

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to	Executive Committee
Date	9 September 2013
Subject	Lowering Age of Admission at Ysgol Goronwy Owen Benllech
Portfolio Holder(s)	
Lead Officer(s)	Gwynne Jones
Contact Officer	Gareth Jones
Nature and reason for reporting	
<p>A request was received from the Governing Body at Ysgol Goronwy Owen for the Authority to consider lowering the age of admission so as to admit pupils part time in the September following their third birthday. It is necessary to seek the permission of the Executive Committee to start the process of consultation with all who have an interest.</p>	

A – Introduction / Background / Issues

Ysgol Goronwy Owen admits children full time in the September following their fourth birthday. The school is one of 8 schools with this policy. The other 40 primary schools admit children part time in the September following their third birthday.

There is a set process to this-

1. Prepare a consultation document and to present it in a public meeting.
2. Ensure a wide consultation with all who have an interest.
3. Prepare a report and recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.
4. If a decision is made to move on the proposal then publish a statutory order and collect objections.
5. Consider any objections. If the decision is to continue with the proposal then a report is sent to the Minister for Education for a decision.

Throughout the process there is close working with the Welsh Government.

B - Considerations

The school wishes to move towards a policy that is accepted in the majority of our schools. Consultation should take place so as to come to a decision following the collecting of comments.

The implications and impacts listed below will need to be analysed during the consultation.

C – Implications and Impacts

1	Finance / Section 151	Increasing the number of pupils in any school will have a direct effect on the funding formula in the following financial year. The greater the number of pupils the more funding the delegated budgets lines will need. In addition to the pupil numbers generating extra revenue, there will also be a need to ensure that a 0.4 nursery assistant is employed which will thus further increase the delegated budgets.
2	Legal / Monitoring Officer	
3	Human Resources	A need to increase staffing
4	Property Services	There is sufficient space within the school.
5	Information and Communications Technology (ICT)	
6	Equality	No implications
7	Anti-poverty and Social	
8	Communication	
9	Consultation	
10	Economic	

C – Implications and Impacts	
11	Environmental
12	Crime and Disorder
13	Outcome Agreements

CH - Summary
<p>The Governors at Ysgol Goronwy Owen have presented a request to lower the age of admission. There is a process to follow. Permission is requested to begin the process.</p>

D - Recommendation
<p>Permit officers to consult on lowering the age of admission.</p>

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Appendices:
<p>None</p>

Background papers
<p>None</p>