

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:**           **CABINET**

**DATE:**                   **TUESDAY, 16 JULY 2013**

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

**SUBJECT:**               **PENYFFORDD INFANT/JUNIOR SCHOOL**  
                                  **AMALGAMATION**

**1.00   PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01   To determine the amalgamation of Abbots Lane Infants School, Park Crescent Penyffordd, and Penyffordd Junior School, Penymynydd Road, Penyffordd, to form a new all through Primary school using the existing school buildings.

**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 23 April 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 August, 2013 and to open the new school, in the existing buildings, on the 1 September 2013. 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 10 May 2013 and concluded on the 7 June 2013.

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

**4.00   RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.01   It is recommended that members approve the proposal to effect an amalgamation of the infant and junior schools to form a new through primary school on the existing two sites from 1 September, 2013.

## **5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.01 The delegated budget of the new school will be determined by the Flintshire County Council Schools Budget Formula. Transitional arrangements will apply in 2012/13 and there will be no savings arising through the amalgamation.
- 5.02 The budget for 2014/15 will be dependant on the outcome of the Schools Funding Formula review project.

## **6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

- 6.01 No direct impact as a result of this report.

## **7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

- 7.01 As the buildings will be utilised as present, there will be no additional impact as a result of this report.

## **8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

- 8.01 The school will be required to meet with the requirements of legislation as at present.

## **9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.01 The temporary Governing Body of the new school is responsible for the appointment of a Headteacher who will lead the new school. 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 consultation required.

## **11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

- 11.01 Full consultation with the relevant groups as required by Welsh Government Guidance.

## **12.00 APPENDICES**

- 12.01 None.

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

Penyffordd Amalgamation Report to Cabinet on 23 April, 2013.

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