR's assistance in terms of consulting is required, there's a need build in the unit's capacity to accommodate this workload.
<b>6</b>	<b>Property</b>	The Architectural Services Manager agrees with the recommendation
<b>7</b>	<b>Information Communication Technology (ICT)</b>	No comment
<b>8</b>	<b>Scrutiny</b>	Not applicable
<b>9</b>	<b>Local Members</b>	No comment
<b>10</b>	<b>Any other external body/bodies</b>	The Shadow Governing Bodies of both schools agree with the revised implementation dates of the statutory notices

<b>F – Risks and any mitigatory steps (if relevant)</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Economic</b>	Not applicable
<b>2</b>	<b>Anti-poverty</b>	Not applicable
<b>3</b>	<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	Not applicable
<b>4</b>	<b>Environmental</b>	Not applicable
<b>5</b>	<b>Equalities</b>	An equality impact assessment was completed as part of the statutory impact assessments for both schemes
<b>6</b>	<b>Result Agreements</b>	Not applicable
<b>7</b>	<b>Other</b>	Not applicable

<b>FF - Appendices:</b>

<b>G – Background Papers (please contact the Report’s author for any further information):</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minutes of the Executive Committee for 10 December 2012, February 11 2013 and November 3 2014.</li> <li>2. Statutory Consultation Document</li> <li>3. Strategic Outline Programme (SOP) submitted to the Welsh Government in December 2013.</li> <li>4. Letter from Welsh Government dated January 31 2014.</li> <li>5. Report to the Executive Committee held on November 3, 2014.</li> <li>6. School Organisation Code sections 1.2 to 1.6 and part 6.</li> </ol>



<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>23 JANUARY 2017</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW SCHOOLS</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S):</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR H E JONES</b>
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<b>A - Recommendation/s and reason/s</b>	
<p>The current Fair Funding Policy was drawn up when delegated schools budgets were introduced in the early 1990s and has changed very little since and does not cater for the current situation where a number of existing schools close and a new single successor school opened. The following recommendations provide a method to deal with issues relating to the funding of the new schools in the first year and the subsequent years, dealing with reserves and dealing with the one off costs that arise from the changes.</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the first year of funding, to set school budgets for any closing or successor schools, based on the full year budget allocation of existing schools, then to allocate the total allocation between closing and successor schools, based on the opening or closing dates of each school.</li> <li>2. To amend the Fair Funding Policy, to allow any combined surplus balance of closing schools to be transferred to the successor school, up to the threshold of £50,000 Primary / £100,000 Secondary and Special or 5% of the budget allocation of the successor school.</li> <li>3. To transfer any surplus balances of closing schools over £50,000 / £100,000 or 5% of the new schools budget allocation, to the Central Education budget to pay for transitional costs in the first year.</li> <li>4. When revenue savings are realised, as a result of closing schools and replacing with a successor school, any revenue saving will be deducted from the overall delegated Schools budget as a contribution to the increase in the capital financing costs which result from the investment in the new schools.</li> <li>5. Any Pay Protection pressures will be deducted from the revenue saving above (point 4). The average salary for the new school should include any pay protection pressures. The new school will be responsible for paying the pay protection costs. Once the pay protection has come to an end, this saving will also be deducted from the Delegated Schools Budget.</li> </ol>	
<b>B - What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?</b>	
n/a	

<b>C - Why is this a decision for the Executive?</b>		
This matter is delegated to the Executive.		
<b>CH - Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?</b>		
<b>D - Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?</b>		
<b>DD - Who did you consult?</b>		<b>What did they say?</b>
1	<b>Chief Executive / Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) (mandatory)</b>	
2	<b>Finance / Section 151 (mandatory)</b>	n/a– this is the Section 151 Officer's report
3	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory)</b>	TBC
4	<b>Human Resources (HR)</b>	
5	<b>Property</b>	
6	<b>Information Communication Technology (ICT)</b>	
7	<b>Scrutiny</b>	
8	<b>Local Members</b>	
9	<b>Any external bodies / other/s</b>	
<b>E - Risks and any mitigation (if relevant)</b>		
1	<b>Economic</b>	
2	<b>Anti-poverty</b>	
3	<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	
4	<b>Environmental</b>	
5	<b>Equalities</b>	
6	<b>Outcome Agreements</b>	
7	<b>Other</b>	
<b>F - Appendices:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appendix A – Funding Arrangements for New Schools</li> </ul>		
<b>FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):</b>		
Funding Arrangements for New Schools		

**FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW SCHOOLS****1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Authority is part way through the 21st Century Schools Programme for Band A Schools.
- 1.2 The Full Business Case for Ysgol Cybi and Ysgol Rhyd Y Llan were approved on 20th July 2015 and 30th November 2015 respectively.
- 1.3 The Full Business Cases above, has resulted in the closure of six Primary Schools from August 2017, with the pupils being transferred to the two new build schools from the beginning of the new school year in September 2017.
- 1.4 The Fair Funding Policy has been unchanged for a number of years. There is a need to review the policy to ensure that it is fit for purpose, particularly for arrangements such as the above.
- 1.5 In recent months, discussions have been held between the Education and Resources Function Services, over the funding arrangements for closing schools and new schools. The main points for consideration have been summarised below;

**2. School Funding**

- 2.1 Each school receives its budget allocation for a financial year, based on the School Funding Formula. The school funding formula is heavily driven by pupil numbers on the school roll at the previous September.
- 2.2 As the number of pupils for the successor schools are not known with any certainty, it is proposed for the first financial year i.e. 2017/18 in the case of Ysgol Cybi and Ysgol Rhyd y Llan, that we calculate what the full year budget allocation would be for the six existing schools, and allocate 5/12ths of this total to the existing schools (to fund the period April – August), and allocate 7/12ths of this total to the successor schools (to fund the period September to March). It may be necessary to adjust the split of funding for certain budget lines such as Energy, so that more of the funding is targeted towards the winter months.
- 2.3 In the second financial year of the school (2018/19), the funding will be allocated using the delegated school funding formula (same methodology as all other schools). This may lead to a significant change in the schools funding allocation from year 1 to year 2. Each school will be made aware of the potential reduction in funding in year 2.

**3. Additional Costs**

- 3.1 The establishment of a new school is likely to lead to unbudgeted costs for the first 3 years. These costs include: Appointment of a Headteacher before the date that pupils are enrolled to the school, pay protection costs for officers who have received a decrease in their salary, and some premises related costs for the buildings which we have closed, until the date of their disposal.
- 3.2 Costs relating to the Headteacher and the premises related costs will be funded by the Education Service (see paragraph 4 below). The pay protection costs will be allowed for in the school funding formula (see paragraph 5 below).

## 4. School Balances

- 4.1 The treatment of School Balances when an existing school closes and is replaced by a successor school, is at the discretion of the Local Authority. Isle of Anglesey's Fair Funding policy currently states:

*"When a school closes any balance (whether surplus or deficit) reverts to the LEA; it will not be transferred as a balance to any other school, even where the school is a successor to the closing school."*

However, the application of the clause as it stands will result in new schools being set up without having any reserves to fall back on should they face additional cost pressures in year 1. The issue was discussed at a recent meeting of the School's Finance Forum and there was general agreement to the proposed change.

It is recommended that this is amended to state:

*"When schools close and are replaced by a successor school, the combined surplus balance of the closing schools, up to the lowest of £50,000 (Primary) / £100,000 (Secondary and Special) or 5% of the successor school's budget share, will be transferred to the successor school. Any deficit balance or surplus balances above these thresholds will revert back to the LEA. The use of School balances will be restricted within the final 12 months prior to the closure of any school. Any use of school balances within the 12 month period prior to the school closing will need to be approved by the Head of Lifelong Learning and the Section 151 Officer."*

This may allow additional resource to new schools, which can be used towards funding any additional unbudgeted costs that may arise from establishing a new school.

- 4.2 Any school balances above the £50,000 or 5% threshold will revert back to the LEA. It is proposed that this funding is reallocated to the Central Education Service. The Central Education Service will use this funding to pay for the transitional costs of early appointment of a Headteacher prior to the date at which pupils are enrolled to the School, amalgamation related costs and any premises related costs for the schools which have closed.
- 4.3 At the end of the financial year, there will be a need to evaluate how the funding allocated to Central Education Service compares to the actual transitional costs paid (Headteacher cost and premises cost). A decision will need to be made to determine if additional funds are required, or if some of the funding needs to be clawed back / earmarked for future 21st Century Projects.

## 5. Budget Savings

- 5.1 When existing schools close and are replaced by a successor school, it is likely that this will result in revenue savings from the delegated schools budget. Any resulting revenue saving will be deducted from the overall Delegated Schools Budget in the consecutive year following the opening of the new school.
- 5.2 When the revenue saving is estimated, the additional pressure of funding any pay protection costs will be taken into consideration. When delegating budget to the new school, it is proposed to include any pay protection pressures in the average salary calculation for the new school and this will increase the funding received through the allocation formula. The pay protection costs will then be paid by the new school, although it is accepted that the actual pay protection costs may not exactly match the sum allocated through the formula.
- 5.3 In the financial year following the termination of any pay protection costs, this budget will also be deducted from the Delegated Schools budget to bring the level of savings back in line with the original business case.