

Decision Schedule

Deputy Leader/ Cabinet Member for Education and Early Years

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 08 January 2025. They will become effective at Noon on 16 January 2025 with the exception of any particular decision, which is the subject of a valid "call-in".

The deadline for submission of a 'Call-in' request form is 4.00 pm on 15 January 2025.

[Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found via Democratic Services.](#)

Reports relating to staffing issues/Confidential reports are not circulated to all members of the Council as part of the consultation/call-in processes.

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School Reorganisation Proposal – Expansion of Ysgol Bryn Derw

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

Formal consultation concluded on the school reorganisation proposal being progressed by the Council "to increase the capacity of Ysgol Bryn Derw by 40 pupil places with effect from September 2025".

The proposal launched in September 2024, with formal consultation running between 4 September 2024 and 16 October 2024.

Option 1: To move to the next stage in this school reorganisation process, which was the publication of a statutory proposal (notice) for a period of 28 days and was an opportunity for stakeholders to lodge any legal objections against the proposal.

Option 2: To withdraw the proposal following consideration of the feedback received during the formal consultation period and outlined in detail within the attached Consultation Report.

The preferred option is Option 1. Following conclusion of the public consultation period, the Council maintained the view that the proposal represented the best and most achievable solution to the local pressure for specialist education placements for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and was preferred over any alternative options available. The publication of a statutory notice was the next stage in this school reorganisation proposal. This 28-day period would provide all consultees and stakeholders with an opportunity to further consider, and if necessary, lodge legal objections to, the proposal.

Decision

The Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member for Education and Early Years took the decision to move to publish a statutory notice for a period of 28 days in respect of the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Bryn Derw by 40 pupil places with effect from September 2025.

Consultation

Head of Law and Standards, Head of People, Policy and Transformation and Head of Finance.

All members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment. Any comments received and response thereafter are set out in the report.

Implemented By: Chief Education Officer

Implementation Timetable: Immediate

COUNCILLOR D DAVIES, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS

Date: 8 January 2025

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