

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:**           **CABINET**

**DATE:**               **TUESDAY, 23 APRIL 2013**

**REPORT BY:**       **DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING**

**SUBJECT:**           **SHOTTON INFANT AND JUNIOR AMALGAMATION**

**1.00**   **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01    To determine the amalgamation of Shotton Infants School and Taliesin Junior School to form a new through Primary school on the Taliesin Junior School site.

**2.00**   **BACKGROUND**

2.01    In accordance with the policy of the Council to amalgamate infant and junior Schools, the relevant consultations have been conducted, the result of which were reported to Cabinet at the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2013.

2.02    The decision of the Cabinet members was that a statutory notice be published in accordance with the requirements of the Welsh Government.

2.03    The published notice set out the intention of the Authority to close the existing infant and junior schools as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 and to open the new school, in it's new building on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2014. One month was allowed for any formal (written) objections to be lodged.

**3.00**   **CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01    No formal objections were received during the statutory period which commenced on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2013 and concluded on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2013.

3.02    As a result of this, the determination of the proposal can be made by the Cabinet of the Council, without reference to Welsh Ministers.

**4.00**   **RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.01    That Members approve the proposal to effect an amalgamation of the Infant and junior schools to form a new through primary school on the Taliesin Avenue site from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014.

## **5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.01 A 30% (£1.9m) contribution by the Council was agreed prior to the commencement of the project. This will be funded through prudential borrowing over 50 years from the estimated revenue savings resulting from the amalgamation.

## **6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

- 6.01 There is no impact as a direct result of this report. All schools work to address national and local anti poverty priorities.

## **7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

- 7.01 The proposed new school will comply with all environmental requirements as detailed for the local Planning and Welsh Government requirements. The building will also meet with the requirements of the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM), compliance with which is a pre-requisite of the Welsh Government grant funding.

## **8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

- 8.01 The new school buildings will be built to a high accessibility standard. The new environment will provide first rate learning opportunities for the community.

## **9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.01 The temporary Governing Body of the new school will be responsible for the appointment of a Headteacher who will lead the new school. There are currently two Headteachers in post for the Infant and Junior Schools respectively. Other school staff will be recommended by the Local Authority for adoption by the Temporary Governing Body for the staffing of the new school.

## **10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

- 10.01 No further requirement for consultation.

## **11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

Full consultation meetings with the relevant groups.

## **12.00 APPENDICES**

- 12.01 None

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985**  
**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None.

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