

## EDUCATION & YOUTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday, 13th October 2016.
<b>Report Subject</b>	School Modernisation Update
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Education and Youth
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Officer (Education and Youth).
<b>Type of Report</b>	Strategic

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To inform Education and Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee of progress of the School Modernisation Programme.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1	Education and Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee is requested to note progress of the school Modernisation Programme.
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### REPORT DETAILS

<b>1.00</b>	<b>BACKGROUND AND CONSIDERATIONS</b>
1.01	<p><b><u>BAND A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme</u></b></p> <p>The Council have an agreed funding envelope with Welsh Government (WG) for its 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Band A programme of £64.2m. This is funded on a 50/50 basis between WG and the Council.</p>
1.02	<p>The Council has two capital projects approved at Full Business Case (FBC) stage by the WG, these are projects at Holywell Learning Campus and Deeside 6<sup>th</sup>.</p>

1.03	The construction projects at both Holywell Learning Campus and Deeside 6th have been delivered on time and within budget and they equate to £45.636 million of the funding £64.2 million funding. This leaves the balance of £18.564 million available to progress other projects agreed through the WG business case process.
1.04	<p>During August 2016, the project at Deeside 6<sup>th</sup> was handed over and was operational for the start of the new 2016 academic year.</p> <p>Phase 1 at Holywell Learning campus (buildings) was handed over August 2016, with pupils from the Holywell High School, Ysgol y Fron Junior School and Ysgol Perth y Terfyn Infants School transferring to the new facility in September 2016. External work at Holywell Learning Campus will continue and will be complete by March 2017 (see Appendix 1).</p>
1.05	<p>As of September 2016, Deeside 6<sup>th</sup> had 222 students on roll in its first annual cohort.</p> <p>The courses currently offered at Deeside 6th are noted in Appendix 2.</p>
1.06	<p><b><u>School Modernisation</u></b></p> <p>Statutory consultations have been undertaken at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Summers High School – Change of age range from 11-18 to 11-16 by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 and closure of 11-16 School by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.</li> <li>• St David’s, Saltney - Change of age range from 11-18 to 11-16 by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016.</li> <li>• Ysgol Maes Edwin – Proposal to close by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016</li> <li>• Ysgol Llanfynydd – Proposal to close by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016</li> <li>• Ysgol Mornant, Gwespyr Picton – Proposal to close by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016.</li> </ul>
1.07	<p>Proposals which involve post 16, are required under the legal framework of the School Organisation Code to be determined by the Welsh Minister.</p> <p>The following proposals have been determined recently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Davids Saltney – Determined by the Welsh Minister in March 2016</li> <li>• John Summers High School – Determined by the Welsh Minister on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016.</li> </ul>
1.08	<p>The governors and leadership at John Summers High School whilst understandably disappointed with the ministerial decision are focussed and fully engaged in ensuring appropriate transition arrangements for their pupils.</p> <p>Transition arrangements/meetings with John Summers High School and the local secondary school network continue as planned and previously reported.</p>

	<p>The Local Authority is also facilitating the next steps of support for the staff at the school.</p> <p>The Local Authority and the school community will look to redeploy employees into the school and council network wherever practicable.</p>
1.09	<p>Cabinet meeting on 19th April 2016 determined statutory closure of Ysgol Maes Edwin. This was verified by Full Council 10th May 2016. Similarly, Cabinet also determined statutory closure of Ysgol Llanfynydd at its April meeting.</p>
1.10	<p>Transition arrangements have been undertaken at both schools. Pupils, parents and staff have been supported through this process by governors, school leadership and by officers from the Council. The role of the governors and school leadership in assisting with pupil and staff transition is positively acknowledged.</p>
1.11	<p>The majority of pupils at Ysgol Llanfynydd transferred in September 2016, to Ysgol Parc y Llan. A small number of parents expressed a preference for and had received a place in other schools. As part of the transition plans pupils from both schools attended a shared residential visit. Additionally the governors at Ysgol Llanfynydd purchased laptops from their school fund for Ysgol Parc Y Llan and assistance was also provided by Ysgol Parc y Llan for pupil uniforms.</p>
1.12	<p>The majority of pupils from Ysgol Maes Edwin transferred in September 2016 to Ysgol Sychdyn CP, the governors of Ysgol Maes Edwin have supported through their school fund vouchers for all pupils to purchase new school uniform for their receiving schools.</p>
1.13	<p>In terms of the site and infrastructure both schools have been closed in accordance with Council process and arrangements have been made to secure the site and buildings. Both school sites have been declared surplus to educational requirements. Future use of both sites will be determined democratically through the Council's Asset Management process.</p>
1.14	<p>On 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Cabinet determined to support the commitment from the Governing Bodies of Ysgol Maes Garmon and Ysgol Mornant to develop and consult on a federation proposal.</p> <p>Consultation was undertaken in accordance with The Federation of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations.</p> <p>The federation will formally commence on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Bronwen Hughes has been appointed as Executive Headteacher of the new Federation. The existing head at Ysgol Mornant will be retiring in December 2016. The Governors are advertising for the position of Deputy Headteacher to be based at the Ysgol Mornant.</p>

1.15	Separate reports will be presented to Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny at the appropriate stage, regarding other previously commissioned informal reviews.
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<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
2.01	There are sufficient staff resource in which to implement the revised programme within programme constraints and timelines.

<b>3.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT</b>
3.01	Consultations have been carried out, in accordance with the School Organisation Code and The Federation of Maintained schools (Wales) Regulations 2014.

<b>4.00</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
4.01	A Programme Board is set up to oversee the implementation business plans and manage risks in close detail. High level risks will be reported to Programme Board, operational risks will be managed by the project team in accordance with agreed tolerances.

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	Appendix 1 – Holywell Learning Campus & Deeside 6 <sup>th</sup> Appendix 2 – List of current courses offered at Deeside 6 <sup>th</sup>

<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	None.  <b>Contact Officer: Damian Hughes, Senior Manager, School Planning and Provision</b> <b>Telephone: 01352 704135</b> <b>E-mail: <a href="mailto:Damian.hughes@flintshire.gov.uk">Damian.hughes@flintshire.gov.uk</a></b>

<b>7.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
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7.01	<p>(1) School Organisation Code – The new School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 makes Local Authorities responsible (rather than the Welsh Ministers prior to October 2013) for the determination of most statutory school organisation proposals that receive objections. Such provisions apply to any proposals published on or after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 that consider the establishment, discontinuance or otherwise significantly alter schools.</p> <p>The Council does this in line with the Welsh Government’s statutory School Organisation Code</p> <p><a href="http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/publications/130719-school-organisation-codes-en.pdf">http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/publications/130719-school-organisation-codes-en.pdf</a></p> <p>(2) Federation and Collaboration - The federation of schools is a legal process which enables schools to work together through a formal structured process by sharing a governing body that will make decisions in the best interest of all the schools, staff and pupils in that federation.</p> <p>The term federation is often used to describe many forms of collaboration between schools. The Statutory process of Federation is often referred to as “Hard Federation” An informal, non-statutory arrangement between schools is often called “soft federation” or collaboration, where schools have made a commitment to work together through some form of joint governance.</p> <p><a href="http://gov.wales/docs/dcells/publications/140522-guidance-on-federation-of-schools-en.pdf">http://gov.wales/docs/dcells/publications/140522-guidance-on-federation-of-schools-en.pdf</a></p>