

Compliance Statement in Relation to the Current School Proposals

Introduction: School Organisation:

The School Organisation Code imposes requirements and provides guidelines in respect of all school organisation proposals in Wales.

For all of the current school organisation proposals the School Modernisation Team have planned the consultations, decision making and statutory notices in line with what the Code requires.

Consultation Process Timescales:

RAG Status: GREEN

The Schools Modernisation Team are required to ensure that timescales are adhered to in relation to school organisation proposals.

The timescale and process for consultation, decision making and statutory notice for the current school proposals have been checked and verified with Flintshire County Council Legal Team and through external verification through the Welsh Government Officers.

Welsh Government Consultation Documentation Checklist.

RAG status: GREEN

In the case of all school organisation proposals, the consultation document **must** contain certain information in line with School Organisation Code, July 2013 (Document number: 006/2016).

A RAG checklist has been produced by Welsh Government School Governance & Organisation Branch for the current school organisation proposals. The RAG checklist document follows a colour coding system in order to highlight any missing information or areas which Welsh Government felt could have been dealt with more thoroughly.

Ysgol Llanfynydd and Ysgol Maes Edwin proposals have all been assessed by the external Welsh Government Officers as having no concerns identified.

Flintshire County Council Consultee Checklist:

RAG status: GREEN

When bringing forward statutory proposals the School Organisation Code provides a full list of consultees that the proposer should consult with during the statutory process. An internal checklist has been produced by the School Modernisation Team to assess if the required statutory consultees have been identified.

Ysgol Llanfynydd and Ysgol Maes Edwin consultee checklist have all been assessed by the external Welsh Government Officers as having no concerns identified.

Verification of Data in the Consultation Document:

RAG status: GREEN

The School Modernisation Team uses the latest verified data at the time of constructing the consultation documents:

- School pupil numbers and more detailed information around pupils (for example Additional Learning Needs, English as an Additional Language and School action/school action plus/statemented) are obtained from the schools own statistical returns (September or January)
- Estyn data is obtained from the schools last Estyn inspection. Timing of inspections will depend on Estyn's own inspection cycle.
- National Welsh Government categorisation data, is based on the school returns. The Council use the most up to date data at the time of document construction from the Welsh Government website. Welsh Government update their national data base annually.
- GwE (The Regional School Improvement Service) data is fed into the Welsh Government's national categorisation system.
- The Welsh Government's national Measuring Capacity of Schools in Wales forms are verified by Head teachers, this provides the School Capacity and Admission Number.
- Unfilled places are recorded by Welsh Government; the Council provide its returns to Welsh Government annually; they are also based on official school returns.
- Birth Information by area is obtained from the Office of National Statistics
- Pupil projections are aligned with the methodology as neighbouring Authorities with North Wales
- Housing development information is based on actual current housing applications provided from the Planning Officers.
- Potential pupils which may be generated from new housing developments is calculated using a formula providing by a partnering Authority (Conwy CBC) who derive the formula based on the latest census returns.
- Pupil teacher ratios are provided by publically available statistics on a school (<http://mylocalschool.wales.gov.uk>), provided by Welsh Government and is updated on an annual basis.
- Foundation Phase and Core Subject Outcomes are provided by publically available statistics on a school (<http://mylocalschool.wales.gov.uk>), provided by Welsh Government is updated on an annual basis
- School Building condition information is provided by an external company who compare the school building condition against the building bulletin for Primary and Secondary schools
- Backlog maintenance information is provided by through independent consultants Property Condition Surveys are undertaken on a 5 year cycle.

Priority Codes [definition] are as follows:-

Priority 1: Urgent work required to be undertaken within 1 year

Priority 2: Essential work required to be undertaken within 2 years

Priority 3: Desirable work [deemed as] required to be undertaken within 3 to 5 years

Priority 4: Long term work [deemed as] required to be undertaken outside the 5 year [cycle] period

Appendix 1

The element Total 1 - 3 defines a five year financial investment and element 4 defines a six - ten year financial investment.

Work items are costed by the Consultant and include for preliminaries, labour, plant and materials etc. These costs are based on the current building cost information service [BCIS] provided by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, [RICS] as the leading provider of cost and price information within the construction and maintenance areas. These costs [Unit Rates] are present within the condition survey software to a default figure and amended/updated as required by the Consultant. The budget costings are exclusive of VAT, updated annually [using inflation indices] and reviewed post completion of work.

- School suitability information is provided from Suitability surveys undertaken independently in line with DfE Asset Management guidance and reviewed by FCC officers and amended if work has been completed at schools post initial survey.
- School Budgetary Work is conducted using agreed formula as per the School budget forum. Cost per pupil data is obtained from the Authority's section 52 budget statements.
- Travel distances between school sites is provided by the Flintshire County Council mapping system Route Finder 3.41
- Transport costs are provided by the infrastructure unit who administer home to school transport contracts.