

| ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL | |
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| Report to: | Executive Committee |
| Date: | 20th of May, 2019 |
| Subject: | Formalising the Partnership between Ysgol Goronwy Owen and Ysgol Moelfre through the process of federalisation. |
| Portfolio Member(s) | Councillor R. Meirion Jones |
| Head of Service: | Arwyn Williams |
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| Local Members: | Councillor Margaret M Roberts Councillor Ieuan Williams Councillor Vaughan Hughes |

| A – Recommendation(s) and Reason(s) |
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| <p>Is it recommended for the Executive Committee to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorise officers to proceed with the process of consulting on formalising the partnership between Ysgol Goronwy Owen and Ysgol Moelfre by federalising the two Governing Bodies. <p>Background</p> <p>Anglesey County Council's Education Department received a request from the Governing Bodies of Ysgol Goronwy Owen and Ysgol Moelfre to conduct a consultation on establishing more of a formal arrangement between the two schools. This means that both schools would be managed under a single body which would be responsible for strategically overseeing each school in the federation. Each school would keep its name, its category, its budget and its staff, and would remain in its community.</p> <p>Both schools currently work in a voluntary partnership under the care and management of one headteacher and one assistant head [Ysgol Moelfre]. Federalisation of both schools would mean continuing with the successful collaboration that already exists under the leadership of the current headteacher. In addition to this, there are many other advantages to federalisation, which include stability in terms of the schools' future leadership and benefits in terms of coordinating the best use of both schools' resources and expertise.</p> <p>It will also create a sense of shared identity and of an inclusive community between schools in</p> |

geographically close areas. Under the leadership of one Governing Body, there will be an opportunity to realise a joint vision between schools to improve the children's attainment, achievement and progress.

This arrangement will not mean any significant changes for the parents nor for the children of any of the schools.

In his report on the review of the Future Delivery of Education Services in Wales, Robert Hill stated that *'federations and other types of formal school partnerships provide a strong platform for both increasing autonomy and raising school attainment.'*

The Authority recommends that approval should be given to initiate the consultation process.

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

The other option is to continue with the current arrangements but the schools and the Governing Bodies are eager to proceed to consultation on this proposal due to the clear advantages. Primarily, formalising the partnership will enable the schools to collaborate through a formal structured process by sharing one governing body, which will make decisions to majorly benefit both schools, the staff and the pupils.

In light of this, the Authority supports the request.

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

Federalisation is a 'regulated modification' within the process of re-structuring schools and within the requirements of the School Organisation Code, 011/2018. This is a decision for the Executive Committee and they must issue proposals on the change whilst considering the responses.

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

As part of the Anglesey school modernisation programme, the Council intends to review the Lligwy ward in its entirety in future.

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

Yes

| DD – With whom did you consult? | | What were their comments? |
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| 1 | Chief Executive / Senior Leadership Team (SLT) (mandatory) | The SLT's comments have been incorporated in the content of this document. |
| 2 | Finance / Section 151 (mandatory) | |
| 3 | Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory) | |
| 4 | Human Resources (HR) | |
| 5 | Property | |
| 6 | Information Communication Technology (ICT) | |
| 7 | Procurement | |
| 8 | Scrutiny | |
| 9 | Local Members | |
| 10 | Any external bodies / other(s) | |

| E – Risks and any mitigation steps (if relevant) | | |
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| 1 | Economic | |
| 2 | Anti-poverty | |
| 3 | Crime and Disorder | |
| 4 | Environmental | |
| 5 | Equality | |
| 6 | Resulting Agreements | |
| 7 | Other | |

| F - Appendices: |
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| Letter of request by both Governing Bodies requesting federalisation of both schools. |

| FF – Background Papers (please contact the Report author for any further information): |
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| None |

APPENDIX 1



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Ysgol Goronwy Owen

12:03:19

Dear Head of Services,

Following a full Governing Body meeting on Tuesday, 26th of February 2019, we as a school would like to proceed with the process of formal consultation on Federalizing Ysgol Goronwy Owen with Ysgol Gymuned Moelfre.

Sincerely,

Mr Ieuan Williams

CC-14562-LB/193934



Ysgol Gymuned Moelfre



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Dear Head of Services,

Following a full Governing Body meeting on Thursday, 7th of March 2019, we as a school would like to proceed with the process of formal consultation on Federalizing Ysgol Gymuned Moelfre with Ysgol Goronwy Owen.

Attached is a copy of the full Body's minutes following the meeting.

Sincerely,

Osian Roberts (Chair)