Isle of Anglesey County Council Scrutiny Report

Committee:	Corporate Scrutiny Committee
Date:	15 October 2025
Subject:	Outcome of the consultation report on the proposal to: "Relocate Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi learners to a new school building for 11-18 year olds.
Scrutiny Chair:	Cllr Jeff Evans

1. Who will be the portfolio holder presenting / leading the report?

Portfolio Holder	Role
Councillor Dafydd Roberts	Portfolio holder for Education and the Welsh Language.
Service Officer (Supporting)	Role
Aaron C Evans	Director of Education, Skills and Young People

2. Why the Scrutiny Committee is being asked to consider the matter

To seek the views of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee on the <u>outcome of the statutory</u> <u>consultation held on the proposal</u> to "Relocate Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi learners to a **new school building for 11–18-year-olds**", for approval by the Executive and to authorise officers to publish a statutory notice.

3. Role of the Scrutiny Committee and recommendations

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□For information

Recommendation (s):

The Committee is requested to review the consultation report and agree with the following recommendations to the Executive:

- 1. To approve the proposal (following the report on the outcome of the statutory consultation held on the proposal) to "Relocate Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi learners to a new school building for 11–18-year-olds".
- 2. To authorise officers to publish a statutory notice in report of the proposal.

4. How does the recommendation(s) contribute to the objectives of the Council's Plan?

By meeting the Welsh Language and Education Strategic objectives by:

- Ensuring that the modernising learning communities and developing the Welsh language strategy creates effective schools with strong leadership and an appropriate teaching environment
- Increasing the number of children and young people studying through the medium of Welsh by implementing the 'Welsh in Education Strategic Plan'.
- Securing the best possible education for each child and young person by investing in our workforce, developing good quality learning communities and implementing the Curriculum for Wales.

5. Key scrutiny themes

Key themes the Scrutiny Committee should concentrate on:

- 1. The Proposal 79% of stakeholders who responded to the consultation agreed with the proposal.
- 2. Of the 21% who disagreed with the proposal had the following concerns:
 - Around half of the stakeholders who disagreed indicated that the proposed site near the leisure centre was too far from the current site and the town centre.
 - A minority of stakeholders suggested updating the current building / rebuilding on the current site.
 - Very few commented about the high cost of the proposed new school building.
- 3. To what extent has the consultation process followed the statutory requirements?
- 4. Response from learners to what extent do learners agree with the Proposal?

6. Key points / summary

- In response to the statutory consultation held 5 June 2025-17 July 2025 the majority of stakeholders (79%) agreed with the proposal to "Relocate Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi learners to a new school building for 11-18 year olds".
- Stakeholders concerns regarding the location, updating the current building/rebuilding on the current site and the cost have been answered in the consultation report section 5.
- After considering all the feedback as summarised in accordance with the school organisation code (11/2018) in section 5 of the consultation report (appendix 1), the

Council concludes that the most appropriate response is to build a new school building for Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi (the original proposal).

7. Impact assessments

7.1. Potential impacts on groups protected under the Equality Act 2010

See Impact assessment Impact assessment YUC - 130525.docx

7.2. Potential impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage (strategic decisions)

See Impact assessment Impact assessment YUC - 130525.docx

7.3. Potential effects on opportunities to use Welsh and not treat the language less favourably than English

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7.4. Potential impact on the Council's Net Zero Carbon target

Positive / Neutral / Negative and how

Positive

The new school building will be fit for purpose and meet BREEAM standards and the standards of the Welsh Government's Modernisation of Learning Communities programme of being Net Zero carbon. The new school building will be Net Zero Carbon in Operation and will help reduce the Council's carbon emissions.

8. Financial implications

Positive / Neutral / Negative and how

Positive .

Approximately £66m - with £60.7m to be delivered through the Mutual Investment Model (Welsh Government contributing 81% towards the Annual Service Charge through the Sustainable Communities for Learning programme / the Council contributing 19%), with the remaining £5.2m financed through the Council's capital (35%) and the Welsh Government (65%) Sustainable Communities for Learning.

9. Appendices

Appendix1- Consultation Report-Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi

10. Report author and background papers

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Background papers:

- Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi Statutory Consultation documents
 https://www.anglesey.gov.wales/en/Have-your-say/Consultations/Previous-consultations/Statutory-consultation-Ysgol-Uwchradd-Caergybi.aspx
- School Organisation Code (11/2018) school-organisation-code-second-edition.pdf
- IACC's Modernising Learning Communities and Developing the Welsh Language Strategy (July 2023)
 - Modernising Learning Communities.pdf
- Strategic Outline Programme Rolling Programme
 Strategic Outline Programme (SOP) Rolling Programme