

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **16 FEBRUARY 2016** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Education and Youth)**

SUBJECT: **SCHOOL ORGANISATION - YSGOL MORNANT**
GWESPYR PICTON

- RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT:**
- (1) Cabinet is requested to consider the responses from the statutory consultation period for Ysgol Mornant, Gwespyr Picton;
 - (2) Cabinet is requested to consider comments from the Education and Youth Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the evidence and analysis provided by officers within the report; and
 - (3) Cabinet is requested to determine the next steps for Ysgol Mornant, Gwespyr Picton.

- DECISION:**
- (1) That Cabinet support the commitment from the Governing Bodies of Ysgol Maes Garmon and Ysgol Mornant to develop and consult on a federation proposal;
 - (2) That Cabinet authorises support for the schools in planning consultation, decision making and implementation of a federation proposal (with existing officers advising); and
 - (3) That Cabinet authorises officers to work with other local schools and community partners on how they can support the sustainability and resilience of Ysgol Mornant

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:**

If the Cabinet decision is to proceed, the Council will publish a Statutory notice providing a 28 day notice period for objections. If objections are received, the Council must publish an objection report providing a summary of the objections and their responses to them within 28 days of the end of the objection period.

At the County Council meeting on 26 January 2016 Councillor Glyn Banks handed in a petition opposing closure of Ysgol Mornant.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There is sufficient team capacity to prepare the detailed transition plans for students.

Should the current proposals be implemented, the Council will work with the current members of staff at Ysgol Mornant, including teaching and support staff, should they seek redeployment opportunities. Staff displaced by the proposal may have the opportunity to be employed in the local primary network.

The estimated net annual saving that could be achieved if the proposal to close Ysgol Mornant goes ahead is as follows:

Saving / Costs	Amount
Formula Funding Saving	£110,896
Transport Costs	£26,600 (current transport costs of £34,200) Transport saving of £7,600
Catering Saving	£6,000
Net Saving	£124,496
Backlog Maintenance Saving	£19,402 (over a 5 year cycle)

Actual transport costs can only be established once all families have chosen their preferred school.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors: Bithell, Brown, Butler, Christine Jones, Kevin Jones and Shotton.

DISPENSATIONS

None.

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SIGNED

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(Proper Officer)