

## FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO:** **CABINET**

**DATE:** **TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2014**

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

**SUBJECT:** **QUEENSFERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL - CHANGE IN AGE-RANGE FROM SEPTEMBER 2014. RESPONSES TO THE STATUTORY NOTICE**

### **1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.01 To inform members of the response to the publication of the statutory notice relating to the change of age range of Queensferry Primary School from 4-11 to 3-11 years from September 2014.

### **2.00 BACKGROUND**

- 2.01 Proposals were published in July 2013 to close the Croft Nursery School, Larch Avenue, Shotton, and to integrate nursery provision into the neighbouring St. Ethelwold's Church in Wales Voluntary Aided Primary School, Melrose Avenue, Shotton, and Queensferry C.P. Primary School, Queensferry Campus, Chester Road West, Queensferry from September 2014. Neither of these schools currently have a nursery provision, and are currently the only Primary Schools in Flintshire without nursery provision.

### **3.00 CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.01 Consultations have been held with the relevant schools, in accordance with the requirement of the Welsh Government School organisation Code 2013. Only two responses were received at that stage, and both were supportive of the change in age-range.
- 3.02 Following approval of the Cabinet in February 2014 to progress to the statutory stage, formal proposals were published, together with information on how anyone could object in writing to the proposals during the following 28 days. This period came to an end on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of May. No written objections have been received. In this event, the Cabinet of Flintshire County Council has the authority to determine the proposal.

#### **4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.01 That Cabinet approve the proposal to change the age-range of Queensferry CP School, Queensferry Campus, Chester Road West from 4-11 to 3-11 years from September 2014.

#### **5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.01 Provision has been made from the directorate budget for the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) adaptations to St. Ethelwold's for £160k and £100k for DDA adaptations to Queensferry Primary School.

#### **6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

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

#### **7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

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

#### **8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

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

#### **9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.01 Staff from the Croft Nursery School will be recommended to be transferred to St. Ethelwold's VA Primary School and Queensferry Primary School in order to staff the nursery provision. The Governing Bodies of both schools will be responsible for any appointments.

#### **10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

10.01 No further consultation required.

#### **11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

11.01 With the relevant schools, statutory consultees, in accordance with the requirements of the School organisation Code 2013.

#### **12.00 APPENDICES**

12.01 None.

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

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