

<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Executive Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>27/11/19</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Federalization of Ysgol Goronwy Owen and Ysgol Moelfre</b>
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<b>A – Recommendation(s) and Reason(s)</b>
<p><b>1. <u>Background</u></b></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to report back following the statutory notice period on the proposal to federalize Ysgol Goronwy Owen and Ysgol Moelfre.</p> <p>On 16 September 2019, the responses received from stakeholders during the statutory consultation were reported to the Council’s Executive Committee. Many supportive and positive responses to the proposal were received. No objections to the proposal were received. In their meeting on 15 September 2019, the Council’s Executive Committee decided as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To approve the proposal to federalize Ysgol Goronwy Owen and Ysgol Moelfre as of 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2020.</li> <li>ii. To approve the issuing of a statutory notice on the proposal in (i) above in accordance with the requirements of Section 48 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.</li> </ul> <p>In line with the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, and the Organisation Code 011/2018 alongside the Executive Committee’s decision in their meeting on 16 September 2019, a statutory notice was issued on 30 September 2019. Subsequent to this, a statutory objection period of 28 days was held for this proposal.</p> <p>Under section 49 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013,</p>

proposers must issue a summary of objections and responses to those objections in this report, i.e. the 'Objection Report'.

A copy of the notice was placed in the entrance of both schools. Electronic and hard copies of the notices were distributed in line with the requirements of the School Organisation Code. It was clearly noted in the notices that there were means for anyone to object, and how to go about doing so.

The objection period ended on 27 October, 2019.

**No objections were received during this period.**

**2. Next Steps**

Since no objections were received, the Learning Service recommends that the Council's Executive Committee conclusively confirm the proposal to federalize Ysgol Goronwy Owen and Ysgol Moelfre.

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

The other option is to continue with the current arrangements but the school and the Governing Bodies are eager to proceed to consultation on this proposal due to the advantages of federalization. Primarily, the federalization will enable the schools to collaborate through a formal structured process, by sharing one governing body who will make decisions in favour of all schools, staff and pupils within the federation.

Alternatives	Advantages	Disadvantages
Multi-site school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One budget</li> <li>• One uniform</li> <li>• One name</li> <li>• One school on two sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closure of both schools</li> <li>• Loss of identity</li> <li>• Local objections</li> </ul>
Remain in partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeps the governing body's constitution local</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsustainable for the headteacher, time demands are high</li> <li>• Isn't an attractive situation for applicants</li> <li>• Cannot coordinate the best use of resources</li> <li>• Difficult to recruit members for two bodies</li> </ul>

In light of this, the Authority supports the request to federalize.

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

Federalization 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, taking the responses into account.

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

Yes

**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>
1	<b>Chief Executive / Senior Leadership Team (SLT) (mandatory)</b>	
2	<b>Finance / Section 151 (mandatory)</b>	
3	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory)</b>	
4	<b>Human Resources (HR)</b>	
5	<b>Property</b>	
6	<b>Information Communication Technology (ICT)</b>	
7	<b>Procurement</b>	
8	<b>Scrutiny</b>	
9	<b>Local Members</b>	
10	<b>Any external bodies / other/s</b>	

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

1	<b>Economic</b>	
2	<b>Anti-poverty</b>	
3	<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	
4	<b>Environmental</b>	

5	Equalities	
6	Outcome Agreements	
7	Other	

<b>F - Appendices</b>
None

<b>FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):</b>
None