

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **CABINET**

DATE: **TUESDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2012**

REPORT BY: **DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING**

SUBJECT: **UPDATE ON YSGOL RHES Y CAE**

1.00 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide an update on the outcome of the statutory process relating to the proposed closure of Ysgol Rhes y Cae.

2.00 **BACKGROUND**

2.01 Following consultations and subsequent approval of the Cabinet to publish the statutory proposals to close the school at the end of the academic year, the process of publication and circulation of the notice was made in accordance with the Education (School Organisation Proposal) (Wales) Regulation 1999.

2.02 The notice was published on the 16th of October 2012 and the period of one month for formal (written) objections was allocated. Two objections have been received within the prescribed period. In brief the objections were as follows:

Mrs Sarah Wake, the Parent, Pentre Halkyn.

Mrs Wake's objection is based on the fact that she is in favour of small schools, believing that "they provide an excellent start for a child in their educational journey". She also was dissatisfied with the process of the consultation.

Mr Timothy Reese, Runcorn, Cheshire.

Mr Reese objected directly to the Minister to the proposed closure because of his belief that if given a few more years, the numbers of pupils would increase. He also believes that the proposed closure is motivated by cost.

Full copies have been placed in the Members' Library.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

Current legislation requires any proposal which attracts formal objections to be determined by Welsh Ministers. This means that the decision making process is therefore transferred to the relevant Minister.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members receive this update and await the decision made by Welsh Ministers with regard to the proposal.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None as a result of this information report.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

None as a result of this information report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

None as a result of this information report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

None as a result of this information report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

None as a result of this information report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

None in relation to this information report.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

In accordance with the requirement of the Welsh Government regulations.

12.00 APPENDICES

None.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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