

<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>21 September 2015</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Modernising Anglesey Schools – Report following the publication of the statutory notice for a new primary school in Holyhead</b>
<b>Portfolio Member(s):</b>	<b>Councillor Kenneth Hughes</b>
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#### **A – Recommendation(s) and Reason(s)**

##### **Reasons:**

In order in order to comply with the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code, the Authority published a **Statutory Notice** of its intention to combine the three schools - Ysgol y Parchedig Thomas Ellis, Ysgol Llaingoch and Ysgol y Parc - in to one new school on a site on the Cybi site and that the new school will be a Church in Wales voluntary controlled school.

The **Statutory Notice** was published on June 19 2015 and a period of 28 days to oppose the notice followed. Therefore, the objection period came to an end on July 17, 2015. **No objections to the notice were received.**

According to the School Organisation Code 2013 published by the Welsh Government, as no objection has been received, there is no need to issue a report describing any objection received.

However, there is a need for the Executive Committee to re-approve the proposal that Anglesey County Council "and the Diocese of Bangor (Church in Wales), having consulted such persons as required, jointly propose, in pursuance of their respective powers, to discontinue Ysgol Parchedig Thomas Ellis (Lôn Tresefion, Holyhead LL65 2AP), Ysgol Llaingoch (Holyhead, Ynys Môn LL65 1LD) and Ysgol Y Parc (Holyhead LL65 1LA) which are currently maintained by the Isle of Anglesey County Council and establish a new transformational primary school to be maintained by the Isle of Anglesey County Council at the Cybi Site, South Stack Road, Holyhead, LL65 1NR for boys and girls aged 3-11."

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

- i. Determine whether to continue to implement the above proposal and authorise officers to continue the process to build a new primary school in Holyhead.

**Background:**

The Welsh Government will provide 50% of the funding for this project and they asked have local authorities to complete business cases to justify the expenditure. The Full Business Case (FBC) is currently being evaluated by Welsh Government. The approval of the FBC will mean that Welsh Government would approve the release of funds for the project.

At its meeting on December 10, 2012, the Isle of Anglesey County Council Executive Committee resolved to the merger of 3 schools i.e. Ysgol y Parc, Ysgol Llaingoch and Ysgol Parch. Thomas Ellis in a new school as the Executive's preferred option for formal consultation and that the new primary school in Holyhead be located on the Cybi site.

On May 19, 2014, were given the authority to move to the formal consultation process. The proposal being consulted upon was for a primary school for 540 pupils and 75 nursery pupils by merging Ysgol Y Parchedig Thomas Ellis, Ysgol Llaingoch and Ysgol Y Parc in a new building on the Cybi site. The status of the new school is for it to be a Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled school (in the same manner as Ysgol Y Parchedig Thomas Ellis).

At its meeting on November 3, 2014, the Executive Committee resolved:  
"To merge the three schools - Ysgol Y Parchedig Thomas Ellis, Ysgol Llaingoch and Ysgol Y Parc - in a new building on the Cybi site and for the new school to be a Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled school."

**B – Which other options did you consider and what were your reasons for refusing them and or for choosing this option?**

Many options were considered by the Executive Committee at its meeting on December 10, 2012 and the Executive Committee decided to support Option 10 (merge 3 schools i.e. Ysgol Y Parchedig Thomas Ellis, Ysgol Llaingoch and Ysgol Y Parc) in a new school as the Executive Committee's preferred option for formal consultation. The options can be seen in a report to the Executive Committee at the meeting on the above date as well as in the informal consultation document.  
Several other sites considered.

**C – For what reason is this a decision for the Executive Committee?**

The Executive Committee is responsible for school organisation matters.

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

Yes

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

Yes – It is one of the plans in the Strategic Outline Programme approved by the Executive Committee in its meeting on January 13, 2014.

<b>E – With whom did you consult?</b>		<b>What were their comments?</b>
1	<b>Chief Executive / Senior Management Team (SMT)</b> (mandatory)	
2	<b>Finance / Section 151</b> (mandatory)	
3	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer</b> (mandatory)	
5	<b>Human Resources (HR)</b>	
6	<b>Property</b>	
7	<b>Information Communication Technology (ICT)</b>	
8	<b>Scrutiny</b>	
9	<b>Local Members</b>	
10	<b>Any other external body/bodies</b>	

<b>F – Risks and any mitigatory steps (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>Result Agreements</b>	
7	<b>Other</b>	

<b>FF - Appendices:</b>

<b>G – Background Papers (please contact the Report’s author for any further information):</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minutes of the Executive Committee for 10 December 2012.</li> <li>2. Statutory Consultation Document</li> <li>3. Strategic Outline Programme (SOP) submitted to the Welsh Government in December 2013.</li> <li>4. Letter dated January 31 by the Welsh Government in 2014.</li> <li>5. Minutes of the Executive Committee held on November 3, 2014.</li> <li>6. Report to the Executive dated 4 November 2013.</li> <li>7. School Organisation Code sections 1.2 to 1.6.</li> </ol>

