

CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 17 th May 2016
Report Subject	Report back from the Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny call in meeting - Ysgol Llanfynydd
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Education & Youth
Report Author	Member Engagement Manager
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A decision of the cabinet - Record No 3254 School Modernisation – School Standards and Reorganisation Act 2013 – Ysgol Llanfynydd from the 19th April meeting was called in. The call in meeting of the Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee was held on 28th April at 11.30.

Having considered the decision, the committee chose Option 1, that it was satisfied with the explanation which it has received. Therefore, the original Cabinet decision could be implemented immediately.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the cabinet notes the decision of the Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee call in meeting with regard to Record No 3254 School Modernisation – School Standards and Reorganisation Act 2013 – Ysgol Llanfynydd
2	That the Cabinet notes that the decision makers had been informed that the original Cabinet decision could be implemented with immediate effect.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE CALL IN
1.01	<p>At the last meeting of the Cabinet on 19th April a report School Modernisation – School Standards and Reorganisation Act 2013 – Ysgol Llanfynydd was considered.</p> <p>The recommendations were that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Cabinet is requested to consider the responses from the statutory objection period for Ysgol Llanfynydd; and(b) Cabinet is requested to determine whether to implement the proposal for school organisational change at Ysgol Llanfynydd. <p>The decision was :</p> <p>That Ysgol Llanfynydd be closed as of 31/0861 with pupils transferring to other schools in accordance with parental preference.</p>
1.02	<p>The decision was called in by Councillors Isherwood, Mackie Steele-Mortimer and Halford for the following reasons:</p> <p><i>Incorrect data and process not followed. Regarding data – not all of the questions were answered. The impact of the school closure on the local community could be dire. Children going to and from school every day are part of the lifeblood of the village.</i></p> <p><i>Ysgol Llanfynydd has a range of adoptions which enable children with special medical needs to flourish – these facilities are not available at nearby schools.</i></p> <p><i>Taking out the school will make Llanfynydd a drive through village rather than a vibrant community hub. We need our school to keep the village alive.</i></p>
1.03	<p>Having heard the case from the initiators and the responses from the decision makers, the committee decided on Option 1, that they were completely satisfied with the explanations given by the decision makers. That meant that the previous Cabinet decision could be implemented with immediate effect.</p>

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	As identified in the previous report to the Cabinet on this issue.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	As identified in the previous report to the Cabinet on this issue.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	As identified in the previous report to the Cabinet on this issue.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	None.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>Report of the Chief Officer (Education & Youth) on School Modernisation – School Standards and Reorganisation Act 2013 – Ysgol Llanfynydd. considered at Cabinet on 19th April.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Robert Robins, Member Engagement Manager Telephone: 01352 702320 E-mail: Robert.robins@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	Call in: under section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000, an Overview & Scrutiny committee can review a decision which has been made but not implemented. This is known as a ‘call in ‘.