

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>The Executive Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> of June, 2019</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Lowering the age of admission at Ysgol Henblas</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	<b>Councillor R. Meirion Jones</b>
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<b>Local Members:</b>	<b>Councillor Dafydd Roberts</b> <b>Councillor Eric Wyn Jones</b>

#### **A –Recommendation/s and reason/s**

A request was received from the Governing Body of Ysgol Henblas for the Authority to consider lowering the school's age of admission to admit pupils part time from the September following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

On 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019, the responses received from stakeholders during the statutory consultation were reported to the Executive Committee. No objections to the proposal were received and the supportive responses were discussed within the report. In its meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, the Council's Executive Committee decided as follows:

- i. To approve the proposal to lower the age of admission at Ysgol Henblas to admit pupils part time from the September following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, to take effect from 31 August 2019.
- ii. To approve the issuing of a statutory notice in regards to the proposal in (i) above in accordance with the requirements of Section 48 of the School Organisation Code (Wales) 2013.

In accordance with the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, the Organisation Code 011/2018 and alongside the Executive Committee's decision in its meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, a statutory notice was issued on 13 May 2019. Following this, a statutory objection period of 28 days was held on this proposal.

Since no objections were received, the Authority officers recommend for the Council's Executive Committee to conclusively confirm the proposal to lower the age of admission at Ysgol Henblas from 31 August 2019.

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

The other option is to continue with the current arrangements, however, no objections to the proposal were received.

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

Changing the age range of a school is a “regulated alteration” within school reorganisation and within the requirements of the School Organisation Code, 011/2018.

It is a decision for the Executive Committee, who is required to publish proposals on the change whilst considering the responses.

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

Yes, the authority has followed the process with other schools over the past few years.

### **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 / Senior Leadership Team (SLT)</b> (mandatory)	
<b>2</b>	<b>Finance / Section 151</b> (mandatory)	
<b>3</b>	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer</b> (mandatory)	Equality impact assessments must be has been completed .
<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>Procurement</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Scrutiny</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Local Members</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Any external bodies / other/s</b>	

### **E – Risks and any mitigation (if relevant)**

<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

## **Appendix 1**

**22/05/19**

# **REPORT ON THE OBJECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPOSAL TO LOWER THE AGE OF ADMISSION AT YSGOL HENBLAS**

## **1. Background**

The purpose of this document is to report, following a statutory consultation period, on the proposal to lower the age of admission at Ysgol Henblas, Llangristiolus, Bodorgan so that they admit pupils part time from the September following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday from 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2019.

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- iii. To approve the proposal to lower the age of admission at Ysgol Henblas to admit pupils part time from the September following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, to take effect from 31 August 2019.
- iv. To approve the issuing of a statutory notice in regards to the proposal in (i) above in accordance with the requirements of Section 48 of the School Organisation Code (Wales) 2013.

In accordance with the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, the Organisation Code 011/2018 and alongside the Executive Committee's decision in its meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, a statutory notice was issued on 13 May 2019. Following this, a statutory objection period of 28 days was held on this proposal.

Under Section 49 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, proposers must issue a summary of objections and must respond to those objections in this report, namely the 'Objection Report'.

A copy of the notice was placed at the main entrance of the school and of the neighbouring playgroup. Electronic and hard copies of the notices were distributed in accordance with the School Organisation Code requirements. It was noted clearly in the notices that there were means for anyone to object and how to do so.

The objection period expired on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2019.

**No objections were received during the objection period.**

## **2. Next Steps**

Since no objections were received, the Lifelong Learning Department recommends for the Council's Executive Committee to conclusively confirm the proposal to lower the age of admission at Ysgol Henblas on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August, 2019.