

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	5 November 2019
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SUBJECT

Item 6: YSGOL LLANAELHAEARN

DECISION

Agree to begin a period of statutory consultation in accordance with the requirements of section 48 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 on the proposed proposal to close Ysgol Llanaelhaearn on 31 August 2020 and to provide places for pupils at Ysgol Bro Plenydd, Y Ffôr, on 1 September 2020

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The reason for seeking permission to consult on the basis of the preferred proposal is the need to address the vulnerable position of the school. There has been a significant fall in numbers recently which has led to a critical situation with eight pupils on the roll, with projections indicating that there will be a further fall to five pupils on the roll by 2021.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Local Member was consulted and discussions were held with local stakeholders.

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report.

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Item 7: GWYNEDD COUNCIL STAFF TRAVEL SAVINGS

DECISION

Agreed to adopt an alternative travel scheme for staff, and reduce the departmental budgets as follows to reflect the agreed levels of the relevant savings (total £117,998) -

- Education £9,775
- Environment £8,772
- Corporate Support £7,064
- Finance £2,379
- Economy and Community £6,526
- Adults £33,183
- Children £31,463
- Highways and Municipal £3,463
- Leadership Team £1,159
- Consultancy £13,130
- Housing and Property £1,084

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council's current Financial Strategy includes savings deriving from staff travel allowances. Following a review, the need to adopt an amended scheme which will not detrimentally affect services was acknowledged.

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It was noted that these changes to staff travelling will affect officers present, but they did not need to leave the meeting.

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Item 8: NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION

DECISION

Resolved to:

- Approve the draft response to the consultation on the National Development Framework
 - Authorise the Assistant Head in consultation with the Cabinet Member to undertake any amendments arising from the Cabinet's discussions, including editorial and administrative changes
 - Authorise the Assistant Head in consultation with the Cabinet Member to create a cover letter highlighting the Cabinet's main points and for this to be submitted with the response by 15 November 2019.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Welsh Government has prepared a National Development Framework, the document is currently the subject of a public consultation and a response needs to be submitted by 15 November 2019.

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ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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