

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **CABINET**

DATE: **TUESDAY, 18 MARCH 2014**

REPORT BY: **DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING**

SUBJECT: **OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION OF LOWERING THE
AGE RANGE OF QUEENSFERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL
FROM 4-11 TO 3-11**

1.00 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01 To report to members the outcome of the consultation on the lowering of the age range of Queensferry Primary School from 4-11 to 3-11 from September 1st 2014 in order to integrate a nursery provision.

2.00 **BACKGROUND**

2.01 Previous consultations have been held in relation to the proposed establishment of a 3-16 age range school on the site of the existing John Summers Secondary School and Queensferry Primary School. The proposals published in the statutory notice in July 2013 propose that the new school be established in September 2016. The proposal also includes the closure of the Croft nursery school and the transfer of nursery provision to St. Ethelwold's Vouluntary Aided Church in Wales Primary School and to Queensferry Primary School.

2.02 As Queensferry Primary currently has no nursery, it was necessary to consult additionally to change the age range from September 2014, in order to facilitate the inclusion of a nursery from that date.

3.00 **CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01 Consultation documents were circulated to all of the schools in the area, and to the statutory consultees in accordance with Welsh Government Guidance.

3.02 No responses to the consultation have been received during the prescribed period from Tuesday, 28th January 2014 and ending on Monday, 10th March 2014.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.01 In view of the outcome of the consultation process, that members approve the publication of the statutory notice proposing the change in age range of Queensferry Primary School from September the first 2014.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.01 The cost of adaptations at the school to accommodate the nursery is included in the overall 21st Century Schools budget for the establishment of a new 3 to 16 School on the John Summers site.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

- 6.01 The integration of nursery provision will enable the expansion of the Flying Start programme in the Communities First area of Higher Shotton to be accommodated in the Croft nursery building. Flying Start is already operating on the site, but the increase in the Flying start provision will make it possible for more families to be included in the Flying Start Programme. The location of the Croft nursery building is in the heart of the Communities First area.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 7.01 There will be no environmental impact as a result of this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 8.01 There will be no equalities impact as a result of this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.01 There are no personnel implications as a direct result of this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

- 10.01 Consultations with the schools in the area and other statutory consultees in accordance with Welsh Government Guidance.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

- 11.01 Consultations completed in relation to the wider re-organisation of provision in the Queenserry area in order to establish a 3 to 16 school.

12.00 APPENDICES

- 12.01 Statutory Notice.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

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