

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD - 24 FEBRUARY 2016
CABINET

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: A.H.Thomas, P.A.Rees, M.L.James, E.V.Latham,
Mrs.S.Miller, P.D.Richards, J.Rogers, A.J.Taylor and
A.N.Woolcock

Officers in Attendance:

S.Phillips, A.Evans, N. Jarman, G.Nutt, D.Michael, Mrs.K.Jones, Crowhurst
and Mrs.A.Manchipp

1. **MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the
commencement of the meeting:-

Councillor Mrs S.Miller

Re: Report of the Head of
Transformation on the Strategic
School Improvement Programme –
Proposal to Amalgamate Melin Infant
School and Melin Junior School as
she is Chair of Governors of the
schools involved and also has
grandchildren who attend the school,
and confirmed her dispensation to
speak only.

2. **ALTERNATIVE SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL FOR ADULTS' SOCIAL
SERVICES**

Decisions:

1. That Option 2, as contained in the circulated report, be approved
as the way forward for Adult Social Services;

2. That the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing be authorised to:-
- a. Develop an Implementation Plan and Timetable for Option 2;
 - b. Make the necessary arrangements to fully implement Option 2, by no later than 31 March 2017, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health and Housing, the Director of Finance and Corporate Services and other Officers as designated by the Chief Executive;
 - c. Produce regular Progress Reports to the relevant Scrutiny Committee;
 - d. Arrange a Staged Series of Business and Competitiveness Reviews for the Services in-scope. These to be chaired by an Independent Person of business and community standing; and
 - e. In the event that any of the Services in scope fail a Business and Competitiveness Review, the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing bring a report to Members seeking immediate conversion of those Services to Limited Company status.

Reason for Decisions:

In order for the Local Authority to ensure that services provided are competitive, efficient and sustainable.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the 3 day call in period.

Consultation:

Extensive Consultation has been undertaken.

3. **STRATEGIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - PROPOSAL TO AMALGAMATE MELIN INFANT SCHOOL AND MELIN JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the equality impact assessment, the risk assessment, the community impact assessment and the relevant reports

as listed in the appendices/background papers to this report, and in line with Section 53 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, delegated authority be granted to the Head of Transformation to establish a 3-11, English-medium, community primary school to replace Melin Infant and Melin Junior schools (both of which will be discontinued) to be implemented as of 1 September 2016.

Reason for Decision:

1. This decision is necessary to comply with the legislative requirements to facilitate the implementation of the proposal which will enable the Council to:
 - promote high standards and the fulfilment of every child's potential;
 - meet its duty to secure efficient education in its area;
 - comply with legislative requirements.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the 3 day call in period.

Consultation:

1. This school organisation proposal, which is being brought forward under the Council's Strategic School Improvement Programme, has been subject to external consultation.
2. Formal consultation has been required in line with the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code, July 2013, which specifies the procedures to be followed, including the content of the consultation document and those to be consulted.
3. Consultation on this proposal commenced on 19th October 2015 with comments invited until 4th December 2015. A consultation report summarising the comments of consultees together with responses to those issues was published on 8th January 2016. Apart from a response from Estyn, no comment forms were returned.

4. **URGENT ITEM**

Because of the need to deal now with the matter contained in Minute No. 5 below, the Chairman agreed that this could be raised at today's meeting as an urgent item pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason

Due to the time element.

5. **SWANSEA BAY CITY DEAL**

Decisions:

1. That the Report of the Chief Executive in relation to the Swansea Bay City Deal together with the submission of the proposal, be noted;
2. That the report be referred to the Economic and Community Regeneration Scrutiny Committee;
3. That an all Member Seminar be arranged to inform Members of the proposals.

Reason for Decisions:

To facilitate Member engagement in, and awareness of, the process in relation to the Swansea Bay City Deal, at the outset and as it unfolds.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the 3 day call in period.

CHAIRPERSON