

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Report to:	Executive Committee Meeting
Date:	21 September 2015
Subject:	Modernising Anglesey Schools – Report following the publication of the statutory notice for a new primary school in Llanfaethlu
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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 Llanfachraeth, Ysgol Ffrwd Win and Cylch y Garn - in to one new school on a site in Llanfaethlu and that the new school will be a community school.

The **Statutory Notice** was published on June 19 2015 and a period of 28 days to oppose the motion followed. Therefore, the objection period came to an end on July 17, 2015. **No objections to the proposal 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 to re-approve the proposal that Anglesey County Council "proposes to discontinue Ysgol Llanfachraeth (Llanfachraeth, Ynys Môn LL65 4UY), Ysgol Ffrwd Win (Llanfaethlu Ynys Môn, LL65 4YW) and Ysgol Cylch Y Garn (Llanrhuddlad, Ynys Môn, LL65 4HT) which are currently maintained by the Isle of Anglesey County Council and proposes to establish a new Welsh medium school to be maintained by the Isle of Anglesey County Council at the new school site in Llanfaethlu, LL65 4NN 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 Llanfaethlu.

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) will be presented to Welsh Government in November. The approval of the FBC will mean that Welsh Government would approve the release of funds for the project.

In January 2012, the Isle of Anglesey County Council Board of Commissioners gave officers of the Education Service permission to visit primary schools in North West Anglesey to consult on options for the primary school education provision in the area.

After receiving this permission, officers of the Lifelong Learning Department held consultation meetings with staff, governors and parents in October 2012 and a 6 week consultation period followed and came to an end on November 20, 2012.

Many responses were received and a report detailing these was compiled by officers of the Lifelong Learning Department and presented to the Isle of Anglesey County Council Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on January 15, 2013.

At that meeting on January 15, 2013, the Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee resolved:

- To recommend Option 5 (A new area school for Llanfachraeth, Llanfaethlu and Llanrhuddlad) to the Executive as the Committee's preferred option for formal consultation on the review of primary education provision in North West Anglesey subject to the identification of both funding and a suitable site for the development prior to the commencement of the formal consultation process.

At its meeting on February 11, 2013, the Isle of Anglesey County Council Executive Committee resolved to support Option 5 (namely a new area school for Llanfachraeth, Llanfaethlu and Llanrhuddlad) as the Executive's preferred option for formal consultation on the review of primary education provision in North West Anglesey subject to the identification of both funding and a suitable site for the development prior to the commencement of the formal consultation process.

Funding has been secured in principle for the new primary school. An Options Appraisal document has helped identify possible sites for the new primary school.

The statutory or formal consultation period ran from March 31, 2014 to May 19, 2014. The following were consulted:

pupils, parents, governors, staff, local community and any other interested groups.

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 February 11, 2013 and the Executive Committee decided to support Option 5 (which is a new area school for Llanfachraeth Llanfaethlu and Llanrhuddlad) as the Executive Committee’s preferred option for formal consultation on the review of primary education provision in North West Anglesey, subject to identifying a suitable site and finance for development prior to the formal consultation process.

Several other sites considered and these were discussed in detail in the document *Site Evaluation Options For New Primary School*.

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.

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

F – Risks and any mitigatory steps (if relevant)		
1	Economic	
2	Anti-poverty	
3	Crime and Disorder	
4	Environmental	
5	Equalities	
6	Result Agreements	
7	Other	

FF - Appendices:

G – Background Papers (please contact the Report’s author for any further information):
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minutes of the Executive Committee for 10 December 2012. 2. Statutory Consultation Document 3. SOP (SOP / SOP) submitted to the Welsh Government in December 2013. 4. Letter dated January 31 by the Welsh Government in 2014. 5. Minutes of the Executive Committee held on November 3, 2014. 6. Report to the Executive dated 4 November 2013. 7. Evaluation Site Options For New Primary School 8. School Organisation Code sections 1.2 to 1.6