

<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Executive Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>8 September 2014</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Modernising Schools on Anglesey</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	<b>Councillor Ieuan Williams</b>
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<b>A –Recommendation/s and reason/s</b>
<p>At the meeting of the Executive on January 13, 2014, the Committee approved the Lifelong Learning Directorate’s Strategic Outline Programme which is a 15 year programme for modernising the education provision on Anglesey. The programme is split into 4 bands and Band A is of 6 years’ duration (2013-2019) and the subsequent Bands (B, C and D) are all 3 years in length.</p> <p>As outlined in the Isle of Anglesey County Council’s Strategic Outline Programme and its Modernisation Strategy, the primary education provision in south east Anglesey (in the Bro Rhosyr and Bro Aberffraw wards) would be reviewed in the period of 2013-2019. This document seeks authorisation to initiate that process.</p> <p>The primary schools in that area are:-  Brynsiencyn  Dwyran  Newborough  Bodorgan  Llangaffo and  Parc y Bont.</p> <p>The current situation regarding the capacity and surplus places for each school is outlined below in Table 1 (figures for the annual school census or PLASC conducted in January 2014):-</p>

**Table 1**

School	Capacity	No. of pupils	Surplus places	% surplus places	Spend per pupil (£)
Brynsiencyn	79	48	31	39%	5,379
Dwyran	78	27	51	65%	6,210
Newborough	104	49	55	53%	4,777
Bodorgan	50	35	15	30%	6,212
Llangaffo	42	45	-3	-7%	5,251
Parc Y Bont	93	89	4	4%	4,413

When grouped together, the primary schools in Brynsiencyn, Dwyran, Newborough and Bodorgan have 152 surplus places in total which is equivalent to 49% surplus places.

The situation regarding Llangaffo Primary School and Parc Y Bont Primary School is different from the other four as Llangaffo Primary School is overfull and Parc Y Bont School is 96% full. Both are Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools.

The spend per pupil for all six schools is higher than the average for Anglesey (£4,349) and Wales (£4,150) for 2014/15.

Both these factors show the need to review and address the primary education provision in the area.

**It is recommended that the Executive Committee:**

Authorise officers from the Lifelong Learning Department to enable them to conduct an informal or non-statutory consultation process on the primary education provision in South Western Anglesey.

Having received the authorisation, officers from the Lifelong Learning Department will prepare several possible options on the way forward by early 2015.

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

No options have been considered so far but these will be developed for the informal consultation process.

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

The Executive Committee is responsible for school organisation matters.

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

N/A

**DD – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?**

N/A – It is one of the plans in the Strategic Outline Programme that was approved by the Executive Committee on January 13, 2014.

<b>E – Who did you consult?</b>		<b>What did they say?</b>
1	<b>Chief Executive / Strategic Leadership Team (SLT)</b> (mandatory)	
2	<b>Finance / Section 151</b> (mandatory)	
3	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer</b> (mandatory)	
5	<b>Human Resources (HR)</b>	Review of education provision could have potential staffing implications.
6	<b>Property</b>	
7	<b>Information Communication Technology (ICT)</b>	
8	<b>Scrutiny</b>	
9	<b>Local Members</b>	
10	<b>Any external bodies / other/s</b>	

<b>F – Risks and any mitigation (if relevant)</b>	
1	<b>Economic</b>
2	<b>Anti-poverty</b>
3	<b>Crime and Disorder</b>
4	<b>Environmental</b>
5	<b>Equalities</b>
6	<b>Outcome Agreements</b>
7	<b>Other</b>

**FF - Appendices:****G - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):**

1. Strategic Outline Programme (SOP) presented to the Welsh Government in December 2013.
2. Letter from the Welsh Government dated January 31 2014.