

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **CABINET**

DATE: **TUESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2013**

REPORT BY: **DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING**

SUBJECT: **THE AMALGAMATION OF YSGOL PERTH Y TERFYN
INFANT SCHOOL AND YSGOL Y FRON JUNIOR
SCHOOL IN HOLYWELL**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To seek formal approval for the amalgamation of Ysgol Perth y Terfyn Infants and Ysgol y Fron Junior Schools to form a new primary school from September 2016.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 As part of the School Modernisation Programme the proposals for establishing 21 Century schools at Holywell were subject to statutory notice in July 2013 during which any objections to the proposal would need to be lodged in the statutory four week period. A subsequent report to Cabinet on the 17th September 2013 set out the responses to each of the proposals.

The statutory notice to amalgamate the two schools did not attract objections, and as a result the decision whether to approve the proposed amalgamation is one for Flintshire County Council's Cabinet.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 This marks the completion of the statutory processes to amalgamate Infant and Junior Schools in Flintshire. It is scheduled to take effect when the new school buildings will be completed for occupation at the site of the existing Holywell High School from September 2016.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 That the proposed amalgamation of Ysgol Perth y Terfyn Infant and Ysgol y Fron junior Schools is approved

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 This is a part of the 21st Century Schools Programme that has received approval for capital funding to Outline Business Case level by Flintshire County Council and the Welsh Government.

5.02 It is anticipated that revenue efficiencies will arise within the schools delegated budget through the amalgamation of the two schools. However, at this stage this has not been quantified and will be subject to the application of the schools funding formula.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 There is no direct impact from this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 As part of the process to build a new school, the appropriate assessments will be carried out in relation to the reduction in energy use and the reduction in the Carbon footprint of the School.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 There is no direct impact as a result of this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 The impact on personnel will be limited to the rationalisation of management and administration of the existing two schools.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 No further consultations are required.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 Consultations have been completed in accordance with the Welsh Government Guidance.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 None.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

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