

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>The Executive</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>20 May 2019</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Request to rescind its previous decisions on the future of education provision in both Llangefni and Seiriol areas.</b>
<b>Portfolio Member(s):</b>	<b>Councillor R. Meirion Jones</b>
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#### **A – Recommendation(s) and Reason(s)**

##### **REASONS:**

Due to a number of comments and concerns about the consultation process in the Llangefni and Seiriol Area and a complaint regarding non-compliance with the School Organisation Code (006/2013), officers conducted an internal review of the statutory consultation process in both areas.

Findings from the internal review process have highlighted technical concerns about compliance with the School Organisation Code (006/2013).

What kind of concerns?

- Details of any alternatives to closing a school that had been considered in the non-statutory consultation and the reason why they had not been taken forward not included in the final statutory consultation documents.

*This does not conform with the School Organisation Code 3.2 ,that states “a description of any alternatives considered and the reasons why these have been discounted”, must be contained in the consultation document.*

- Concern that the impact assessment in one case had not been shared with stakeholders (Failure to prove without reasonable doubt that the impact assessment had been published at the same time as the statutory consultation document).

*This does not conform with the School Organisation Code 3.2 that states, where the proposals involve the closure of a school, that “the impact of proposals on the local community, particularly*

*in rural areas and in areas designated for communities first programmes or successor programmes” must be included in the statutory consultation document.*

- Concern that the content of published proposals published by way of a statutory notice had not been followed correctly.

*This does not conform with the School organisation Code 4.3 that states published proposals must contain “the date by which objections should be sent and the address to send them to, including the relevant email address”.*

#### **RECOMMENDATION :**

In light of these findings the Executive is requested to rescind the previous decisions on the future of education in the Llangefni and Seiriol areas.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

##### **Llangefni Area**

###### Ysgol Bodffordd and Corn Hir

In April 2018, the Executive decided that a new school should be built for pupils from Ysgol Bodffordd and Ysgol Corn Hir and close Ysgol Bodffordd and Ysgol Corn Hir. Ysgol Henblas was given a period of one year to raise standards and to show that the pupil numbers remain constant or rising.

In March 2019, Ysgol Henblas was withdrawn from the proposal to merge on one new site with Bodffordd and Corn Hir as the school's educational standards had improved and the number of pupils at the school remained constant.

###### Ysgol y Graig and Talwrn

In July 2018, the Executive Committee decided to increase the capacity of Ysgol y Graig to accommodate Ysgol Talwrn pupils and close Ysgol Talwrn.

##### **Seiriol Area**

In July 2018, it was decided to close Beaumaris School, expand Ysgol Llandegfan and refurbish Ysgol Llangoed.

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

N/A

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

The Executive is responsible for school organisation matters.

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

N/A

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

N/A

**E – With whom did you consult?**

**What were their observations?**

1	<b>Chief Executive / Senior Management Team (SMT)</b> (mandatory)	Incorporated in this report.
2	<b>Finance / Section 151</b> (mandatory)	Incorporated in this report.
3	<b>Legal / Monitoring officer</b> (mandatory)	Incorporated in this report.
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>	Incorporated in this report.
10	<b>Any external bodies / other(s)</b>	Incorporated in this report.

**F – Risks and any mitigation steps (if relevant)**

1	<b>Economic</b>	Not applicable.
2	<b>Anti-poverty</b>	Not applicable.
3	<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	Not applicable.
4	<b>Environmental</b>	Not applicable.
5	<b>Equalities</b>	Not applicable.
6	<b>Result Agreements</b>	Not applicable.
7	<b>Other</b>	

**FF - Appendices:**

**G – Background Papers (please contact the Report author for any further information):**

School Organisation Code 006/2013  
School Organisation Code 011/2018  
Executive Report 30/04/2018  
Executive Report 16/07/2018  
Executive Report 18/07/2018