

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
COMMITTEE	County Council
DATE	14 September 2010
TITLE OF REPORT	Consultation on HMS Courts Service Estate
REPORT BY	Interim Managing Director
PURPOSE OF REPORT	To report on Consultation proposals affecting Anglesey
ACTION	To consider recommendation

The Secretary of State for Justice has issued a consultation on the most strategic locations for Magistrates and County Courts across England and Wales.

The consultation includes a proposal to close the Llangefni Magistrate Court and to transfer the work to Holyhead. In addition there also proposals affecting the Llangefni County Court with the intention that both the Magistrates Court and County Court transfer to the Holyhead Law Courts.

There are currently 6 local justice areas within the local Criminal Justice Board Area of North Wales, each with a separate Bench of Magistrates which includes one for Anglesey. At this stage it is not proposed to take forward any formal consideration of Bench mergers.

A copy of the letter received from HMCS is attached inviting comments on proposals. The consultation period ends on 15th September 2010.

Recommendation

In view of the implications for Court users as a result of the proposed closure of the Llangefni Magistrate Court together with the transfer of Llangefni County Court to Holyhead the Council is requested to consider whether it wishes to oppose these proposals and authorise the Managing Director to respond accordingly.

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on behalf of
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