

At: Aelodau'r Cabinet

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Annwyl Gynghorydd

Fe'ch gwahoddir i fynychu cyfarfod y CABINET, DYDD MAWRTH, 13 IONAWR 2015 am 10.00 am yn YSTAFELL BWYLLGORA 1A, NEUADD Y SIR, RHUTHUN.

Yn gywir iawn

G Williams Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Democrataidd

#### AGENDA

#### RHAN 1 – GWAHODDIR Y WASG A'R CYHOEDD I FOD YN BRESENNOL AR GYFER Y RHAN HON O'R CYFARFOD

#### 1 YMDDIHEURIADAU

#### 2 DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANT

Dylai'r Aelodau ddatgan unrhyw gysylltiad personol neu gysylltiad sy'n rhagfarnu mewn unrhyw fater a nodwyd i'w ystyried yn y cyfarfod hwn.

#### 3 MATERION BRYS

Rhybudd o eitemau y dylid, ym marn y Cadeirydd, eu hystyried yn y cyfarfod fel materion brys yn unol ag Adran 100B(4) Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972.

#### 4 COFNODION (Tudalennau 7 - 14)

Derbyn cofnodion cyfarfod y Cabinet a gynhaliwyd ar 16 Rhagfyr 2014 (copi'n amgaeedig).

5 RHAGLEN MODERNEIDDIO ADDYSG – YSGOLION CYNRADD ARDAL RHUTHUN (Tudalennau 15 - 110) Ystyried adroddiad gan y Cynghorydd Eryl Williams, Aelod Arweiniol ar gyfer Addysg (copi'n amgaeedig) sy'n ceisio cymeradwyaeth y Cabinet i ddechrau ymgynghori ar gynigion trefniadaeth ysgolion ac i awgrymu bod y Cyngor yn cymeradwyo buddsoddiad mewn tri phrosiect ysgol gynradd yn ardal Rhuthun.

# 6 CYLLIDEB 2015/16 (CYNIGION TERFYNOL - CAM 3) (Tudalennau 111 - 124)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill, Aelod Arweiniol Cyllid ac Asedau (copi'n amgaeedig) sy'n cyflwyno cyfnod olaf rhaglen o arbedion cyllideb a mesurau eraill i'w hargymell i'r Cyngor er mwyn darparu'r gyllideb refeniw ar gyfer 2015/16.

#### 7 CYNLLUNIAU TREF AC ARDAL (Tudalennau 125 - 142)

Ystyried adroddiad ar y cyd gan y Cynghorwyr Hugh Evans, Arweinydd ac Aelod Arweiniol dros Ddatblygu Economaidd a Huw Jones, Aelod Arweiniol dros Hamdden, leuenctid, Twristiaeth a Datblygu Gwledig sy'n cyflwyno'r camau a gymerwyd ers yr Adolygiad o Gynlluniau Tref ac Ardal ac sy'n amlinellu'r ffordd ymlaen.

#### 8 POLISI DYLEDION CORFFORAETHOL (Tudalennau 143 - 160)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill, Aelod Arweiniol Cyllid ac Asedau (copi'n amgaeedig) yn cyflwyno'r Polisi Dyledion Corfforaethol i'w gymeradwyo.

#### 9 ADRODDIAD CYLLID (Tudalennau 161 - 176)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill, Aelod Arweiniol Cyllid ac Asedau (copi ynghlwm) yn manylu ar y sefyllfa ariannol ddiweddaraf a'r cynnydd ar strategaeth y gyllideb y cytunwyd arni.

#### **10 RHAGLEN WAITH I'R DYFODOL Y CABINET** (Tudalennau 177 - 182)

Derbyn Rhaglen Gwaith i'r Dyfodol y Cabinet sydd wedi'i hamgáu, a nodi'r cynnwys.

#### **RHAN 2 - MATERION CYFRINACHOL**

GWAHARDD Y WASG A'R CYHOEDD

Argymhellir yn unol ag Adran 100A (4) Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972, bod y Wasg a'r Cyhoedd yn cael eu gwahardd o'r cyfarfod tra bydd yr eitem ganlynol yn cael ei thrafod oherwydd ei bod yn debygol y bydd gwybodaeth eithriedig yn cael ei datgelu fel y'i diffinnir ym mharagraff 14, Rhan 4, Atodlen 12A y Ddeddf.

#### 11 POLISI GWIRIO'N SEILIEDIG AR RISG CYNLLUNIAU LLEIHAU BUDD-DAL TAI A THRETH Y CYNGOR. (Tudalennau 183 - 194)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill, Aelod Arweiniol Cyllid ac Asedau (copi'n amgaeedig) yn cyflwyno'r Polisi Gwirio'n Seiliedig ar Risg diwygiedig i'w gymeradwyo.

#### MEMBERSHIP

#### Y Cynghorwyr

Hugh Evans Julian Thompson-Hill Eryl Williams Bobby Feeley Hugh Irving Huw Jones Barbara Smith David Smith

#### COPIAU I'R:

Holl Gynghorwyr er gwybodaeth Y Wasg a'r Llyfrgelloedd Cynghorau Tref a Chymuned Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

#### DEDDF LLYWODRAETH LEOL 2000



#### Cod Ymddygiad Aelodau

#### DATGELU A CHOFRESTRU BUDDIANNAU

Rwyf i, (enw)	
*Aelod /Aelod cyfetholedig o (*dileuer un)	Cyngor Sir Ddinbych
	di datgan buddiant * <b>personol / personol a</b> yd eisoes yn ôl darpariaeth Rhan III cod dau am y canlynol:-
Dyddiad Datgelu:	
Pwyllgor (nodwch):	
Agenda eitem	
Pwnc:	
Natur y Buddiant: <i>(Gweler y nodyn isod)*</i>	
Llofnod	
Dyddiad	

Noder: Rhowch ddigon o fanylion os gwelwch yn dda, e.e. 'Fi yw perchennog y tir sy'n gyfagos i'r cais ar gyfer caniatâd cynllunio a wnaed gan Mr Jones', neu 'Mae fy ngŵr / ngwraig yn un o weithwyr y cwmni sydd wedi gwneud cais am gymorth ariannol'.

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

# Eitem Agenda 4

#### CABINET

Cofnodion cyfarfod o'r Cabinet a gynhaliwyd yn Ystafell Bwyllgora 1a, Neuadd y Sir, Rhuthun, Dydd Mawrth, 16 Rhagfyr 2014 am 10.00 am.

#### **YN BRESENNOL**

Y Cynghorwyr Hugh Evans, Arweinydd ac Aelod Arweiniol dros Ddatblygu Economaidd; Bobby Feeley Aelod Arweiniol dros Ofal Cymdeithasol, Gwasanaethau Oedolion a Phlant; Hugh Irving, Aelod Arweiniol dros Gwsmeriaid a Chymunedau; Huw Jones, Aelod Arweiniol dros Dwristiaeth, Hamdden ac leuenctid a Datblygu Gwledig; David Smith, Aelod Arweiniol dros Barthau Cyhoeddus; Julian Thompson Hill, Aelod Arweiniol dros Gyllid ac Asedau ac Eryl Williams, Dirprwy Arweinydd ac Aelod Arweiniol dros Addysg.

**Arsylwyr:** Cynghorwyr Ray Bartley, Bill Cowie, Meirick Davies, Martyn Holland, Huw Hilditch-Roberts, Arwel Roberts a Cefyn Williams

#### HEFYD YN BRESENNOL

Y Prif Weithredwr (MM); Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol (NS); Penaethiaid Gwasanaeth: Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol, Adnoddau Dynol a Democrataidd (GW), Cyllid ac Asedau (PM), Cwsmeriaid a Chymorth Addysg (JW), Addysg (KE), Cynllunio a Diogelu'r Cyhoedd (GB), a Gwasanaethau Oedolion a Busnes (PG); Prif Gyfrifydd (RW); Rheolwr Gwarchod y Cyhoedd (EJ); Swyddog Costau Gwasanaeth (DO), Swyddogion Gwella Corfforaethol (NK ac IM), a Gweinyddwr y Pwyllgor (KEJ)

#### 1 YMDDIHEURIADAU

Y Cynghorydd Barbara Smith

#### 2 DATGAN CYSYLLTIAD

Ni chafodd unrhyw gysylltiad personol na rhagfarnol ei ddatgan.

#### 3 MATERION BRYS

Ni chafwyd unrhyw faterion brys.

#### 4 COFNODION

Cyflwynwyd cofnodion cyfarfod y Cabinet a gynhaliwyd ar 25 Tachwedd 2014

**PENDERFYNWYD** y dylid cymeradwyo cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 25 Tachwedd 2014 fel cofnod cywir ac y dylai'r Arweinydd eu llofnodi.

#### 5 YMGYNGHORIAD- YSGOL ESGOB MORGAN

Cyflwynodd y Cynghorydd Eryl Williams yr adroddiad yn manylu ar ganfyddiadau'r ymgynghoriad ffurfiol a gynhaliwyd ar gynigion i newid Ysgol Esgob Morgan o fod yn ysgol iau gymunedol i fod yn ysgol iau o ffydd Anglicanaidd gan ddod i rym ar 1

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Medi 2015. Roedd yn gofyn am gymeradwyaeth y Cabinet i'r gymryd y cam nesaf – sef cyhoeddi hysbysiad statudol i wneud y cynnig i newid enwad yr ysgol.

Ystyriodd y Cabinet rinweddau'r cynnig ynghyd â chanlyniadau'r ymgynghoriad a nododd y byddai'r cynnig yn helpu gyda'r broses o drosglwyddo disgyblion o St. Asaph VP Infants i Ysgol Esgob Morgan a symleiddio unrhyw gynigion i gyfuno yn y dyfodol rhwng y ddwy ysgol. Wrth ymateb i gwestiynau fe fanylodd y swyddogion ar y broses ymgynghori a gynhaliwyd, a oedd yn cynnwys ymgynghoriad wedi'i deilwra ar gyfer y disgyblion, ac yn rhoi golwg gyffredinol ar y dadansoddiad o'r ymatebion a dderbyniwyd. Ystyriwyd nad oedd y rhan fwyaf o'r gwrthwynebwyr yn gysylltiedig yn uniongyrchol â'r ysgol. Gofynnwyd am sicrwydd ynghylch yr effaith ar safonau addysg ac fe gadarnhaodd swyddogion na fyddai unrhyw effaith negyddol ond yn hytrach byddai gwelliannau cadarnhaol o ganlyniad i gryfhau cysylltiadau presennol gyda'r eglwys.

**PENDERFYNWYD** bod y Cabinet yn cymeradwyo cyhoeddi hysbysiad statudol i wneud y cynigion canlynol -

- Bydd Cyngor Sir Ddinbych yn cau Ysgol Esgob Morgan ar 31 Awst 2015; a
- Bydd Esgobaeth Anglicanaidd Llanelwy yn agor Ysgol Ffydd Anglicanaidd newydd a Reolir yn Wirfoddol i wasanaethu cymunedau Llanelwy a'r ardaloedd cyfagos ar 1 Medi 2015 ar safle Ysgol Esgob Morgan.

#### 6 CYNLLUN TRWYDDEDU YCHWANEGOL AR GYFER TAI AMLFEDDIANNAETH

Fe gyflwynodd y Cynghorydd David Smith, Aelod Arweiniol y Parth Cyhoeddus adroddiad yn ceisio cymeradwyaeth y Cabinet i ail-ddynodi cynllun trwyddedu ychwanegol ar gyfer Tai Amlfeddianaeth yn y Rhyl, ynghyd ag amodau a ffioedd trwyddedu cysylltiedig. Mae'r cynllun ychwanegol ar hyn o bryd yn dod i ben ar 31 Rhagfyr 2014, ac yn dilyn adolygiad ac ymgynghoriad cynhwysfawr, argymhellwyd bod y cynllun yn cael ei ail-ddynodi am bum mlynedd arall.

Ystyriodd y Cabinet ganfyddiadau'r adolygiad a'r ymgynghoriad ac roeddent yn gefnogol i'r cynllun fel ffordd o wella safonau llety. Cadarnhaodd y swyddogion bod Cyngor Tref y Rhyl a Grŵp Aelodau Ardal y Rhyl yn cefnogi a bod ymgynghoriad wedi'i gynnal ag awdurdodau lleol eraill er mwyn rhannu arfer gorau. Gofynnwyd am sicrwydd bod adnoddau digonol ar gael ar gyfer gorfodaeth tai ac fe eglurodd y swyddogion mai dim ond un allan o amrywiaeth o fesurau i sicrhau gwelliant yw gorfodaeth a'u bod yn fodlon bod adnoddau priodol ar gael o ystyried yr hinsawdd ariannol bresennol. Cyflwyno'r cynllun wedi cael ei nodi fel blaenoriaeth gwasanaeth. Amlinellodd Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Craffu Cymunedau, y Cynghorydd Huw Hilditch-Roberts y ddadl craffu ar ail-ddynodi'r cynllun a chadarnhaodd eu bod yn cefnogi hynny.

#### PENDERFYNWYD bod y Cabinet yn -

(a) cymeradwyo ail-ddynodi cynllun trwyddedu ychwanegol ar gyfer Tai Amlfeddiannaeth yn y Rhyl am 5 mlynedd arall fel y nodir yn Atodiad 1 o'r adroddiad;

- (b) cymeradwyo'r Amodau i'w gosod fel rhan o Gynllun Trwyddedu "Ychwanegol" a "Gorfodol" fel y nodir yn Atodiad 2 o'r adroddiad;
- (c) cymeradwyo'r Ffioedd i'w gosod fel rhan o Gynllun Trwyddedu "Ychwanegol" a "Gorfodol" fel y nodir yn Atodiad 3 o'r adroddiad, a
- (d) cefnogi'r syniad na ddylai'r dyddiad gweithredu fod yn hwyrach nag 1 Ebrill 2015 sy'n cydymffurfio â'r isafswm cyfnod statudol o 3 mis rhwng dynodiad cymeradwy a gweithredu.

#### 7 AMRYWIO CYTUNDEBAU TENANTIAETH TAI CYNGOR

Cyflwynodd y Cynghorydd Hugh Irving yr adroddiad sy'n ceisio cymeradwyaeth y Cabinet i fabwysiadu'r cytundeb tenantiaeth newydd gyda rhybudd ffurfiol o amrywiad. Mae'r cytundeb tenantiaeth wedi'i ddiwygio i adlewyrchu newidiadau yn y gyfraith ac arfer ac i alluogi'r cyngor i ddelio â materion megis ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol yn fwy effeithiol.

Nododd y Cabinet bod y cytundeb tenantiaeth wedi bod yn destun proses adolygu ac ymgynghori cynhwysfawr gan dderbyn llawer o adborth cadarnhaol. Mae'r amserlen ar gyfer gweithredu'r cytundeb newydd ar gyfer tenantiaid presennol a newydd hefyd wedi nodi diwygiad o 1 Ionawr 2015 sy'n berthnasol i denantiaid newydd. Roedd y Cynghorydd Irving yn falch o adrodd ar gyfraniad cadarnhaol y Grŵp Cynghori Tenantiaid o fewn y broses. Croesawodd yr Aelodau y cytundeb newydd fel dogfen gadarn sy'n darparu cysondeb i'r holl denantiaid ac roeddent yn hapus i nodi lefel y mewnbwn gan denantiaid a rhanddeiliaid eraill wrth ei chreu. O ran darpariaeth Gymraeg fe gadarnhaodd y swyddogion y byddai'r holl ddogfennau ar gael yn ddwyieithog a byddai ceisiadau am braille neu ieithoedd eraill yn cael eu trin ar sail un i un.

**PENDERFYNWYD** bod y Cabinet yn mabwysiadu'r fersiwn derfynol ddiwygiedig o'r Cytundeb Tenantiaeth Tai Cyngor gyda Rhybudd Terfynol o Amrywio fel y nodwyd yn yr adroddiad.

#### 8 DADELFENNU NEWIDIADAU GWASANAETH AR GYFER TENANTIAID Y CYNGOR

Cyflwynodd y Cynghorydd Hugh Irving yr adroddiad yn ceisio cytundeb y Cabinet ar yr egwyddorion allweddol er mwyn penderfynu sut y byddai taliadau gwasanaeth yn cael eu cyfrifo a'u gweithredu o renti o fis Ebrill 2015. Roedd yr adroddiad wedi cael ei baratoi mewn ymateb i bolisi gosod rhent newydd Llywodraeth Cymru a oedd yn gofyn i daliadau gwasanaeth gael eu gwahanu o daliadau rhent tenantiaid i nodi'n glir pa wasanaethau y maent yn talu amdanynt a thaliadau a wnaed.

Ystyriodd y Cabinet yr opsiynau yn yr adroddiad er mwyn bodloni'r gofyniad a derbyniwyd y rhesymeg y tu ôl i'r argymhelliad i fabwysiadu polisi tâl amrywiol i adennill taliadau gwasanaeth ac i leihau rhent am y flwyddyn gyntaf yn ôl swm a dderbyniwyd o wasanaethau y codir tâl amdanynt. Fe dynodd y Cynghorydd Bobby Feeley sylw at gymhlethdod y broses a gofynwyd am sicrwydd y byddai'r

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newidiadau yn cael eu cyfleu'n effeithiol i denantiaid. Roedd hi'n arbennig o bryderus am yr effaith anghymesur ar gyfadeiladau gwarchod a oedd yn effeithio pobl hŷn yn bennaf a sut y byddai hynny'n cael ei reoli. Eglurodd y Swyddog Tâl Gwasanaeth (SCO) y byddai taliadau yn uwch mewn cynlluniau gwarchod oherwydd y costau cynnal ardaloedd cymunedol a fyddai'n cael ei liniaru yn rhannol ar gyfer y rhai sy'n derbyn budd-dal tai a chan y cynnig i leihau rhenti yn y flwyddyn gyntaf ac yna polisi dyrchafol. Mewn ymateb i bryderon cyfathrebu, fe gytunodd i ystyried cysylltiad pellach gyda chyfadeiladau gwarchod i egluro materion. Gofynnwyd am sicrwydd na fyddai'r dull amrywiol yn arwain at gynnydd mewn costau sylweddol yn y blynyddoedd i ddod o ganlyniad i beidio â chodi digon o dâl arnynt. Roedd y STG yn hyderus bod y rhagamcanion wedi cael eu cyfrifo yn gywir, gan roi manylion ar gyfanswm y gwaith a wnaed yn y cyswllt hwnnw. Cadarnhaodd hefyd nad oedd unrhyw fecanwaith i eithrio allan ar gyfer tenantiaid.

**PENDERFYNWYD** bod y Cabinet yn cytuno ar yr egwyddorion allweddol a fydd yn penderfynu sut y bydd taliadau gwasanaeth yn cael eu cyfrifo a'u gweithredu o renti o fis Ebrill 2015 ymlaen fel y nodwyd yn yr adroddiad, yn benodol i -

- fabwysiadu polisi Codi Tâl Amrywiol ar gyfer dosraniad ac adennill i bob Tenant sy'n derbyn gwasanaethau, a
- bod rhenti unigol yn cael eu lleihau yn y flwyddyn gyntaf gan gyfanswm y gwasanaethau y gellir codi tâl amdanynt y mae tenantiaid yn eu derbyn.

bod y Cabinet yn nodi y bydd papur arall yn cael ei ystyried ar y taliadau terfynol fel rhan o broses bennu rhent tai cyngor blynyddol y cyngor ym mis Chwefror 2015.

#### 9 ADRODDIAD Y CYNLLUN Y CYNLLUN CORFFORAETHOL (CHWARTER 2 2014 – 15)

Yn absenoldeb yr Aelod Arweiniol, y Cynghorydd Barbara Smith, cyflwynodd yr Arweinydd yr adroddiad yn rhoi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i'r Cabinet ar y gwaith o gyflawni Cynllun Corfforaethol 2012-17 ar ddiwedd chwarter 2 o 2014/15. Roedd yr adroddiad hefyd yn cynnwys perfformiad mewn perthynas â'r Cytundeb Canlyniadau a'r Gofrestr Prosiectau.

Dywedodd yr Arweinydd fod yr adroddiad yn fwy ffafriol na'r chwarter blaenorol, yn enwedig o ran yr economi leol ac fe amlygodd nifer o welliannau. Cyfeiriwyd at effaith y toriadau ariannol a'r cysylltiadau rhwng gwneud penderfyniadau o gwmpas broses y gyllideb a'r Cynllun Corfforaethol. Pwysleisiodd y pwysigrwydd i barhau gydag uchelgeisiau a blaenoriaethau'r Cyngor fel y manylir yn y Cynllun Corfforaethol.

Holodd y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill y tebygolrwydd o dderbyn taliad llawn o'r grant cytundeb canlyniadau. Fe gyfeiriodd y swyddogion at y broses o gyddrafod targedau gyda Llywodraeth Cymru ac ni ragwelwyd unrhyw golli pwyntiau a fyddai'n effeithio ar y swm sy'n daladwy ar gyfer 2014-15. Disgwylir penderfyniad terfynol ym mis Ionawr o ran y cytundeb ar berfformiad ar gyfer 2013-2014. Amlygodd y Cynghorydd David Smith ei bryderon ynghylch cynnal a chadw priffyrdd ac er ei fod yn gobeithio y byddai safon dderbyniol yn cael ei gynnal, ni fyddai modd ei warantu ar gyfer y blynyddoedd i ddod o ystyried y sefyllfa ariannol a chael gwared ar gyllid LABGI (Menter Twf Busnesau Awdurdodau Lleol).

**PENDERFYNWYD** bod y Cabinet yn nodi'r cynnydd a wnaed o ran cyflawni'r Cynllun Corfforaethol.

#### 10 ADRODDIAD CYLLID

Cyflwynodd y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill, adroddiad yn rhoi manylion ynglŷn â'r sefyllfa ariannol ddiweddaraf a'r cynnydd a wnaed yn erbyn y strategaeth gyllidol y cytunwyd arni. Rhoddodd y crynodeb canlynol o sefyllfa ariannol y Cyngor-

- rhagwelwyd tanwariant o £327,000 yn y gyllideb refeniw ar gyfer cyllidebau gwasanaeth a chyllidebau corfforaethol
- cytunwyd ar arbedion o £7.1 miliwn yn rhan o'r gyllideb ac ar hyn o bryd mae 90% wedi eu cyflawni ac mae 10% yn mynd rhagddynt
- amlygwyd y prif amrywiadau oddi wrth gyllidebau neu dargedau arbedion sy'n berthnasol i feysydd gwasanaeth unigol, a
- cafwyd diweddariad cyffredinol ynglŷn â'r Cyfrif Refeniw Tai; y Cynllun Tai Cyfalaf a'r Cynllun Cyfalaf (yn cynnwys yr elfen Cynllun Corfforaethol).

Gofynnwyd i'r Cabinet hefyd i gymeradwyo trosglwyddiad o £20,000 i'r Gronfa Gwasanaeth Crwner.

Darparodd y Cynghorydd David Smith ddiweddariad ar Gam 3 o Brosiect Amddiffyn Môr Gorllewin y Rhyl ac fe nododd yr aelodau y byddai'n cael ei gynnwys yn y Cynllun Cyfalaf yn fuan. Fel Cadeirydd TAITH, fe adroddodd y Cynghorydd Smith ar lythyrau a anfonodd at y Gweinidog Busnes ynghylch pryderon am incwm o Asiantaeth Cefnffordd Gogledd a Chanolbarth Cymru ac i'r Gweinidog Cyllid ynghylch pryderon am gyllid LAGBI, y mae o'n aros am ymatebion. Ailadroddodd y Cynghorydd Eryl Williams ei bryderon blaenorol ynghylch goblygiadau o ran dyrannu cyllid ar gyfer y gwelliannau M4 a gofynnodd i lythyrau gael eu hanfon at Aelodau'r Cynulliad yn hynny o beth. Mewn perthynas â'r gostyngiad yn y Grant Cefnogi Pobl, adroddodd y Cynghorydd Thompson-Hill ar sefydlu cronfa wrth gefn i reoli'r mater hwn.

#### PENDERFYNWYD bod y Cabinet yn -

- (a) nodi'r cyllidebau a bennwyd ar gyfer 2014/15 a'r cynnydd yn erbyn y strategaeth y cytunwyd arni ar gyfer y gyllideb;
- (b) cymeradwyo trosglwyddo £20,000 i Gronfa Gwasanaeth y Crwner, a
- (c) bod y Cyngor yn ysgrifennu at holl Aelodau'r Cynulliad yng ngogledd Cymru i ofyn am eu barn am y gostyngiad yn y cyllid a roddir i briffyrdd Sir Ddinbych a'r cyllid a ddyrannwyd ar gyfer y gwelliannau i'r M4.

#### 11 RHAGLEN GWAITH I'R DYFODOL Y CABINET

Cyflwynodd y Cynghorydd Hugh Evans Rhaglen Gwaith i'r Dyfodol y Cabinet i'w hystyried.

Holodd y Cynghorydd Bobby Feeley ynglŷn â'r posibilrwydd o ohirio Cynigion Moderneiddio Addysg ar gyfer ardal Rhuthun er mwyn caniatáu amser ychwanegol i ystyried yr opsiynau. Y Cynghorydd Eryl Williams yn awyddus i'r eitem fynd yn ei flaen ym mis Ionawr o gofio bod y prosiectau penodol eisoes wedi cael eu gohirio er mwyn galluogi pob prosiect i gael eu hystyried ar yr un pryd, a thynnodd sylw at yr angen am gyllid i gael ei ddyrannu yn ffurfiol. Teimlai hefyd nad oedd digon o amser ar gyfer yr holl randdeiliaid i ystyried y cynigion ymlaen llaw. Anogodd yr Arweinydd yr holl aelodau i geisio mynd i'r afael ag unrhyw faterion sy'n weddill cyn y cyfarfod nesaf.

Derbyniwyd awgrym y Pennaeth Cyllid ac Asedau i ddileu'r eitem Trethi Busnes o'r rhaglen waith ym mis Ionawr.

**PENDERFYNWYD** nodi Rhaglen Gwaith i'r Dyfodol y Cabinet.

Ar y pwynt hwn (11.25 am) cafwyd egwyl ar gyfer lluniaeth.

#### 12 DYFODOL GWASANAETHAU GOFAL CYMDEITHASOL MEWNOL

Cyflwynodd y Cynghorydd Bobby Feeley adroddiad yn gofyn i'r Cabinet gytuno ag ymgynghoriad ar wasanaethau gofal cymdeithasol mewnol y dyfodol. Cyfranodd gyd-destun i'r adroddiad gan dynnu sylw at ofynion Deddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Lles (Cymru) ac effaith y toriadau sylweddol yn y gyllideb.

Sefydlwyd Grŵp Gorchwyl a Gorffen i edrych ar gynaliadwyedd ariannol y gwasanaethau gofal cymdeithasol mewnol y Cyngor ac ar eu hargymhelliad i allanoli gwasanaethau ac arbed £700,000 a gytunwyd arno fel rhan o'r broses o osod y gyllideb. Er mwyn symud ymlaen â'r gwaith hwnnw roedd angen ymgymryd ag ymarfer ymgynghori, gan gynnwys asesiadau effaith ar gydraddoldeb. Mae llawer o sylw wedi bod ar y cynnig i gau y tri chartref gofal preswyl presennol a chafwyd sicrwydd ar y cychwyn cyntaf na fyddai unrhyw un ohonynt yn cael eu cau oni bai fod modd diwallu gofynion y trigolion mewn darpariaeth arall. Roedd y Cynghorydd Feeley hefyd yn awyddus i dynnu sylw at ansawdd y ddarpariaeth yn y sector preifat a oedd wedi bod yn destun rhywfaint o gyhoeddusrwydd annheg gan gynghori bod bron i 90% o leoliadau cartrefi gofal a ariennir gan y Cyngor yn y cartrefi sector preifat.

Cyfeiriodd y Cabinet at yr effaith y byddai cau cartrefi gofal yn ei gael ar eu preswylwyr, teuluoedd a chymunedau ehangach. Roedd yr aelodau'n awyddus i archwilio'r posibilrwydd o opsiynau eraill, fel cynlluniau tai gofal ychwanegol ynghyd â phecynnau gofal gwell gan alluogi pobl i fyw gartref yn annibynnol am gyfnod hirach, ond tynwyd sylw at yr angen i ystyried a allai anghenion defnyddwyr gwasanaeth presennol ac yn y dyfodol gael eu diwallu o fewn eu hardaloedd presennol pe baent yn bwrw mlaen â'r cynigion. Mae mwy o ddarpariaeth o'r fath i'w gael mewn ardaloedd mwy poblog y sir ond yn brin yn y De, yn enwedig yn ardal Corwen ac mae angen rhoi ystyriaeth i ddarpariaeth iaith Gymraeg wrth ymgymryd ag asesiadau effaith ar unigolion. Ymhelaethodd y swyddogion ar y cynnydd o ran

datblygu darpariaeth amgen mewn ardaloedd penodol ynghyd â'r broses ymgynghori a fyddai'n cynnwys cyfarfod â phreswylwyr cartrefi gofal a'u teuluoedd i egluro sut y gellir darparu gwasanaethau a chasglu barn ar unrhyw newidiadau. Byddai asesiad effaith ar gyfer y rhai yr effeithir arnynt yn cael ei wneud a fyddai'n cynnwys darpariaeth iaith Gymraeg. Teimlai'r Aelodau y byddai'n fanteisiol cael y Grŵp Grwp Tasg a Gorffen i ystyried canlyniadau'r ymgynghoriad cyn i'r mater gael ei adrodd yn ôl i'r Cabinet ym mis Ebrill/Mai 2015.

Fe dynodd y Cynghorydd Ray Bartley sylw at yr angen am ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus ehangach ac fe ysgogodd hynny drafodaeth hir am natur yr ymgynghoriad i'w gynnal o ran safbwyntiau canfasio a diwallu anghenion penodol y defnyddwyr gwasanaeth presennol a'r ddadl ehangach ar foderneiddio gwasanaethau gofal cymdeithasol yn y dyfodol. Yn gyffredinol derbyniwyd bod angen dau ymgynghoriad ar wahân. Amlygwyd yr angen am gyfathrebu effeithiol gyda defnyddwyr gwasanaeth, eu teuluoedd a staff hefyd ynghyd â rheolaeth briodol o'r wasg. Pwysleisiodd y Cynghorydd Cefyn Williams fod Cysgod y Gaer yn rhan bwysig o'r gymuned leol a oedd eisoes wedi bod yn destun cau ysgolion a chyfleusterau llai ac roedd yn bryderus bod darpariaeth arall addas yn golygu symud allan o'r ardal i drigolion lleol.

Ystyriodd y Cabinet bod angen i ddiwygio'r argymhellion yng ngoleuni'r ddadl ac yn dilyn hynny -

PENDERFYNWYD bod y Cabinet yn cytuno i -

- (a) yn unol â'r fframwaith statudol priodol, ymgynghori â phob defnyddiwr gwasanaeth unigol a'u teulu o ran y cynigion y cyfeirir atynt yn yr adroddiad i gynnwys asesiad o'u hanghenion ac argaeledd darpariaeth arall addas i ddiwallu'r anghenion hynny;
- (b) cynnal ymarfer ymgynghori cyhoeddus ehangach ar foderneiddio gwasanaethau cymdeithasol yn y dyfodol;
- (c) cyflwyno adroddiad/adroddiadau ar ganlyniadau'r ymgynghoriadau y cyfeirir atynt yn (a) a (b) uchod i'r Grŵp Tasg a Gorffen cyn iddynt gael eu cyflwyno i'r Cabinet gydag arfarniad opsiynau ar gyfer pob un o'r gwasanaethau, a
- (d) bod y Cabinet yn cadarnhau na fydd unrhyw ddefnyddiwr gwasanaeth unigol yn cael ei symud oni bai bod darpariaeth arall addas yn cael ei nodi.

#### Gwahardd y wasg a'r cyhoedd

**PENDERFYNWYD** o dan Adran 100A o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972, bod y Wasg a'r Cyhoedd i'w gwahardd o'r cyfarfod ar gyfer yr eitemau busnes canlynol ar y sail fod tebygrwydd y byddai gwybodaeth eithriedig fel y'i diffinnir ym Mharagraffau 13, 14, 15 ac 16 o Ran 4 o Atodlen 12A o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972.

#### 13 MORFA LODGE, FFORDD ABERGELE, RHUDDLAN A'R TIR YN FFORDD ABERGELE, RHUDDLAN

Fe gyflwynodd y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill adroddiad cyfrinachol yn argymell i'r Cabinet gymeradwyo i ddatgan nad oes angen y fferm a'r tir, a'u gwerthu ar y farchnad agored.

Ystyriodd y Cabinet rinweddau'r cynnig gan nodi bod gwarediad yn cydymffurfio â strategaeth ystadau amaethyddol y Cyngor ac y byddai'n creu derbynneb cyfalaf sylweddol a fyddai'n darparu cyllid ar gyfer prosiectau cyfalaf. Cadarnhaodd y swyddogion y byddai'r tir yn cael ei rhannu'n lotiau i wneud y mwyaf o'r incwm a gynhyrchir gan ymateb i gwestiynau ynghylch defnydd tir posibl. Gofynnodd yr Aelodau gwestiynau hefyd ynghylch polisi ac arfer cyffredinol sy'n ymwneud â rheoli ystadau a datblygiadau amaethyddol sy'n berthnasol i ffermydd penodol. O ganlyniad -

**PENDERFYNWYD** bod y Cabinet yn cymeradwyo datgan Morfa Lodge Farm, a thir yn Ffordd Abergele (ag ymyl coch ar Atodiad A ynghlwm wrth yr adroddiad) fel tir dros ben a chymeradwyo cael gwared ar y fferm ar y farchnad agored trwy arwerthiant.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 1.00pm.

# Eitem Agenda 5

Adroddiad i'r:	Cabinet
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod:	13 Ionawr 2015
Aelod Arweiniol / Swyddog: Addysg	Y Cynghorydd Eryl Williams, Aelod Arweiniol
Awdur yr Adroddiad:	Pennaeth Cwsmeriaid a Chefnogaeth Addysg
Teitl:	Rhaglen Moderneiddio Addysg – Ysgolion Cynradd Ardal Rhuthun

#### 1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?

Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn ceisio cymeradwyaeth i ddechrau ymgynghori ar gynigion trefniadaeth ysgolion ac i argymell i'r Cyngor y dylid cymeradwyo buddsoddiad mewn tri phrosiect ysgol gynradd yn ardal Rhuthun.

#### 2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?

Mae'r Cyngor yn symud ymlaen â rhaglen uchelgeisiol ar gyfer buddsoddi yn yr ystâd ysgolion. Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn darparu gwybodaeth ar gyfer Aelodau ac yn gofyn am gymeradwyaeth i symud ymlaen i'r cam nesaf.

#### 3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

Gofynnir i'r Cabinet:

- I gymeradwyo ymgynghoriad ffurfiol ar y cynnig i gau Ysgol Llanfair DC ac Ysgol Pentrecelyn ar y 31<sup>ain</sup> o Awst 2016 ac i agor ysgol Categori 2 Gwirfoddol a Reoli wedi ei lleoli ar y safleoedd presennol ar y 1<sup>af</sup> o Fedi 2016.
- I gymeradwyo ymgynghoriad ffurfiol ar y cynnig i gau Ysgol Rhewl ar y 31<sup>ain</sup> o Awst 2017 gyda'r disgyblion yn trosglwyddo i unai Ysgol Penbarras neu Ysgol Stryd y Rhos i gydfynd gydag agor adeiladau ysgol newydd.
- (ii) I argymell i'r Cyngor gymeradwyaeth o achosion busnes a dyraniad cyfalaf ar gyfer
  - 1. yr olynydd i'r ddarpariaeth bresennol Ysgol Stryd yr Rhos / Ysgol Pen Barras ar safle Glasdir.
  - 2. adeilad ysgol newydd i Ysgol Carreg Emlyn
  - 3. adeilad ysgol newydd ar gyfer ysgol ardal Llanfair a Pentrecelyn, yn ddibynnol ar ddeilliant y cynnig ad-drefnu ysgolion.

#### 4. Cynigion Adolygiad Ysgolion Cynradd Ardal Rhuthun

- 4.1 Fel rhan o Gynllun Corfforaethol y Cyngor, mae'r Cyngor wedi gwneud ymrwymiad, yn ychwanegol at ariannu Ysgolion yr 21<sup>ain</sup> Ganrif, i fuddsoddi adnoddau pellach i gynnal adolygiadau ardal ac i ailwampio a gwella ein hysgolion. Ym mis Gorffennaf 2014 rhoddodd y Cabinet yr awdurdod i gynnal astudiaethau dichonoldeb mewn perthynas â thri phrosiect (byddai cwblhau'r rhain yn destun penderfyniadau cyllidebol yn y dyfodol).
- 4.2 Mae'r Grŵp Buddsoddi Strategol yn argymell y dylai'r Cabinet gymeradwyo'r achosion busnes ar gyfer buddsoddi yn y tri phrosiect cyfalaf canlynol:-
  - Codi ysgol gynradd newydd ar safle Glasdir yn Rhuthun yn lle adeiladau presennol Ysgol Penbarras ac Ysgol Stryd y Rhos.
  - Codi ysgol newydd yng Nghlocaenog ar gyfer Ysgol Carrog Emlyn yn lle'r adeiladau ysgol presennol yng Nghlocaenog a Chyffylliog
  - Codi ysgol ardal newydd i wasanaethu cymunedau Llanfair a Phentrecelyn

Mae crynodeb o'r sail resymegol ar gyfer y prosiectau yn Atodiad 1 ac mae'n esbonio'r rhesymau dros y buddsoddiadau arfaethedig. Yn eu cyfarfod ar 16 Rhagfyr, ystyriodd y Grŵp Buddsoddi Strategol yr Achosion Busnes llawn ar gyfer y prosiectau ac argymell bod y Cabinet yn eu cymeradwyo.

- 4.3 Er mwyn symud ymlaen â'r prosiectau hyn, bydd yn rhaid i'r Cabinet roi cymeradwyaeth i ddechrau ymgynghori ar ddau o'r cynigion.
- 4.4 Codi Ysgol Ardal Newydd ar gyfer Llanfair a Phentrecelyn
- 4.5 Mae'r Cyngor, mewn partneriaeth ag Esgobaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, yn dymuno dechrau ymgynghori ar gynnig i gau Ysgol Llanfair ac Ysgol Pentrecelyn ar 31 Awst 2016 er mwyn hwyluso agor ysgol ardal newydd i wasanaethu cymunedau Llanfair a Phentrecelyn. Yn y tymor hir mae'r Cyngor yn credu na fyddai parhau â'r sefyllfa bresennol yn gynaliadwy ac y byddai'r cynnig yn gam ymlaen i ddarparu ysgol newydd i wasanaethu'r gymuned. Mae'r cynnig yn argymell agor ysgol ardal newydd a fyddai'n Ysgol Reoledig Wirfoddol cyfrwng Cymraeg a Saesneg (Categori 2) yn unol â dewis y rhieni. Ar hyn o bryd mae Ysgol Llanfair yn ysgol ddwy ffrwd ac mae Ysgol Pentrecelyn yn darparu addysg drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg. Ar gyfer disgyblion a addysgir drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg ni ddylai fod unrhyw effaith o ran canlyniadau yn sgil y cynigion hyn a bydd yn bwysig bod y Corff Llywodraethu newydd yn monitro hyn yn y dyfodol i sicrhau bod ethos cryf Cymreig yn cael ei gadw.
- 4.6 Mae dogfen ymgynghori ddrafft wedi ei pharatoi (gweler Atodiad 2) ac, os yw'r Cabinet yn cymeradwyo ymgynghori, bwriedir ymgynghori ar y cynnig hwn rhwng y 3 Chwefror ac 16 Mawrth. Rhagwelir y bydd canfyddiadau'r ymarfer ymgynghori yn cael eu cyflwyno i'r Cabinet ym mis Mai 2015. Yn unol â'r Cod Trefniadaeth Ysgolion, rydym ni wedi ymgynghori â'r Eglwys yng Nghymru ac maent ar y cyfan yn cefnogi'r cynnig.
- 4.7 Cau Ysgol Rhewl

- 4.8 Mae dyfodol Ysgol Rhewl wedi ei ystyried fel rhan o'r arfarniad opsiynau ar gyfer safle Glasdir. Mae'r prif gymhellion ar gyfer y cynigion ar gyfer Rhuthun yn cynnwys mynd i'r afael â chyflwr adeiladau a lleoedd dros ben ac ystyrir bod y cymhellion hyn yn effeithio ar gynaliadwyedd tymor hir Ysgol Rhewl. O fis Medi 2014 roedd gan Ysgol Rhewl 53 o ddisgyblion llawn amser a 29 o leoedd dros ben (35%).
- 4.9 Wrth ystyried yr holl opsiynau ar gyfer safle Glasdir roedd angen ystyried beth fyddai effaith y cyfleusterau newydd ar y safle hwn ar hyfywedd Ysgol Rhewl oddeutu 1.1 milltir i ffwrdd. Roedd asesiad diweddar o'r adeilad yn awgrymu bod y rhan fwyaf o'r ffabrig presennol wedi mynd y tu hwnt i'r bywyd dylunio disgwyliedig ac y byddai angen cryn dipyn o waith ar yr ysgol i sicrhau ei bod yn cyrraedd y safon. O ystyried nifer y disgyblion a'r angen tymor hir i fuddsoddi yn yr adeilad, credir y byddai cau'r ysgol a throsglwyddo'r disgyblion i Ysgol Penbarras neu Stryd y Rhos yn ddewis tymor hir cynaliadwy.
- 4.10 Mae dogfen ymgynghori ddrafft wedi ei pharatoi (gweler Atodiad 3) ac, os yw'r Cabinet yn cymeradwyo ymgynghori, bwriedir ymgynghori ar y cynnig hwn rhwng y 10 Chwefror a 23 Mawrth. Rhagwelir y bydd canfyddiadau'r ymarfer ymgynghori yn cael eu cyflwyno i'r Cabinet ym mis Mai 2015.

#### 5. Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol?

5.1 Bydd y cynnig yn cefnogi'r flaenoriaeth gorfforaethol o "wella perfformiad mewn addysg ac ansawdd adeiladau ein hysgolion".

#### 6. Faint fydd yn ei gostio a sut bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?

- 6.1 Byddai cost cynnal ymgynghoriad ar y cynigion yn gymharol fach a byddai'r prif gostau yn cynnwys costau argraffu a phostio ac amser swyddogion. Os byddwn yn bwrw ymlaen â'r cynigion a'u gweithredu, rhagwelir y bydd angen cefnogaeth AD ar staff a effeithir arnynt yn uniongyrchol neu'n anuniongyrchol gan y newidiadau arfaethedig.
- 6.2 Cost y tri phrosiect cyfalaf ar gyfer ardal Rhuthun yw oddeutu £15.1 miliwn. Mae'r gost hon wedi ei chlustnodi ar gyfer buddsoddi mewn prosiectau Moderneiddio Addysg fel rhan o ddatblygiad cyfalaf yn y Cynllun Corfforaethol. Bydd cynnydd y prosiectau yn cael effaith ar nifer o adrannau gan gynnwys Dylunio, Adeiladu a Chynnal a Chadw, Prisio ac Ystadau a'r Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol.

#### 7. Beth yw prif gasgliadau'r Asesiad o Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb (AEC) a gynhaliwyd ar y penderfyniad? Dylai'r templed AEC wedi'i lenwi gael ei atodi fel atodiad i'r adroddiad.

Mae AEC wedi ei wneud ar y cynigion ac ynghlwm wrth Atodiad 4.

8. Pa ymgynghoriadau sydd wedi eu cynnal gyda'r Pwyllgor Archwilio ac eraill?

Cynhaliodd y Cyngor ymgynghoriad anffurfiol ar y materion sy'n effeithio ar Ysgolion Cynradd Ardal Rhuthun ddechrau 2013. Mae Cadeiryddion y Llywodraethwyr, Penaethiaid ac Aelodau Lleol ar gyfer y tair ysgol yn ymwybodol o'r cynigion sy'n cael eu cyflwyno i'r Cabinet a bydd cyfle iddynt ymateb i'r cynigion fel rhan o'r broses ymgynghori ffurfiol.

#### 9. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid

9.1 Cost y tri prosiect cyfalaf ar gyfer adolygiad Ardal Rhuthun ydi oddeutu £15m. Gan nad yw'r cynlluniau yn rhan o brosiectau Band A Ysgolion 21ain Ganrif, bydd yn ofynnol i'r Cyngor gyllido'r cyfan o'r gost cyfalaf sydd yn ymwneud ar cynigion. Daw buddsoddiad ar y raddfa yma a risg gyllidol ac oherwydd bydd yn angenrheidiol cael rheolaeth prosiect a chyllidol cadarn. Dylai'r cynigion greu arbedion refeniw a fydd yn gallu cael eu hail-fuddsoddi i raglen buddsoddi'r Cyngor i gyllido'r benthyciad. Bydd cwblhau'r tri phrosiect hefyd a'r potensial i greu derbyniadau cyfalaf.

#### 10. Pa risgiau sydd yna, ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?

10.1 Mae nifer o risgiau yn cael eu rheoli ar hyn o bryd ar lefel rhaglen gan y Bwrdd Rhaglen Moderneiddio Addysg. Bydd pob prosiect unigol yn cynnwys gweithdrefnau rheoli risg.

#### 11. Pŵer i wneud y Penderfyniad

Mae'r cynigion yn cyd-fynd â'r Fframwaith Polisi Moderneiddio Addysg.

Mae Deddf Safonau a Threfniadaeth Ysgolion (Cymru) 2013 yn darparu'r gofyniad deddfwriaethol i awdurdodau lleol adolygu cynigion ysgolion ac i symud ymlaen cynigion i ad-drefnu darpariaeth ysgolion.

Appendix 1 - Summary of Business Cases for Investment in the Ruthin Primary Area

#### 1.0 Ruthin Town Schools

1.1 The feasibility study focussed on options for the Glasdir site to the North of Ruthin, the existing Rhos Street / Penbarras campus and the current site of Ysgol Rhewl. The findings indicated the following key points:-

Glasdir Site:-

- Size Capable of accommodating a shared site for a 210 / 315 shared site school, subject to a land swap with Welsh Government
- Highways options highlighted which could accommodate likely traffic and drop off arrangements for the shared site school with adequate parking
- Flooding Findings of previous studies illustrate that of a number of scenarios for the school site, none of them indicated any significant flooding of the potential school site

Existing Rhos Street / Penbarras site:-

- Existing site Considerable deficiencies in condition and suitability from existing shared site arrangement, overall size significantly smaller than recommended size area
- Revised site Could accommodate a single 210 school; however some existing issues would remain such as insufficient hall size, dining and catering arrangements and parking / parent drop off zones. Accessibility / DDA issues would remain

Ysgol Rhewl Site:-

- Much of the existing building fabric is beyond its expected design life and requires extensive work to bring up to current standards
- Shortcomings in internal arrangement and large extensions would take away external areas that are already too small to accommodate a 105 place school.
- 1.2 The Business Case developed based on the findings of this feasibility work provides a range of options for the future ranging from do minimum to the maximum options of providing three new or renovated facilities for each school.
- 1.3 Based on this evidence the preferred way forward is as follows:-
  - To build a new shared school site for Rhos Street and Ysgol Penbarras to accommodate 450 pupils based on a capacity of 180 and 270 for each school
  - To commence immediately a proposal to close Ysgol Rhewl as of 31st August 2017 with pupils transferring to Rhos Street and Ysgol Penbarras
  - To declare the existing Rhos Street and Ysgol Penbarras site surplus, subject to the completion of the project and to dispose of the asset

- 1.4 Approximately £8.9million has been allocated for this project. The latest figures provided for standalone schools of the size to accommodate 525 pupils suggested a possible cost of £10.5m based on no shared facilities. The next stage of the project will be to develop further the client's brief with a view to developing shared facilities and to reduce the size of the school to accommodate the smaller pupil numbers to ensure that the costs of the project are reduced.
- 1.5 Discussions have progressed with Welsh Government regarding a land swap between them and Denbighshire to facilitate this development.
- 1.6 Moving forward based on a traditional design and then tender stage the following indicative timescale has been put forward. This would be amended should an alternative route be sought such as design and build. Due to the scale of the contract any contractor would be selected via the North Wales Construction Framework.

Approval from Cabinet / Council of Business Case	December 2014 to February 2015
Securement of Land Agreement with Welsh Government	December 2014 to April 2015
Design Stages	February 2015 to November 2015
Tender Stage	November 2015 to February 2016
Construction Stage	March 2016 to July 2017
Handover	July 2017

#### 2. Ysgol Carreg Emlyn - Clocaenog and Cyffylliog area

- 2.1 The new area school named Ysgol Carreg Emlyn to serve the communities of Clocaenog, Cyffylliog and Derwen was created as of September 2014 to replace the former schools of Ysgol Clocaenog and Ysgol Cyffylliog. Due to an imbalance of demand at the sites the Governing Body agreed in consultation with Denbighshire, an interim arrangement so that the Cyffylliog site provides foundation phase education and the Clocaenog site provides Key Stage 2 education. This arrangement has led to additional transport costs.
- 2.2 The feasibility study focussed on options for the Clocaenog area and the findings indicated the following key points:-

Existing Clocaenog Site:-

- Shortfalls of adequately sized teaching spaces, no school hall, and no separate staff, Headteacher and administration areas
- The current site is unable to be expanded due to the natural borders of the road and the river and the slopes around the school.

Alternative Sites:-

• At least 2 sites in the village capable of accommodating a 105 Primary school

- Both sites currently in private ownership, no Denbighshire owned land suitable for development purposes
- 2.3 Based on this evidence the preferred way forward is as follows:-
  - To build a new school to accommodate 91 FT pupils in the village of Clocaenog
  - To declare the existing Clocaenog and Cyffylliog sites surplus subject to the completion of the project and to dispose of the asset
- 2.4 At this stage £2.8million has been allocated for this project. The next stage of the project will be to develop further the client's brief, to undertake further survey works to confirm the preferred site and to commence discussions with the relevant land agents to purchase the land required.
- 2.5 Moving forward based on a traditional design and then tender stage the following indicative timescale has been put forward. As the contract value will be less than £4.3m this project will be outside of the remit of the North Wales Construction Framework.

Approval from Cabinet / Council of Business Case	December 2014 to February 2015
Land Suitability and Securement of Land Agreement to purchase land	December 2014 to May 2015
Design Stages	June 2015 to May 2016
Tender Stage	June 2016 to Aug 2016
Construction Stage	September 2016 to September 2017
Handover	October 2017

#### 3.0 Area School for Llanfair / Pentrecelyn

3.1 The feasibility study focussed on options for the villages of Llanfair and Pentrecelyn. This focussed on the existing sites, and land identified in the village of Llanfair. The findings indicated the following key points:-

Ysgol Llanfair Site:-

- Size Not sufficient to accommodate an extension
- Highways –significant limitations around parking and drop off areas for existing pupils

Ysgol Pentrecelyn Site:-

- Size Could accommodate a larger school following acquisition of additional land
- Highways As school site is outside of settlement with no suitable footway it is likely that all pupils would qualify for home to school transport

Alternative Sites

• At least 2 sites in the village capable of accommodating a 140 Primary school

- All sites currently in private ownership, no Denbighshire owned land suitable for development purposes
- 3.2 The Business Case developed based on the findings of this feasibility work provides a range of options for the future ranging from do minimum to the maximum option of providing a larger school in the region of 180 pupils.
- 3.3 Discussions held to date with Planning have highlighted that capacity issues exist in relation to the Welsh Water Sewerage Works which serve the village. A meeting is being sought with Welsh Water to ascertain when the required improvements works are scheduled to take place. This could impact on the timescales for the project should these works be not identified early in Welsh Water's Asset Management Plan.
- 3.4 Based on this evidence the preferred way forward is as follows:-
  - To progress proposals to amalgamate the existing schools of Ysgol Llanfair and Ysgol Pentrecelyn as an area school based initially on their existing sites.
  - To commence the design process for a new school to accommodate 140 FT pupils in the village of Llanfair, with progression to construction stage being dependent upon securing the necessary school organisation proposals.
  - To declare the existing Pentrecelyn site surplus subject to the completion of the project and to dispose of the asset
  - To declare the playing fields at Ysgol Llanfair surplus subject to the completion of the project and seek to dispose of the site for residential purposes to offset the potential loss of development land in the village arising from the new school
- 3.5 In tandem with the capital project a school organisation proposal to close Ysgol Llanfair and Ysgol Pentrecelyn as of the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 and to open a new area school based on the existing sites as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 will be progressed. This work will be progressed in parallel with further development of the client's brief, to undertake further survey works to confirm the preferred site and to commence discussions with the relevant land agents to purchase the land required. At this stage £3.4 million has been allocated for this project. This represents an increase in the sum reported to Members in July and reflects the requirement to purchase land from the private sector.
- 3.6 Moving forward based on a traditional design and then tender stage the following indicative timescale has been put forward. As the contract value will be less than £4.3m this project will be outside of the remit of the North Wales Construction Framework.

Approval from Cabinet / Council of Business Case	December 2014 to February 2015
Land Suitability and Securement of Land Agreement to purchase land	December 2014 to July2015
Design Stages	July 2015 to June 2016

Tender Stage	July 2016 to Sep 2016
Construction Stage	October 2016 to October 2017
Handover	November 2017

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# **Appendix 2**



### **Modernising Education Programme**

### **Review of Primary School Provision in the Ruthin Area**

## **Draft Formal Consultation Document**

Proposal for a new Area School to replace Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd and Ysgol Pentrecelyn

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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Denbighshire County Council has completed an Informal Consultation with eleven primary schools in the Ruthin Area.
- 1.2 As a consequence of the informal consultation exercise Denbighshire County Council wish formally to consult with all interested parties on a proposal which they consider would strengthen future provision.
- 1.3 The proposal that:

Denbighshire County Council would close Ysgol Llanfair DC and Ysgol Pentrecelyn on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016; and the Church in Wales will establish a new Area School on the existing sites from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2016.

#### 2. Summary of proposal

#### **First Phase**

- 2.1 This formal consultation relates to a proposal to create the New Area School to serve both Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd and Pentrecelyn Communities. Throughout this document, this proposal is called the **Current Proposal**.
- 2.2 If the Current Proposal is agreed and implemented the first phase would see the existing Ysgol Llanfair DC and Ysgol Pentrecelyn close on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016. The new Church in Wales Area School would open on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.
- 2.3 It is proposed that the new area school will be a **Category 2- Dual Stream Primary School** where two types of provision exist side-by-side. Parents/pupils opt either for the mainly Welsh-medium or mainly English-medium provision. Both Welsh and English are used in the day to day business of the school. The language of communication with the pupils is determined by the nature of the curricular provision, but in some schools high priority is given to creating a Welsh-language ethos throughout the school. The school communicates with parents in both languages. The competency and confidence of pupils in both English and Welsh will be depending upon the ethos and policies of the school and governing body. The competency and confidence of pupils in both English and Welsh will be depending upon the ethos and policies of the school and governing body.
- 2.4 It is proposed that the new area school would initially use the existing buildings in Llanfair and Pentrecelyn. The way in which the sites will be used will be a decision for the headteacher and governing body to discuss and implement. Options that could be considered are keeping the pupils and staff as they are with increased opportunity for the 2 sites to come together for specific events. This will allow for a smoother transition into the new build for both pupils and staff. Throughout this document the creation of the Dual-Site Area School is called the **First Phase**.

#### Second Phase

- 2.3 The next phase would see the Area School consolidated on a new site in the Llanfair/ Pentrecelyn area, subject to land availability and suitability. We are proposing that the new build will be ready by September 2017 therefore ensuring the split site will only be for one academic year. Councillors will consider approval for the capital funding in February 2015.
- 2.4 Throughout this document the movement onto a new site is called the **Second Phase** and the school operating from the new site is called the **New Area School**.

#### 3. Consultation Process

- 3.1 This formal consultation process relates to the Current Proposal and both the First and Second Phase. This formal consultation is being carried out to ensure that all relevant parties have an opportunity to contribute to this important subject.
- 3.2 This formal consultation document has been sent to a wide range of potential consultees including:
  - a. Parents, teachers and ancillary staff of Ysgol Llanfair DC and Ysgol Pentrecelyn;
  - b. Chair of Governors and School Council of the following schools:
    - i) Ysgol Llanfair DC;
    - ii) Ysgol Pentrecelyn;
    - iii) Ysgol Pant Pastynog;
    - iv) Ysgol Pen Barras;
    - v) Ysgol Rhewl;
    - vi) Ysgol Carreg Emlyn;
    - vii) Rhos Street School;
    - viii) Ysgol Borthryn;
    - viiii) Ysgol Dyffryn Ial;
    - x) Ysgol Bro Elwen;
    - xi) Ysgol Llanbedr
  - c. Church in Wales Diocese of St Asaph and Roman Catholic Diocese of Wrexham;
  - d. Headteachers and Chairs of Governors of all Denbighshire Schools;
  - e. Independent nursery providers in the Ruthin area;
  - f. Denbighshire Children and Young People's Partnership and the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships;
  - g. All Denbighshire County Councillors;
  - h. Assembly Members and Members of Parliament representing areas affected by the proposal;
  - i. Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd Community Council;

- j. Llanelidan Community Council;
- k. Efenechtyd Community Council;
- I. The Welsh Government;
- m. Estyn;
- n. Relevant teaching and staff trades unions.
- o. Taith
- p. Gwasanaeth Effeithiolrwydd Ysgolion (GwE)
- q. North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner
- r. Flintshire County Council
- s. Wrexham County Borough Council.
- 3.3 This formal consultation document has also been published on the Denbighshire County Council website <u>www.denbighshire.gov.uk<sup>i</sup></u>
- 3.4 The formal consultation period in respect of the Current Proposal will take place between .....
- 3.5 A series of formal consultation events will take place during this period. These will be arranged in the format of a 'parents evening' where attendees will be able to speak with officers on a one to one basis. Details of the meetings are included in the letter which is circulated.
- 3.6 Events will also be held with pupils at Ysgol Llanfair DC and Ysgol Pentrecelyn.
- 3.7 A supplementary version<sup>ii</sup> of this formal consultation document has been produced for and made available to children and young people who are likely to be affected by the Current Proposal. The supplementary version has been written specifically to enable children and young people to understand better and engage with the formal consultation.
- 3.8 You are welcome to ask questions and let us have your views on the Current Proposal at the events mentioned above or to put your views in writing. Responses should be sent to Modernising Education Programme Team, Denbighshire County Council, County Hall, Wynnstay Road, Ruthin, LL15 1YN or by e-mail to modernisingeducation@denbighshire.gov.uk by no later than ......
- 3.9 At the end of the formal consultation period all views received will be collated and considered before any recommendation is made to proceed to the next stage and issue a statutory notice.
- 3.10 It is anticipated that Denbighshire County Council's Cabinet will consider a report on the outcome of this formal consultation (including a recommendation from Council officers) on the.....

#### **Key Points:**

- Formal Consultation starts on the .....and finishes on the .....
- We are consulting with all stakeholders including children attending the schools.
- We intend to report back to Denbighshire County Council's Cabinet on the.....

#### 4. Power to make a decision

4.1 Denbighshire County Council is permitted to publish proposals to establish a new area school according to the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013<sup>iii</sup>. Accordingly, the formal publication of the closure of the two existing schools may be carried out by the Council following the correct statutory procedure.

#### 5. Background to the proposal

- 5.1 Denbighshire County Council's Cabinet approved the Modernising Education Policy Framework<sup>iv</sup> in January 2009 to provide a platform upon which to review existing school provision.
- 5.2 The council is committed to providing a first class education for all children and young people in the county. As part of this commitment, the Council has agreed that 'modernising education provision' is a priority because we recognise the importance of having school buildings, learning environments and resources that meet the needs of 21st century Wales.
- 5.3 We know that we have to change and modernise education provision in the county, as improvements in education cannot be sustained without changes to the way education is provided. Schools need to be able to provide the best possible learning experience so that children and young people in Denbighshire have the widest opportunities available to them and are able to reach their full potential.
- 5.4 In November 2012 Denbighshire County Council's Cabinet approved the commencement of an informal consultation on the future of primary education in the Ruthin Review. The informal consultation document highlighted a number of issues that needed to be addressed to achieve long term sustainability. These included:
  - a. Sustainability of Schools and High Quality Provision
  - b. Surplus Places
  - c. Condition and Suitability of School Buildings (incl. use of Mobile Accommodation)
  - d. Recruitment of Head Teachers
  - e. Demand for Welsh Medium Education
- 5.5 The informal consultation ended on 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2013 and Denbighshire County Council has carefully considered the issues raised during this period. In total over 63 letters and emails were received from stakeholders together with 195 questionnaires completed by parents. The findings of the informal consultation exercise have been compiled by the council and have been published on its website as part of the decision making process.

5.6 This proposal is part of a reorganisation of primary schools in Ruthin, this proposal is moving forward at the same time as:

i. A new purpose built shared campus in the town of Ruthin to enable the relocation of Ysgol Pen Barras and Rhos Street School to the new development on Glasdir.

ii. A new area school building for Ysgol Carreg Emlyn who are currently on 2 sites in Clocaenog and Cyffylliog.

#### Key Points:

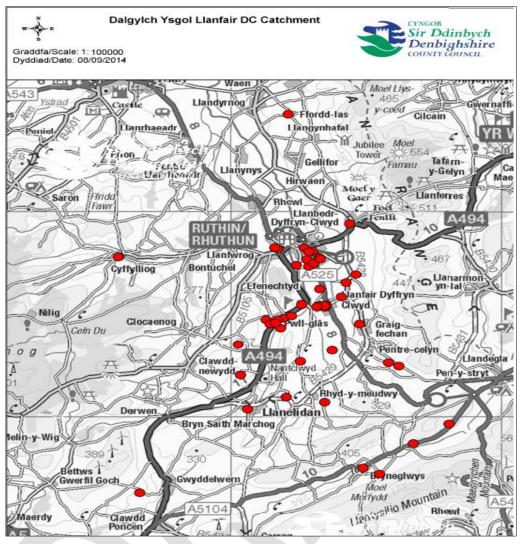
- Modernising Education is a Denbighshire County Council priority.
- The report of the informal consultation is published on our website.

#### 6. Current Provision

6.1 This section details the current provision at Ysgol Llanfair DC and Ysgol Pentrecelyn.

#### **Ysgol Llanfair DC**

- 6.2 Ysgol Llanfair DC is located in the centre of the village of Llanfair DC and serves an age range of 4 11 years old. The school is identified as a Category 2 Dual stream primary school- this is where two types of provision exist side-by-side and parents/pupils opt either for the mainly Welsh-medium or mainly English-medium provision.
- 6.3 It is a voluntary controlled school predominately serving the villages of Llanfair DC, Pwllglas and the surrounding area. This is illustrated in the diagram below which shows the postcode location of the home address for each pupil.



6.4 As of September 2014 Ysgol Llanfair DC had 92 full time pupils, and there are currently 13 part time pupils in nursery. The full time pupil numbers for the last 5 years are illustrated below:

	Full Time pup	il numbers – Janı	ary PLASC	
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
94	96	93	90	84

6.5 As of September 2014 the number of pupils in each year group was as follows:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
15	13	11	13	12	13	15

6.6 The council's forecast of future pupil rolls suggests that a steady increase in future pupil numbers will occur at the school as illustrated below:

Projected Full Time pupil numbers –January 2014 PLASC				
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
82	80	83	87	87

- 6.7 The capacity of the school building has been calculated at 113 pupils. As of September 2014 the school had 21 surplus (empty) places; equivalent to 19% of the total capacity. The school is operating at below capacity but the school does have two temporary classrooms which provide 54 places. The two temporary classrooms have been in place for over 3 years and therefore must be included in the overall capacity assessment for the school. As a result the admission number for the school has been increased to 15.
- 6.8 The school's last Estyn Inspection was in June 2010<sup>v</sup> and the inspection report, in summary, commented as follows:

#### Current performance

The school is good and a very happy establishment because:

- The school's distinct feature is the sense of a family community and closeness to learners;
- There is an element of excellence in the learning experiences offered to learners and this has a positive impact on their achievement;
- They make progress, achieve well and become confidently bilingual.

#### Recommendations

In order to improve, the school needs to:

- Maintain the good standards whilst aiming for excellence;
- Raise ICT standards in Key stage 2;
- Develop learners' self-assessment strategies in order that they become more independent learners;
- Ensure consistency in comments on learners work, giving them clear guidance on what they need to do to improve their work;
- Complete and align work plans for the new curriculum in Key stage 1 and 2;
- Strengthen the monitoring system to focus more specifically on the achievement of learners.

Key Question	Inspection Grade
1. How well do learners achieve?	Grade 2
2. How effective are teaching, training and	Grade 2
assessment?	
3. How well do the learning experiences	Grade 1
meet the needs and interests of learners	
and the wider community?	

4. How well are learners cared for, guided	Grade 2
and supported?	
5. How effective are leadership and	Grade 2
strategic management?	
6. How well do leaders and managers	Grade 2
evaluate and improve quality and	
standards?	
7. How efficient are leaders and managers	Grade 2
in using resources?	

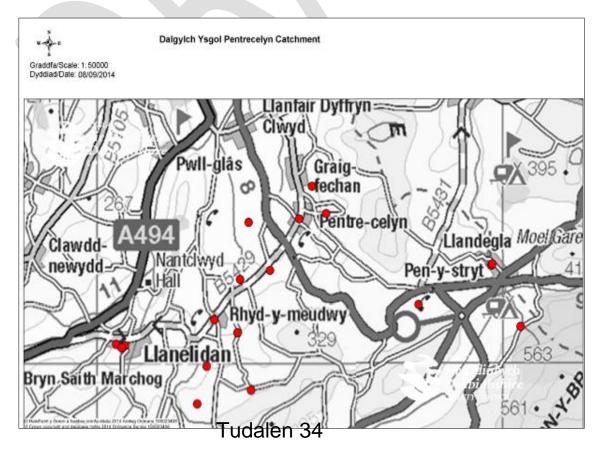
Key:

Grade 1 Good	with outstanding features
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- Grade 2 Good features and no important shortcomings
- Grade 3 Good features outweigh shortcomings
- Grade 4 Some good features, but shortcomings in important areas
- Grade 5 Many important shortcomings

#### **Ysgol Pentrecelyn**

6.9 Ysgol Pentrecelyn is located on the outskirts of the village of Pentrecelyn and serves an age range of 4-11. The school is currently identified as a Category 1 – Welsh medium primary school where all pupils in the Foundation Phase experience the areas of learning through the medium of Welsh. The school predominately serves children from Graigfechan, Pentrecelyn, Llanelidan and the surrounding areas. This is illustrated in the diagram on page 9 which shows the postcode location of the home address for each pupil.



6.10 As of September 2014 Ysgol Pentrecelyn had 35 full time pupils and there are currently 12 part time pupils in nursery. The pupil numbers have fluctuated over recent years as illustrated below:

Full Time pupil numbers – January PLASC				
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
23	20	27	31	39

6.11 As of September 2014 the number of pupils in each year group was as follows:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
2	8	7	6	3	6	3

6.12 The council's forecast of future pupil rolls suggests that an increase in future pupil numbers will occur at the school as illustrated below:

Projected Full Time pupil numbers – January 2014 PLASC				
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
37	40	40	42	41

- 6.13 The capacity of the school building has been calculated at 56 pupils. As of September 2014 the school had 21 surplus (empty) places; equivalent to 37% of the total capacity.
- 6.14 A new temporary headteacher has been appointed since 1 September 2014. The previous acting headteacher, was on a secondment and ran the school for three years, she has returned to her original substantive post at the end of the 2014 summer term. Headteacher recruitment is both a national and local issue with smaller schools in particular finding it difficult to recruit permanent headteachers. In general the lack of a permanent headteacher can impact on leadership and management of a school and may represent a long term risk to the delivery of education and to standards within a school. The Current Proposal could see the development of leadership and management structures, to provide increased opportunities for staff development and progression. The governing body of Ysgol Pentrecelyn have been mindful of seeking a permanent appointment whilst discussions have been ongoing in regards to the Ruthin primary school review, this situation has been regularly discussed and reviewed with the Local Authority.
- 6.15 The schools last Estyn inspection was in October 2008 <sup>vi</sup> and the inspection report, in summary, commented as follows:
   The school is due to be re-inspected 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014

#### Current performance

The school is a homely, caring and inclusive community because:

- The head teachers positive and conscientious leadership, considering the brief period she has been in charge, is an outstanding feature of the school;
- Pupils benefit from valuable experiences and the devoted and conscientious work of the whole staff;
- Pupils develop into considerate, friendly and courteous individuals who are confidently bilingual;
- Pupils' standards of achievement have improved substantially since the last inspection.

#### Recommendations

In order to improve, the school needs to:

- Raise standards in design technology in key stage 2;
- Continue to develop pupils' writing skills in Welsh across the curriculum;
- Make better use of assessment to ensure a greater challenge for pupils to become more responsible for their own learning;
- Continue to refine the schemes of work in accordance with the requirements of the revised curriculum and assessment arrangements in Wales;
- Further develop the contribution of staff and governors to the process of monitoring pupils' achievements;
- Work with the LEA to realise the plans for improving the external areas.

Key Question	Inspection Grade
1. How well do leaners achieve?	Grade 2
2. How effective are teaching, training and	Grade 2
assessment?	
3. How well do the learning experiences meet the	Grade 2
needs and interests of leaners and the wider	
community?	
4. How well are leaners cared for, guided and	Grade 2
supported?	
5. How effective are leadership and strategic	Grade 2
management?	
6. How well do leaders and managers evaluate	Grade 3
and improve quality and standards?	
7. How efficient are leaders and managers in	Grade 2
using resources?	

#### Key:

Grade 1	Good with outstanding features
Grade 2	Good features and no important shortcomings
Grade 3	Good features outweigh shortcomings
Grade 4	Some good features, but shortcomings in important areas
Grade 5	Many important shortcomings

#### 7. Educational attainment

	% achieving Level 4+ at Key Stage 2				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Ysgol Llanfair DC	100.0%	88.9%	91.7%	100.0%	94.1%
Ysgol Pentrecelyn	*	66.7%	*	*	*
Sir Ddinbych/Denbighshire	76.80%	78.10%	82.30%	83.50%	86.0%
Wales – Average	77.00%	78.20%	80.00%	82.60%	84.3%

7.1 Educational standards at both schools over the past three years are shown below.

\*However as a result of very small cohorts in each year a meaningful comparison with local and national averages is not possible

- 7.2 Pupils in Ysgol Pentrecelyn are educated in two classrooms of mixed ages. The teaching and learning is primarily through the medium of Welsh, with the aim of every pupil being fluent in Welsh and English by the end of KS2. Approximately half of the pupils are from homes where Welsh is the first language. In the Foundation Phase increasing numbers of pupils come from a naturally Welsh background and there is a Welsh ethos in the delivery of activities and the curriculum. The foundation phase has increased in numbers and has a wide range of age and ability.
- 7.3 In Ysgol Pentrecelyn the 2014 **Foundation Phase** indicator was 83.3%. This was lower than Welsh, LA and Family average. The percentage achieving the expected outcome in Welsh Language development was 83.3%. This was lower than the Welsh, LA and family average. However 50% of pupils gained the higher outcomes, this was higher than the Welsh, LA and family average. The percentage achieving the expected outcome in Mathematical Development was 83.3%. This was lower than the Welsh, LA and family average. However the number that gained the higher outcomes was higher than the Welsh, LA and family average. 100% of learners achieved the expected outcome in Personal and social development. This was higher than the Welsh, LA and family average. 67% achieved the higher outcomes, again higher than Welsh, LA and Family average.
- 7.4 In 2014 Key Stage 2 results for Ysgol Pentrecelyn the Core Subject Indicator was 80%. This was lower than Welsh, LA and Family average. The percentage achieving the expected levels in Welsh Language was 80%. This was lower than the Welsh, LA and family average. However 40% of pupils gained the higher levels, this was higher than the Welsh and LA average. The percentage achieving the expected levels in Maths was 80%. This was lower than the Welsh, LA and family average. However 40% of pupils gained the higher levels, this was higher than the Welsh and LA average. The percentage achieving the expected levels in Maths was 80%. This was lower than the Welsh, LA and family average. However 40% of pupils gained the higher levels, this was higher than the Welsh and LA average achieving the expected levels in Science was 80%. This was lower than the Welsh, LA and family average. However 40% of pupils gained the higher levels, this was higher than the Welsh and LA average. This was lower than the Welsh, LA and family average. However 40% of pupils gained the higher levels, this was higher than the Welsh and LA average. This was lower than the Welsh, LA and family average. However 40% of pupils gained the higher levels, this was higher than the Welsh and LA average.

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- 7.5 In Ysgol Llanfair DC the 2014 **Foundation Phase** indicator was 92.3%%. This was higher than Welsh and LA average. The percentage achieving the expected outcome in Welsh Language development was 100%. This was higher than the Welsh, LA and family average. 30% of pupils gained the higher levels, this was higher than the Welsh and LA average. The percentage achieving the expected outcome in English Language development was 66.7%. This was lower than the Welsh, LA and family average. No pupils gained the higher outcomes. The percentage achieving the expected outcome in Mathematical Development was 100%. This was higher than the Welsh and LA average. 38.5% gained the higher outcomes, this was higher than the Welsh, LA and family average. 100% of learners achieved the expected outcome in Personal and social development. This was higher than the Welsh, LA and family average. 46% achieved the higher outcomes, higher than Local Authority average.
- 7.6 In 2014 Key Stage 2 results for Ysgol Llanfair DC the Core Subject Indicator was 93.3%. This was above the Welsh, LA and Family average. The percentage achieving the expected levels in English Language was 93.3%. This was higher than the Welsh, LA and family average. 46.7% of pupils gained the higher levels, this was higher than the Welsh, family and LA average. The percentage achieving the expected levels in Welsh Language was 90.9%. This was higher than the Welsh and LA average. 40% of pupils gained the higher levels, this was higher than the Welsh and LA average. The percentage achieving the expected levels in Maths was 93.3%. This was higher than the Welsh, LA and family average. 40% of pupils gained the higher levels, this was higher than the Welsh, LA and family average. 40% of pupils gained the higher levels, the percentage achieving the expected levels in Science was 93.3%. This was higher than the Welsh and LA average. 40% of pupils gained the higher levels, this was higher than the Welsh and LA average. 40% of pupils gained the higher levels, this was higher than the Welsh and LA average. The percentage achieving the expected levels in Science was 93.3%. This was higher than the Welsh and LA average. 40% of pupils gained the higher levels, this was higher than the Welsh, Family and LA average.

#### 8. Alternative provision

- 8.1 Should the Current Proposal proceed, Denbighshire County Council would wish to see all pupils transfer to the New Area School to ensure that they continue to receive their education in a rural area and to a consistently high standard.
- 8.2 This section provides details of potential alternative, local authority maintained, provision on the periphery of the catchment areas of the existing schools. The nearest alternative school for villages within the area are as follows:

School Name	Type of School	Current Capacity	Surplus Places	Nursery Places	Number of pupils on Roll (Sept 2014 PLASC)
Ysgol Pen Barras	Welsh /	252	20	20	223
(Ruthin)	Community	252	29	36	223
Ysgol Rhewl (Rhewl)	Bilingual / Community	82	29	11	53
Ysgol Pant Pastynog (Prion)	Welsh / Faith (VC)	54	-8	7	62
Ysgol Carreg Emlyn ( Clocaenog & Cyffylliog)	Welsh/ Community	80	20	11	60
Ysgol Borthyn (Ruthin)	English/ Faith	142	22	20	120
Ysgol Llanbedr (Llanbedr)	English/ Faith	54	32	11	22
Ysgol Dyffryn Ial (Llandegla)	English/ Faith	60	19	8	41
Rhos Street School (Ruthin)	English/ Community	189	38	23	151
Ysgol Bro Elwern (Gwyddelwern)	Welsh/ Community	48	13	6	35

As the table above demonstrates most of the neighbouring schools do have capacity to take on any extra pupils, only Ysgol Pant Pastynog is currently over capacity.

- 8.3 Please see Appendix 1, which contains the following tables:
  - 1. Education attainment
  - 2. Current full time pupil numbers (September 2014 PLASC)
  - 3. Current part time nursery pupil numbers (September 2014 PLASC)
  - 4. Pupil numbers for the last 5 years for each school
  - 5. Projected pupil numbers for the next 5 years
  - 6. Estyn reports summary for each school
  - 7. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Survey Condition Category

**Key point**: There is alternative provision for communities within the wider area which may receive pupils as a consequence of this current proposal.

#### 9. Secondary Provision

Both Ysgol Llanfair DC and Ysgol Pentrecelyn currently feed Ysgol Brynhyfryd and the new Area School will continue to feed Ysgol Brynhyfryd. Ysgol Brynhyfryd currently has 3 streams- Welsh, English and the 'N Stream' (Bi-lingual) Nearly all pupils who attend Ysgol Pentrecelyn enter the Welsh stream- see the table below:

Language assessed at the end of KS2	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	Total
Welsh and English	5	0	4	1	6	2	18
English only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	condary Sc mber of pu	hool Learnir ıpils:	ng Pathway				
Transferring to the Welsh Stream	4	0	3	0	3	2	12
Transferring to 'N Stream'	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
Transferring to the English Stream	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

The table below shows the results for Ysgol Llanfair DC- the majority of pupils enter the Welsh stream, however there are some pupils that enter the 'N Stream':

Language assessed at the end of KS2	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	Total
Welsh and English	11	11	11	6	4	7	50
English only	4	6	1	6	5	0	21
	condary Souther of P	chool Learnir upils:	ng Pathway				
Transferring to the Welsh Stream	11	11	10	4	2	6	44
Transferring to 'N Stream'	4	3	1	6	4	1	19
Transferring to the English Stream	0	1	0	0	1	0	2

The figures above show that over the last 6 years 88% of pupils from Ysgol Pentrecelyn and 67% of pupils from Ysgol Llanfair DC transferred to the Welsh stream.

#### 10. Special educational needs provision

- 10.1 If the Current Proposal is approved the two existing schools will become one new school but the pupils will continue to be taught on the existing sites. The most significant change for a pupil would be a change in site and teacher. Accordingly, any pupils with special educational needs (**SEN**) who currently attend the schools will continue to receive the same education and support but the environment may change. The council will help pupils with SEN who experience difficulties because of the change.
- 10.2 The council appreciates that Phase 2 proposal to move to a New Area School will result in greater change than operating one school on two sites. This will affect all pupils but it is likely to prove even more challenging to pupils with SEN. The council will take all practicable steps to minimise disruption and to assist such pupils with the transition.
- 10.3 The facilities available at a New Area School will be designed in consultation with Denbighshire County Council's SEN Education Officers, and the staff and pupils concerned. It is anticipated that this approach will produce improved conditions and so learning experience for pupils with SEN.

#### Key Points:

- SEN Provision would be provided on both sites.
- The environment for the pupils may change depending on current location and age group.
- A new area school would provide an opportunity to improve facilities.

#### 11. The proposal in detail - description and rationale

- 11.1 Denbighshire County Council has a responsibility to provide the best possible educational provision for children and young people. This proposal has been developed in line with:
  - a. the Council's commitment to 'Modernising Education';
  - b. the School Effectiveness Framework's aim of enabling all children and young people to develop their full potential.
- 11.2 There are a number of issues facing both schools that could impact on their ability to sustain educational standards and experiences into the future.

#### Educational case for change

- 11.3 Smaller schools, due to financial constraints, find it difficult to implement senior leadership structures that meet the requirements of teachers pay and conditions. In Ysgol Pentrecelyn a new temporary Headteacher has been appointed since 1 September 2014. The previous acting Headteacher, was on a secondment and ran the school for three years, she returned to her original substantive post end of summer term 2014. The Current Proposal could see the development of leadership and management structures, to provide increased opportunities for staff development and progression. The governing body of Ysgol Pentrecelyn have been mindful of seeking a permanent appointment whilst discussions have been ongoing in regards to the Ruthin primary school review, this situation has been regularly discussed and reviewed with the Local Authority.
- 11.4 The Current Proposal will offer greater opportunities for the two schools to work together to improve staff expertise that will lead to raising standards. For example:
  - a. Teachers can work together to plan and prepare high quality lessons and standardise assessment and thus reducing the demands on individual teachers;
  - b. Peer observation of the best teachers lessons to develop consistently high teaching practice, and
  - c. Sharing resources to enable more efficient and innovative ways of working
- 11.5 An Area school will provide additional teaching capacity for smaller groups of pupils who are in need of extra support; including greater capacity for more able and talented pupils.
- 11.6 Currently pupils are taught in classes encompassing up to 4 age groups. A larger area school will provide opportunities for pupils to be taught within a reduced age range.
- 11.7 Small schools are limited in their abilities to respond to fluctuations in pupil numbers by their schools structural and teaching capacity. A larger area school will be able to respond to fluctuations in pupil number that are a feature of rural schools.

#### Adequacy of existing school buildings and sites

11.8 In terms of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Survey Condition Category the condition of both schools is B-Satisfactory (Minor deterioration). Whilst the existing facilities in at both schools allow for the delivery of the basic curriculum entitlement, the current environment restricts the potential to deliver the innovative curriculum required for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.

11.9 Ysgol Llanfair DC currently have two mobile classrooms which provide classrooms for years 5 and 6, with year 4 accommodated in a first floor area which is accessed via a narrow staircase which is not ideal. The toilet provision is a major concern at the school as it is below the statutory minimum for current pupil numbers. Energy consumption at the site is £11/m<sup>2</sup> per annum which is mid range.

There is no separate hall or dining facilities with classrooms in the main building doubling up as dining area and assembly areas. The school use the church hall for events and the church for services- unfortunately these are both located on the opposite side of the A525 resulting in pupils and staff having to cross a busy road to access these facilities.

A major concern for the site is the arrangement for parking and the lack of suitable drop off/ pick up and pedestrian facilities. Currently there is an agreement with the village hall and the local authority that for a small charge per day staff have to park at the church hall- this cost is met by the local authority. There is also limited parking for deliveries.

11.10 Ysgol Pentrecelyn is split between the extended original school and the school house. Energy consumption at the site is  $\pm 11/m^2$  per annum which is mid range.

The school has parking adjacent to the highway for approximately 9 vehicles. There is a reasonably sized field incorporating a football pitch and small soft play area, the field area is not owned by the authority.

The catering facilities are not ideal with the kitchen in need of a refurbishment and there is poor access for deliveries with steps at the access door of the kitchen. Also there are steps down into the dining area from the kitchen which can be problematic.

- 11.11 Both schools have a maintenance backlog- Ysgol Llanfair DC of £53,357.64 and Ysgol Pentrecelyn £47,717.20.
- 11.12 Both sites are in need of significant investment to enable both schools to provide a learning environment fit for purpose to meet the requirements of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme.

#### Key points:

- Small schools have limited capacity to implement senior leadership structures.
- Both school buildings are not fit for purpose and would require significant investment to improve facilities.

#### 12. What is the proposed option?

- 12.1 This formal consultation relates to the Current Proposal, namely: to close Ysgol Llanfair DC and Ysgol Pentrecelyn to enable the establishment of an Area School serving the communities of Llanfair DC, Pentrecelyn and the surrounding areas on the existing sites.
- 12.2 A second phase, which will follow the completion of the current proposal, would involve construction of a new school building in a location to be determined in the Llanfair DC area.

#### What would this mean?

- 12.3 If the Current Proposal was approved:
  - a. Ysgol Llanfair DC and Ysgol Pentrecelyn School would both close on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016; and
  - b. The Area School would open on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 (initially on the existing sites in Llanfair DC and Pentrecelyn and utilising the existing buildings).
- 12.4 The new school would be voluntary controlled school and categorised as a **Category 2- Dual Stream Primary School** where two types of provision exist sideby-side in these schools. Parents/pupils opt either for the mainly Welsh-medium or mainly English-medium provision. Both Welsh and English are used in the day to day business of the school. The language of communication with the pupils is determined by the nature of the curricular provision, but in some schools high priority is given to creating a Welsh-language ethos throughout the school. The school communicates with parents in both languages. The competency and confidence of pupils in both English and Welsh will be depending upon the ethos and policies of the school and governing body.
- 12.5 It is proposed that the new area school would initially use the existing buildings in Llanfair and Pentrecelyn. The way in which the sites will be used will be a decision for the headteacher and governing body to discuss and implement. Options that could be considered are keeping the pupils and staff as they are with increased opportunity for the 2 sites to come together for specific events. This will allow for a smoother transition into the new build for both pupils and staff.
- 12.6 The Welsh language impact assessment has considered the potential impact to pupils, parents and the wider community of this proposal and it will be an essential role of the new governing body to ensure that the mitigation measures outlined in the impact assessment are progressed to ensure that a strong welsh language ethos is maintained as is the case now in both schools.
- 12.7 All children attending Ysgol Llanfair DC and Ysgol Pentrecelyn would transfer to the Area School; subject to parental preference.

- 12.8 In terms of the leadership and management of the Area School, as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 there would be one Governing Body, one Executive Headteacher and one group of staff. The Governing Body would include Parent, Denbighshire County Council, Teacher, Staff and Church in Wales representation together with a number of Community Governors. Prior to the opening of the Area School a Temporary Governing Body would be established and this would take key decisions regarding the appointment of the Headteacher and the supportive leadership team, the staffing structure for and name of the Area School, uniform, policies etc.
- 12.9 The temporary governing body would be encouraged to allow the existing Breakfast provision to continue at Ysgol Llanfair DC and Ysgol Pentrecelyn.
- 12.10 The intention of the Council, working in partnership with the Church in Wales, would be to consolidate provision on to a single site- Phase 2. The vision for the New Area School would be a 4 11 provision serving 140 pupils 0.6 form entry. We are proposing that the new build will be ready by September 2017 therefore ensuring the split site will only be for one academic year. Councillors will consider approval for the capital funding in February 2015.
- 12.11 Following the completion of the new school Denbighshire County Council would need to consider declaring the existing site at Ysgol Pentrecelyn as surplus to requirements in accordance with the Modernising Education Policy Framework. It is anticipated that any proceeds from the disposal of surplus sites would be used to contribute to the overall costs of the new school building. (Ysgol Llanfair DC site is partly owned by the Church in Wales)
- 12.12 The table below shows the timescale that we are potentially working to, should the proposal go forward:

Consultation pariod	3 <sup>rd</sup> February- 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2015
Consultation period	3 February- 16 March 2015
Decision of Cabinet	May 2015
Statutory Notice Period	June 2015- July 2015
Decision of Cabinet	September 2015
Transition to new area school	October 2015- August 2016
The new area school on the two current sites in Llanfair and Pentrecelyn	September 2016
Pupils move into the new school on one site	September 2017

#### **Key Points:**

- All children currently attending Ysgol Llanfair DC and Ysgol Pentrecelyn would transfer to the new area school subject to parental preference.
- The new school would be a voluntary controlled Category 2 school (Dual stream)
- The new area school would have a capacity of 169 with 23 nursery places during phase 1.
- A Temporary Governing Body will be established who will appoint the Head teacher.

#### **13.** Admission arrangements for the Area School

13.1 The Area School would have a unified approach to admission arrangements and would be administered by Denbighshire County Council's School Admissions service.

#### 14. What are the transport implications of this proposal?

- 14.1 2013/14 costs for 'Home to School Transport' for the 2 schools are as follows: Ysgol Llanfair DC= £348 per day x 190 days= £66,120 Ysgol Pentrecelyn= £231 per day x 190 days= £43,890 Therefore total costs for both schools is £ 110,010
- 14.2 Pupils will continue to be transported to their designated site for the period that the school stays on two sites, in accordance with the current Home to School Transport Policy.
- 14.3 Currently 30 (86%) of the 35 full time Ysgol Pentrecelyn pupils get free home to school transport. Currently 48 ( 52%) of the 92 full time Ysgol Llanfair pupils get free home to school transport.
- 14.4 Currently the road in front of Ysgol Pentrecelyn is deemed hazardous in both directions, however this is currently under review. Ysgol Llanfair is surrounded by a number of hazardous routes especially in the Pwll-glas direction.

#### 15. What are the staffing implications of this proposal?

- 15.1 Should the Current Proposal be implemented, the Area School would have only one Headteacher. The Temporary Governing Body of the Area School would need to appoint the Headteacher and this could involve national advertisements or it could be an internal appointment.
- 15.2 Denbighshire County Council, with agreement from the Temporary Governing Body, would apply its policies to reassure and clarify the position of staff.

- 15.3 A staffing structure would need to be developed for the Area School taking into account a number of factors including operating initially on two sites, delivering the curriculum, class sizes and budget implications.
- 15.4 While the Area School operates on two sites the council does not anticipate any major changes to the existing staffing structures other than the Headteacher and other leadership positions. However, final decisions regarding the new staffing structure would be taken by the Temporary Governing Body and the new Headteacher.
- 15.5 The council will recommend to the Temporary Governing Body that all teaching and associate staff posts for the Area School should be "ring-fenced" to the staff within the existing two schools.
- 15.6 As part of this formal consultation process there will be full consultation with all members of staff and the appropriate teaching and staff unions.

#### Key points:

- The Area school would have one Head teacher
- The Temporary Governing Body appoints the Head teacher
- Final decisions on staffing structures would be taken by the Temporary Governing Body and the new head teacher.

#### 16. What are the financial implications of this proposal?

16.1 The cost of provision based upon the 2014/15 budget share is £4,296 per pupil at Ysgol Llanfair DC and £5,364 per pupil at Ysgol Pentrecelyn, compared with the Denbighshire average of £3,931.

Balance c/f	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Ysgol Llanfair DC	£43,878	(£3,288)	(£64,964)
Ysgol Pentrecelyn	£8,759	£1,783	(£1,595)

16.2 The current reported financial position for the schools is:

\*This is based on the existing 3 year plan.

Any balances, surplus or deficit, at either school, will transfer to the Local Authority at the point of change.

16.3 The potential gain to the new area school whilst amalgamated on two sites, taking into account funding losses, gains and potential savings of £22,026. This figure is based on the best available information and assumes current funding level would apply and that no other material changes take place at the school i.e. increase/ decrease in pupil numbers.

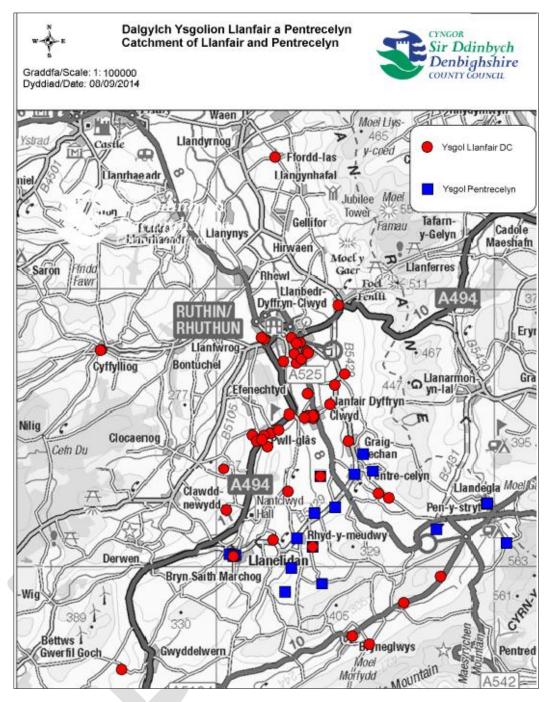
16.4 Once the schools are amalgamated the budget share per pupil will be £4,274.

#### Key points:

- Both schools receive more than the Denbighshire average of funding per pupil.
- All schools in Denbighshire are funded through a funding formula.
- The Local Authority inherits any balance, surplus or deficit at the point of change.
- It is estimated that one area school on two sites will receive more funding.

#### 17. Site

- 17.1 The final site location for the New Area School, which will emerge from the Second Phase, will be carefully considered by Denbighshire County Council.
- 17.2 In the first instance, the difficulties in expanding both current school sites within the existing boundaries to accommodate all pupils attending both schools have been acknowledged during site analysis.
- 17.3 The priority, in considering a new single location, has been to ensure, where appropriate, it can be accessible to a large percentage of current and future pupils. See combined catchment diagram below:



17.4 More detailed feasibility work will be progressed to determine a preferred site which will enable Denbighshire County Council to enter into any negotiations which may be required with any third parties regarding land purchases etc.

#### Transport

17.5 Transport would be provided in the first instance in accordance with Denbighshire County Council's Transport Policy which states that free transport is provided for pupils who live more than 2 miles from their nearest suitable school. Both schools have a number of hazardous routes around them, in fact as of September 2014 the road in front of Ysgol Pentrecelyn was deemed hazardous in both directions. Ysgol Llanfair has a number of hazardous routes as well especially in the Pwll-glas direction.

17.6 In view of the timescale between the Current Proposal being approved and a new site becoming operational, it is difficult to estimate the likely costs implications in respect of transport budgets in full. During the possible years (for which the Area School may operate until the Second Phase is approved), there will be a range of variables which will impact on any modelling, including changes in pupil numbers, transport costs etc.

#### Financial

17.7 In view of the range of variables associated with the move to a single site, at this stage it is more difficult to predict what the overall impact would be for the finances of the New Area School. Costs will be modelled taking into account the likely pupil numbers and floor areas based upon current projections.

#### Key points:

#### Site

- Neither existing site can accommodate the existing pupils of both schools.
- Llanfair is the preferred location for the New Area School.

#### Transport

• All request for pupil transport would be in line with Denbighshire County Council policy.

#### 18. How would any new school buildings work be financed?

- 18.1 The Council as part of their Corporate Plan has identified as a priority investment in school buildings as a consequence of area reviews. Investment in the Llanfair/ Pentrecelyn area has been identified as an initial priority area. Councillors will consider approval for the capital funding in February 2015.
- 18.2 Any savings generated for school organisation proposals such as savings from the removal of temporary accommodation, capital receipts and any revenue savings will be used to support the overall investment in this priority area.

#### **19.** What are the disadvantages of the proposal?

19.1 If the Current Proposal is approved the Area School will be located on the existing school sites in Llanfair and Pentrecelyn. This arrangement would be managed to

ensure that any disruption is kept to a minimum and should not impact negatively on the children's education.

- 19.2 If the school becomes a category 2 school there maybe a perception that the welsh language and ethos will be diluted. To ensure that this does not happen it will be essential that the governing body has a strong ethos and policies which put the Welsh language at the heart of the school.
- 19.3 There would also be implications for staff at the current Ysgol Llanfair DC and Ysgol Pentrecelyn should the proposals be progressed for the development of an Area School. The role of the Headteacher would need to be carefully considered by the Temporary Governing Body. The approach to appointments to the role of Headteacher/Deputy Headteachers would be an issue for determination by the Temporary Governing Body which would need to consider whether the positions should be advertised nationally or appointed internally.
- 19.4 The new Head teacher and the Temporary Governing Body would be required to consider the staffing structure for the Area School. The Council would work initially with the Temporary Governing Body (and then with the Governing Body) of the Area School during these times and should the need arise would work with the current members of staff at both schools and/or the new area school to seek redeployment opportunities.

#### Key points:

- Changes will be managed to ensure that disruption will be minimised to ensure that there is no impact on education.
- The Temporary Governing Body will need to decide if they advertised for a Head teacher nationally or appointed internally.
- Some staff may be redeployed or made redundant depending on the staffing structure adopted.

#### 20. Alternative Options

- 20.1 Denbighshire County Council have given careful consideration to a range of alternative options as part of the development of the Current Proposal. In considering these options reference has been made to the main investment objectives of the council's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme which are as follows:
  - a. Learning environments for children and young people aged from 3 to 19 that will enable successful implementation of strategies for school improvement and better educational outcomes;
  - b. Greater economy through better use of resources to improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the education estate and public provision; and
  - c. A sustainable education system with all schools meeting a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Standard, and reducing recurrent costs and carbon footprint.

20.2 Denbighshire County Council have also referred to the Critical Success Factors for this project. The main options that have been considered are as follows:

Option 1.1	Maintain the status quo;
Option 1.2	Undertake extension works at Ysgol Llanfair DC;
Option 1.3	Extend Ysgol Llanfair DC on a new site & close Ysgol Pentrecelyn
Option 1.4	Close both schools and establish a permanent new Dual-site Area school on the existing sites.
Option 1.5	Close both Schools and initially establish a dual site area school prior to building a new area school in Llanfair.
Option 1.6	Federate the 2 schools;

20.3 The main advantages and disadvantages of each option are as follows.

#### Option 1.1 Maintain Status Quo (Do nothing)

Advantages	Disadvantages
This is the 'cheap' option as no additional investment expenditure is required.	Would not address the fact that Ysgol Llanfair currently have 2 mobile classrooms.
	Would not assist Ysgol Pentrecelyn who currently have an acting Headteacher.
	Appointing a permanent Head teacher for Ysgol Pentrecelyn may be difficult in the current configuration.
	The two schools could face real issues regarding long term sustainability in regard to delivering the changing curriculum.

#### Option 1.2 Extend Ysgol Llanfair DC;

Advantages	Disadvantages
Designing and constructing additional fit for purpose facilities would significantly improve the learning environment for all pupils.	development as a 105 capacity school
Would enable the schools capacity to be	Would not solve the issue of lack of

amended to reflect the respective current demand for Ysgol Llanfair DC.	parking/ drop off/ pick up facilities on the existing site.
Would not lead to any significant changes in regard to school organisation proposals with potential alterations required to the capacity of Ysgol Llanfair DC.	Ysgol Pentrecelyn will still face the issues regarding a temporary headteacher.
Would not require amendments to pupil travel arrangements.	

#### Option 1.3- Extend Ysgol Llanfair DC on a new site & close Ysgol Pentrecelyn:

Advantages	Disadvantages
Designing and constructing additional fit for purpose facilities would significantly improve the learning environment for all pupils.	Community of Pentrecelyn could be excluded from the future operation of the school and therefore the new school would not reflect the wider community.
The capacity of the school would be increased to take into account the current demand for places at the school and any pupils from Ysgol Pentrecelyn that may attend the school.	
Would not require major amendments to pupil travel arrangements.	

# Option 1.4 Close both schools and establish a permanent new Dual-site Area school on the existing sites.

Advantages	Disadvantages
No additional Capital Investment expenditure is required.	Would not solve the issue of lack of parking/ drop off/ pick up facilities at Ysgol Llanfair DC.
A permanent Head Teacher would be appointed for the new area school.	Would not address the fact that Ysgol Llanfair currently have 2 mobile classrooms.
Resources and space would be organised across both sites accordingly.	The two sites could face real issues regarding long term sustainability in regard to delivering the changing curriculum.

Pupils would be taught in smaller age
groups than the current provision.

# Option 1.5 Close both Schools and initially establish a dual site area school prior to building a new area school.

Advantages	Disadvantages
Designing and constructing new fit for purpose facilities would significantly improve the learning environment for all pupils.	Potential risk that parents choose an alternative provision to the new School especially if they live at the periphery of the new catchment area.
Bringing together the delivery of both schools to a single campus could yield significant economies of scale.	Risk of funding not being available for the new build.
A new area school will have sufficient capacity to absorb fluctuations in pupil numbers.	
The long term sustainability of the school would be far more secure in regard to delivering the changing curriculum.	

**Option 1.6** Federate both schools- The new regulations published in May 2014 state that "Neither LAs nor governing bodies have powers to federate voluntary (VA and VC) or foundation schools with community schools, community special schools and maintained nurseries". With this in mind federation is therefore no longer a viable option. This has therefore been discounted.

20.4 The analysis of these options suggest that to meet the investment objectives and critical success factors that the option of closing both schools and establishing a dual site area school should be considered as the preferred option.

#### Analysis of Options against Investment Objectives and Critical Success Factors

	Option 1.1	Option 1.2	Option 1.3	Option 1.4	Option 1.5
	Do nothing	Extend Ysgol	New school	Existing	New One
		Llanfair DC	in Llanfair,	Dual- Site	Site Area
			close Ysgol	Area School	School
			Pentrecelyn		
1 Improved	х	✓	✓	х	✓
Learning					
Environment					
2 Greater Economy	х	?	?	х	?
– Revenue					
Implications					
2 Greater Economy	?	?	?	?	?
– Capital					
3 Sustainable	x	x	✓	✓	✓
Education system					
Critical success factor	'S				
CSF1 Improved					
attainment and	?	?	?	?	?
performance					
CSF2 Improved					
school condition	x	✓	✓	x	1
and suitability					•
CSF3 Reduction in	x	x	✓	1	✓
surplus places	<b>n</b>				·
CSF4 Improved					
ability to appoint					
and retain	x	x	✓	✓	✓
permanent Head					
Teachers.					
CSF 5 Support the					
increase in demand		✓	1	?	1
for Welsh Medium	X		•	l t	
Education					
Summary	Discounted	Discounted	Possible	Possible	Preferred

#### Key Points:

- Maintaining the status quo does not address any issues in either school.
- Undertaking extension works at Ysgol Llanfair in isolation, doesn't address the headteacher issue at Ysgol Pentrecelyn.
- Closing both Schools and establishing an area school permanently on the existing sites does not improve the condition of buildings or facilities in the schools.
- Closing both Schools, establish and build a new Area School meets the objectives set out in the review regarding surplus places, suitability of buildings and sustainability of provision.

#### 21. Explanation of the statutory process

- 21.1 In order for the Current Proposal to be implemented, Denbighshire County Council is required to follow a procedure laid out by a combination of an Act of the Welsh Government and a statutory Code.
- 21.2 The requirements are as follows:
  - a. Consultation held with people likely to be affected by the Proposal;
  - b. Consultation report setting out details of the Consultation to be published on the council's website;
  - c. Publication of the Current Proposal (also known as the 'statutory notice') with details such as the planned implementation date, how to obtain a copy of the consultation report and how to object:
    - i) on the council's website;
    - ii) posted on or near the main entrance of the two schools; and
    - ii) by providing affected schools with copies to distribute to parents.
  - d. An objection period of 28 days from the date of publication allowing anyone who wishes to object to the Current Proposal to do so;
  - e. Determination by the council (when, subject to the above process, the decision to implement the Current Proposal may be approved);
  - f. Publication by the council of any objections and its response to them (within 7 days of the date of determination of the Current Proposal.
- 21.3 Please note that any response provided to the formal consultation will not be regarded as an objection to the Current Proposal. This is because the Current Proposal may change in response to the formal consultation. If you would like to object to the Current Proposal, please wait until it has been published (as described in **paragraph 21.2(c)** above) then follow the procedure set out on the statutory notice.

**Key Point:** For the current proposal to be implemented a Statutory Notices would be published for 28 days. This would allow anyone wishing to object to do so.

A response provided during the formal consultation will not be regarded as an objection.

#### 22. Community, Welsh Language and Equality impact

22.1 As the Current Proposal, if implemented, will result in the closure of two schools a Equality, Welsh Language and Community impact assessments has been carried out and this is available on our website.

#### 23. Response Form

- 23.1 A response form for comments, including an opportunity for consultees to register their wish to be notified of publication of the formal consultation report, appears at the end of this consultation document.
- 23.2 You are welcome to ask questions and let us have your views on the Current Proposal at the events mentioned above or to put your views in writing. Responses should be sent to Modernising Education Programme Team, Denbighshire County Council, County Hall, Wynnstay Road, Ruthin, LL15 1YN or by e-mail to modernisingeducation@denbighshire.gov.uk by no later than .....

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> The consultation document can be found in the School Organisation & Modernising section or you can follow this link [<u>www.denbighshire.gov.uk/modernisingeducation]</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> Formal Consultation Document for Children. This is available upon request from DCC [and/or from the DCC website in the School Organisation & Modernising section by following this link [www.denbighshire.gov.uk/modernisingeducation]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>III</sup> Section 48 School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>iv</sup> Modernising Education Framework - available to read on request at DCC's offices in Ruthin or by visiting the website [www.denbighshire.gov.uk/modernisingeducation] in the School Organisation & Modernising section

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>v</sup> The Estyn report relating to both schools may be accessed by following this link <u>www.estyn.gov.uk.</u>

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# Appendix 1-

# **Alternative Provision**

#### 1. Education attainment

% achieving Level 4+ at K	ey Stage 2				
School Name	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Ysgol Pen Barras	92.0%	97.1%	90.0%	96.8%	94.3%
Ysgol Rhewl	66.7%	*	*	*	100%
Ysgol Pant Pastynog	*	50.0%	*	100%	71.4%
Ysgol Carreg Emlyn was					
Ysgol Clocaenog	75.0%	100%	100%	100%	
Ysgol Cyffylliog	100%	50.0%	100%	100%	
Ysgol Borthyn	82.4%	58.8%	78.6%	92.3%	93.3%
Ysgol Llanbedr	83.3%	84.6%	100%	100%	*
Ysgol Dyffryn Ial	83.3%	20.0%	*	85.7%	100%
Rhos Street School	86.7%	93.5%	93.3%	96.6%	92.6%
Ysgol Bro Elwern	60.0%	77.8%	85.7%	*	100%

\*However as a result of very small cohorts in each year a meaningful comparison with local and national averages is not possible

#### 2. Current full time pupil numbers

Current Full Time Pupil Numbers- September 2014 PLASC								
School Name	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Ysgol Pen Barras	37	25	32	31	38	23	37	223
Ysgol Rhewl	5	6	9	8	5	9	11	53
Ysgol Pant Pastynog	9	14	7	8	10	6	8	62
Ysgol Carreg Emlyn	10	9	12	7	10	7	5	60
Ysgol Borthyn	22	17	11	14	14	18	24	120
Ysgol Llanbedr	7	3	6	2	3	0	1	22
Ysgol Dyffryn Ial	6	8	5	7	5	7	3	41
Rhos Street School	12	18	29	24	27	19	22	151
Ysgol Bro Elwern	5	7	8	2	4	7	2	35

3. Current Part-time Nursery Pupil numb						
School Name	Nursery					
Ysgol Pen Barras	36					
Ysgol Rhewl	3					
Ysgol Pant Pastynog	7					
Ysgol Carreg Emlyn	14					
Ysgol Borthyn	22					
Ysgol Llanbedr	11					
Ysgol Dyffryn Ial	2					

**Rhos Street School** 

Ysgol Bro Elwern

#### eptember 2014 PLASC

#### 4. Full time Pupil numbers for the last 5 years for each school.

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Pupil Numbers 2010 – 2014- Full Time						
School Name	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
Ysgol Pen Barras	215	216	218	223	223	
Ysgol Rhewl	34	34	37	55	50	
Ysgol Pant Pastynog	47	50	49	53	60	
Ysgol Carreg Emlyn was						
Ysgol Clocaenog	27	31	33	36	58	
Ysgol Cyffylliog	20	22	26	19		
Ysgol Borthyn	104	103	113	111	114	
Ysgol Llanbedr	63	59	37	21	21	
Ysgol Dyffryn Ial	46	43	44	42	45	
Rhos Street School	177	179	167	163	161	
Ysgol Bro Elwern	43	36	32	33	33	

### 5. Projected pupil numbers for the next 5 years:

Projected Pupil Numbers- January 2014 PLASC							
School Name	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
Ysgol Pen Barras	221	216	224	218	218		
Ysgol Rhewl	50	46	42	41	39		
Ysgol Pant Pastynog	59	60	64	63	64		
Ysgol Carreg Emlyn	70	74	79	81	85		
Ysgol Borthyn	117	111	114	121	125		
Ysgol Llanbedr	28	30	35	36	37		
Ysgol Dyffryn Ial	42	45	45	48	48		
Rhos Street School	143	139	134	122	113		
Ysgol Bro Elwern	33	36	36	38	43		

#### 6. Estyn Reports:

Estyn assesses the performance of schools. The inspection framework was changed in 2009/10 but prior to this 7 key questions were asked, namely:-

School	Ysgol Llanbedr	Ysgol Bro Elwern
Date	August 2009	June 2009
1. How well do leaners achieve?	Grade 2	Grade 2
2. How effective are teaching, training and assessment?	Grade 2	Grade 2
3. How well do the learning experiences meet the needs and interests of leaners and the wider community?	Grade 3	Grade 2
4. How well are leaners cared for, guided and supported?	Grade 2	Grade 2
5. How effective are leadership and strategic management?	Grade 3	Grade 3
6. How well do leaders and managers evaluate and improve quality and standards?	Grade 4	Grade 3
7. How efficient are leaders and managers in using resources?	Grade 2	Grade 2

#### Key:

- Grade 1 Good with outstanding features
- **Grade 2** Good features and no important shortcomings
- Grade 3 Good features outweigh shortcomings
- **Grade 4** Some good features, but shortcomings in important areas
- Grade 5 Many important shortcomings

After 2009/10, the number of questions was reduced to 3.

The three Key Questions are:-

Key Question 1: How good are the outcomes?

Key Question 2: How good is the provision?

Key Question 3: How good is the leadership and management?

School	Ysgol Pen Barras	Ysgol Rhewl	Ysgol Pant Pastynog	Ysgol Borthyn	Ysgol Dyffryn Ial	Rhos Street
Date	May 2011	May 2011	November 2011	March 2014	March 2012	March 2013
Key Question	Good	Good	Good	Adequate	Adequate	Good
Key Question 2	Good	Good	Good	Adequate	Good	Good
Key Question 3	Good	Good	Good	Adequate	Adequate	Good
Current Performance	Good	Good	Good	Adequate	Adequate	Good
Improvement Outlook	Good	Good	Good	Adequate	Adequate	Excellent

Ysgol Carreg Emlyn, as a new area school, has not been inspected yet.

7. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Survey Condition Category for the above schools:

School	<b>Overall Condition</b>
Ysgol Pen Barras	С
Ysgol Rhewl	В
Ysgol Pant Pastynog	В
Ysgol Carreg Emlyn was	
Ysgol Clocaenog	В
Ysgol Cyffylliog	В
Ysgol Borthyn	В
Ysgol Llanbedr	В
Ysgol Dyffryn Ial	В
Rhos Street School	В
Ysgol Bro Elwern	С

Key:

- A- Good (No deterioration)
- B- Satisfactory (Minor deterioration)
- C- Poor (Major deterioration)
- D- Bad (Life expired)



# Formal Consultation Document

Proposal to close Ysgol Rhewl as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2017 with pupils transferring to Rhos Street School or Ysgol Pen Barras, subject to parental preference for language medium.

January 2015

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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The review of educational provision in the Ruthin area began in 2013. 11 schools were included within the review, due to the complexities the review has been undertaken on a phased basis. A series of recommendations and proposals have been presented to Denbighshire's Cabinet since June 2013.
- 1.2 The Ruthin area faces a number of distinct challenges, including;
  - Surplus places;
  - Condition and suitability of school sites;
  - Provision of mobile classrooms;
  - School estate efficiency and sustainability.
- 1.3 The objectives of the review are to address these challenges and ensure that the high standard of primary educational provision is maintained and strengthened for the future. The Council has been clear from the outset that the review is not linked or driven by educational standards or attainment as the quality and standard of education is good across the Ruthin area. This phase of the review has a focus on the town schools, inclusive of Rhos Street School, Ysgol Pen Barras and Ysgol Rhewl.

**Ysgol Borthyn:** It was agreed by Cabinet that Ysgol Borthyn should be retained to provide English medium faith based primary education within the town of Ruthin and for the surrounding areas.

- 1.4 It was recommended to Denbighshire's Cabinet that no formal proposals should be progressed until a period of feasibility had been undertaken in relation to the town schools.
- 1.5 The feasibility works were commissioned in the summer of 2014. The feasibility provided a more detailed analysis of three sites; the shared site housing Rhos Street School and Ysgol Pen Barras, the Ysgol Rhewl site and the Glasdir site for development of new school facilities.
- 1.6 The preferred option to emerge is a new shared site school model resulting in the relocation of Rhos Street School and Ysgol Pen Barras to new, 21<sup>st</sup> century school facilities on the Glasdir site.
- 1.7 A detailed overview of the options explored for Ysgol Rhewl can be found in section 14 of this document.

#### 2. Summary of Proposal

2.1 It is being proposed that;

#### Ysgol Rhewl would close on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2017 with existing pupils transferring to Rhos Street School or Ysgol Pen Barras subject to parental preference for language medium.

2.2 By September 2017 work will have been completed to deliver new school buildings and facilities on the Glasdir site. This will allow Rhos Street School and Ysgol Pen Barras to relocate from their current site to fit for purpose, 21<sup>st</sup> century school facilities.

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- 2.3 The future of Ysgol Rhewl has been considered as part of the wider town area as part of the Ruthin Area Review. The main drivers for proposals for Ruthin have included addressing suitability and condition of school sites and buildings and surplus places. It is considered that these drivers impact on the long term sustainability of Ysgol Rhewl.
- 2.4 In considering a range of options for the Glasdir site there was a need to assess the impact of new facilities upon Ysgol Rhewl due to the proximity between the two sites, approximately 1.1 miles. In view of pupil numbers and the long term need to invest in the building it is believed that closing the school and transferring pupils to either Rhos Street School or Ysgol Pen Barras would be the most sustainable option long term for the wider area.

#### 3. Consultation Process

- 3.1 It was agreed by Denbighshire's Cabinet to formally consult on the above proposal from the 10/02/2015 to the 23/03/2015. The formal consultation is being carried out to ensure that all relevant parties have the opportunity to contribute to this important subject.
- 3.2 This formal consultation document has been sent to a wide range of consultees, including;
  - a. Parents, teachers and ancillary staff of Ysgol Rhewl;
  - b. Chair of Governors and School Council of the following schools:
    - i) Ysgol Rhewl;
    - ii) Rhos Street School;
    - iii) Ysgol Pen Barras;
    - iv) Ysgol Borthyn;
    - v) Ysgol Carreg Emlyn;
    - vi) Ysgol Gellifor;
    - vii) Ysgol Llanbedr DC;
    - viii) Ysgol Bro Cinmeirch;
  - c. Church in Wales Diocese of St Asaph and Roman Catholic Diocese of Wrexham;
  - d. Headteachers and Chairs of Governors of all Denbighshire Schools;
  - e. Flintshire County Council and Conwy County Council;
  - f. Independent nursery providers in the Ruthin area;
  - g. Denbighshire Children and Young People's Partnership and the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships;
  - h. All Denbighshire County Councillors;
  - i. Assembly Members and Members of Parliament representing areas affected by the proposal;
  - j. Llanynys Community Council;
  - k. Ruthin Town Council;
  - I. The Welsh Government;
  - m. Estyn; and
  - n. Relevant teaching and staff trades unions.
  - o. Taith
  - p. Gwasanaeth Effeithiolrwydd Ysgolion (GwE)
  - q. North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner

- 3.3 A supplementary version of this consultation document<sup>i</sup> has been produced for children and young people who are likely to be affected by this proposal. This document will be made available at the school named within the proposal. The children and young people's version has been written specifically to enable children and young people to understand and engage with this consultation process.
- 3.4 This document, the children and young peoples document and relevant supporting documentation has been published on the Denbighshire County Council website. Please follow this link to view the documents electronically <u>www.denbighshire.gov.uk</u>

#### 4. Making Your Views Known

4.1 There are a number of ways in which you can make your views known to us. These are outlined below with relevant details for submitting your views.

#### In Person: Consultation Events

The dates and times of the consultation events are included within the covering letter. Meetings will be held with staff, parents, pupils and the Governing Body.

The parents meetings will be held in a parents evening format. This allows for attendees to speak with officers on a 1-2-1 basis. To ensure each attendee has the opportunity to make their views known there is a requirement to book a place at the meeting. To do so please email <u>modernisingeducation@denbighshire.gov.uk</u> or call **01824 706127**. A confirmation email will be sent to confirm your booking.

#### In Writing

Attached to the end of this document is a response form. This can be completed and submitted either by hard copy to the address below or scanned to the email address below;

Email: <a href="mailto:modernisingeducation@denbighshire.gov.uk">modernisingeducation@denbighshire.gov.uk</a>

**Post:** FAO Modernising Education Team, Denbighshire County Council, Wynnstay Road, Ruthin, LL15 1YN.

If you wish to make a further response please use the above details to submit your views.

#### **Children and Young People**

A consultation event will be held with members of the School Council. This will be facilitated by an officer from Denbighshire whose role includes engagement and consultation specifically designed for children and young people.

- 4.2 Please ensure that all views are submitted on the 23/03/2015. Any late submissions may not be included within the analysis for the formal consultation report.
- 4.3 Additionally, any views or responses submitted via any other postal or email address may not be included within analysis for the formal consultation report.
- 4.4 At the end of the formal consultation period all views will be collated for consideration before any recommendation is made to proceed to the next stage and issue a statutory notice.
- 4.5 A formal consultation report, and all responses, will be collated and presented to Cabinet in May 2015. The report will also contain a recommendation from officers.
- 4.6 It is Cabinet who will make a decision whether to move to the next stage and issue a statutory notice.

#### School Organisation Proposal Process

**Recommendation:** A recommendation is made to Denbighshire Cabinet to formally consult-January 2015.

**Formal Consultation:** A period of formal consultation will take place between 10/02/2015 and 23/03/2015. During this time interested parties can make their views known regarding the proposal.

**Formal Consultation Report:** At the end of the formal consultation period responses will be collated and presented to Cabinet in the form of a Formal Consultation Report including a recommendation from officers. This will be published on the Denbighshire website.

**Statutory Notice:** If the recommendation is to move to the next stage of the process Cabinet will need to agree it. If this is agreed a statutory notice will be issued. The statutory notice period must last for 28 days.

**Objection Report:** Should a statutory notice be published and objections received these objections will be collated to form an objection report. The report will contain a summary of each objection made and the authority's response. The report will be required to be published before the end of 7 days beginning the day of any determination of the proposal.

#### 5. Power to Make a Decision

5.1 Denbighshire County Council is permitted to publish proposals to close a school according to the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013<sup>ii</sup>. Accordingly, the formal publication of the closure of a school may be carried out by the Council following the correct statutory procedure.

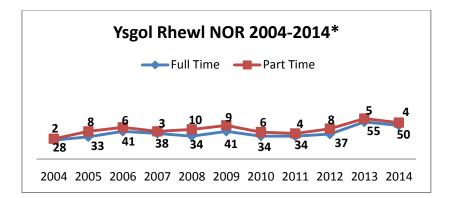
#### 6. Background to the Proposal

- 6.1 Denbighshire County Council's Cabinet approved the Modernising Education Policy Framework<sup>iii</sup> in January 2009 to provide a platform upon which to review existing school provision.
- 6.2 The council is committed to providing a first class education for all children and young people in the county. As part of this commitment, the Council has agreed that 'modernising education provision' is a priority because we recognise the importance of having school buildings, learning environments and resources that meet the needs of 21st century Wales.
- 6.3 We know that we have to change and modernise education provision in the county, as improvements in education cannot be sustained without changes to the way education is provided. Schools need to be able to provide the best possible learning experience so that children and young people in Denbighshire have the widest opportunities available to them and are able to reach their full potential.
- 6.4 It was recommended to Cabinet that no formal proposals should be progressed until a period of detailed feasibility had been undertaken in relation to the town schools. The feasibility works were commissioned in the summer of 2014. The feasibility works provided a more detailed analysis of three site- the current shared site housing Rhos Street School and Ysgol Pen Barras, the Ysgol Rhewl site and the Glasdir site for development of new school facilities.
- 6.5 The preferred option to emerge is a new shared site school model resulting in the relocation of Rhos Street School and Ysgol Pen Barras to new, purpose built, 21<sup>st</sup> century school facilities on the Glasdir site.
- 6.6 This proposal is part of a reorganisation of primary schools in Ruthin, this proposal is moving forward at the same time as;
  - i. Proposal for a new area school to replace Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd and Ysgol Pentrecelyn;
  - ii. A new area school building for Ysgol Carreg Emlyn who are currently on 2 sites in Clocaenog and Cyffylliog;
  - iii. A new purpose built shared campus in the town of Ruthin to enable the relocation of Ysgol Pen Barras and Rhos Street School to the new development on Glasdir.

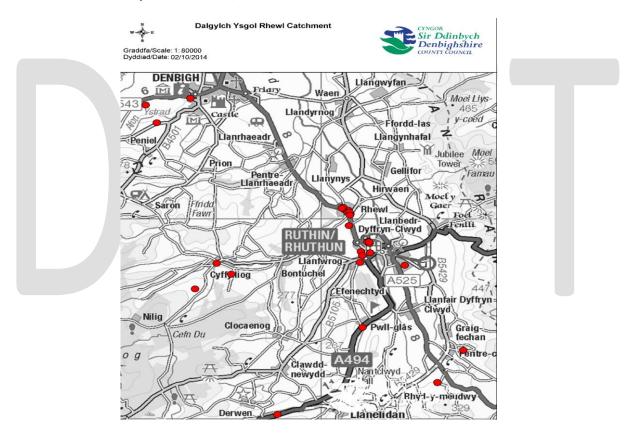
#### 7. Current Provision

- 7.1 This section details current provision at Ysgol Rhewl . Ysgol Rhewl is located centrally within the village of Rhewl with the Western boundary of the site bordering the A525. The schools serves an age range of 3-11years old. The school is identified as a Category 2 Dual stream primary school- this is where two types of provision exist side-by-side and parents/pupils opt either for the mainly Welsh-medium or mainly English-medium provision.
- 7.2 As of September 2014 the school Census (PLASC) showed there are 53 full time pupils on roll and 3 part time pupils. The chart below displays full time and part time pupil numbers over a ten year period.

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7.3 38.5% of current pupils are from the village of Rhewl or immediate area. 61.5% of pupils live outside the village and the immediate area. The map below demonstrates the catchment for the academic year 2014-2015;



7.4 The school has two classrooms with mixed year group classes. The Nursery and Foundation Phase pupils are located within Classroom 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils are located within Classroom 2. The table below provides a breakdown of pupils per year group;

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3	5	6	9	8	5	9	11
23 (3 PT/20 FT)				33			

- 7.5 'Pili Pala' playgroup is located at the school, the playgroup has two sessions per day (morning and afternoon) for children aged 2 years 6 months and over. The playgroup occupies a space within the Nursery and Foundation Phase classroom. At the last inspection of the playgroup in 2013 there were 5 children registered, 2 of whom received early years funding.
- 7.6 The proposed alternative provision offers wrap-around-care in the form of playgroups, breakfast clubs and after school facilities. The 2014 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment for Denbighshire found that there was sufficient childcare available within the area should alternative provision be required, the percentage of childcare places available within the Ruthin area is high with a number of surplus childcare places.
- 7.7 Each Spring Denbighshire undertake an annual round of pupil projections which are sent to all Denbighshire schools in the summer term. These projections are based on the pupil data contained within the January PLASC return of that year. The pupil forecasts are suggesting a decrease in the number on roll over the coming 5 year period for Ysgol Rhewl;

Projected Full Time pupil numbers							
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019			
50	46	42	41	39			

- 7.8 The capacity of the school is 82 full time pupils and 11 part time (nursery) pupils. The admission number of the school is also 11.
- 7.9 The surplus capacity at the school is currently 35.4%. Based on pupil forecasts in the above table the surplus capacity is likely to increase, by 2018 this could increase to 52.4%.
- 7.10 The deadline for Reception applications for the academic year 2015-2016 was the end of November. There were 3 applications for the Reception class at Ysgol Rhewl. To date, 1 nursery application has been received.

#### 8. Educational Attainment and Outcomes

8.1 The schools last Estyn inspection took place in May 2011. The inspection report commented as followed;

#### <u>Summary</u>

The school's current performance	Good	
The school's prospects for improvement	Good	

Key Question	Outcome		
How good are outcomes?	Good		
How good is provision?	Good		
How good are leadership and management?	Good		

#### Current Performance

Overall the schools performance is good because;

- The school's inclusive ethos and the warm and friendly school community;
- Pupils good standards of achievement and their ability to use skills in their work across the curriculum;
- A good range of learning activities that captures and sustains the interest of pupils;
- High levels of attendance and behaviour, with pupils applying themselves well to learning;
- The way the school successfully promotes pupils wellbeing; and
- Effective procedures for tracking pupils' progress and the quality of provision for pupils in need of additional support, especially in literacy.

#### Prospects for Improvement

Prospects for improvement are good because of:

- A good track in record in ensuring improved outcomes for pupils;
- The clear commitment to continuous improvement in provision and outcomes;
- A clear understanding of aspects of provision in need of further development and the willingness to take account of the views of governors, parents and pupils;
- A well-structured school development plan that identifies clear and appropriate proposals or schools development;
- The way the schools governing body acts as a critical friend; and
- A commitment to working in partnership with other local school as a professional learning community.

#### **Recommendations**

In order to improve, the school needs to:

R1: Ensure that learning activities extend pupils of all abilities in mainstream classes, especially pupils of higher ability in key stage 2.

R2: Improve pupils' understanding of what to do to improve the quality of their work, especially the quality of marking and pupils' involvement in self and peer assessment.

R3: Further develop the planning and implementation of the provision for skills, to ensure continuity and progression in pupils' skill development.

R4: Improve senior management's role in evaluating continuity and progression in provision and pupils' achievements across the school.

8.2 The educational outcomes at Key Stage 2 for Ysgol Rhewl over the last 5 year period are displayed below against local and nati1onal averages;

	% achieving Level 4+ CSI at Key Stage 2					
	2010 2011 2012 2013 2					
Ysgol Rhewl	100%	100%	100%	100%	75%	
Sir Ddinbych/Denbighshire	78.1%	82.3%	83.5%	86%	86.6%	
Wales – Average	77%	80%	82.6%	84.3%	86.1%	

8.3 The pupil numbers in Year 6 have been relatively low, therefore comparisons with local and national averages must be treated with caution. The table below displays the pupils assessed in the corresponding 5 year period;

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Y6	2	2	3	7	4

8.4 The educational outcomes for the Foundation Phase for Ysgol Rhewl over the last 5 year period are displayed below against local and national averages;

				FPOI	
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Ysgol Rhewl	100%	100%	66.7%	83.3%	85.7%
Sir Ddinbych/Denbighshire	82.4%	79.8%	86.4%	84.9%	86.1%
Wales- Average	81.6%	82.7%	80.5%	83%	??

8.5 Again, the pupils numbers in the years assessed have been relatively low, therefore comparisons with local and national averages must be treated with caution.

### 9. Language Categorisation

9.1 Ysgol Rhewl is a Category 2 school. Category 2 schools are defined as *dual stream primary schools*. The following definition has been taken from the 'Defining Schools According to Welsh Medium Provision' information document issued by the Welsh Government<sup>iv</sup>;

#### Dual Stream Primary School Definition

Curriculum: Two types of provision exist side-by-side in these schools. Parents/pupils opt either for the mainly Welsh medium or mainly English medium provision which is usually delivered as in categories 1 and 5 respectively.

Language of the School: Both Welsh and English are used in the day to day business of the school. The language of communication with the pupils is determined by the nature of the curricular provision, but in some schools high priority is given to creating a Welsh language ethos throughout the school. The school communicates with parents in both languages.

*Outcomes: For pupils in the Welsh stream, normal expectations are as for Category 1. For pupils in the English medium stream, normal expectations are as for Category 5.* 

- 9.2 The language categorisation of schools within Denbighshire is currently being audited by the Welsh in Education Strategic Group. It is expected that a report on the findings with recommendations will be presented to Denbighshire County Council scrutiny committee in the Spring of 2015.
- 9.3 In the most recent Estyn inspection (May 2011) the language provision of the school was described as primarily through the medium of English with Welsh learnt as a second language.
- 9.4 For the period 2010-2014 no pupils at the school were assessed in Welsh as a first language at the end of Key Stage 2. The table below displays the percentage of pupils gaining Level 4 and above in Welsh Second Language at the end of Key Stage 2;

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
N/A	50%	100%	100%	50%

9.5 The table below displays the numbers of pupils who have been assessed either through English or Welsh at the end of Key Stage 2 since 2007;

Language	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014
English	4	5	1	2	3	7	4
Welsh	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total Pupils	5	6	2	2	3	7	4

9.6 The majority of pupils transfer from Ysgol Rhewl to Ysgol Brynhyfryd for secondary education. Ysgol Brynhyfryd provides a bilingual provision offering a Welsh Stream, English Stream and a Bilingual Stream. All pupils from Ysgol Rhewl, almost without exception, transfer to Ysgol Brynhyfryd for secondary education. The table below displays the language medium in which pupils from Ysgol Rhewl are taught;

Year	Welsh 1 <sup>st</sup> Lang	Welsh 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lang	Total
2009	1	5	6
2010	0	2	2
2011	0	2	2
2012	0	3	3
2013	0	7	7
2014	0	4	4
Total	1	23	24

### **10.** Alternative Provision

- 10.1 Should the current proposal proceed, Denbighshire County Council has proposed that pupils could transfer to either Rhos Street School or Ysgol Pen Barras dependent on parental preference for language medium.
- 10.2 Appendix 1 contains all relevant information regarding the potential alternative schools within the area. This includes information on past, current and projected pupil numbers as well as an overview of outcomes at the end of Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2.

### 11. Special Educational Needs Provision

- 11.1 If the current proposal is progressed it will result in a change in the learning environment for all pupils. It is acknowledged by the authority that although the change will be experienced by all pupils but may prove more challenging for pupils with special educational needs.
- 11.2 Currently 16.9% of pupils are registered SEN pupils at Ysgol Rhewl, the Denbighshire average is 20.5%. Any pupils with special educational needs currently attending Ysgol Rhewl will continue to receive the same education support that is required. Arrangements that are currently in place for pupils, such as dedicated 1-2-1 support, will transfer to their new learning environment. Denbighshire will provide appropriate help and support for special educational needs pupils, especially for those pupils who experience difficulties due to change. Denbighshire will take all practicable steps to minimise disruption and assist pupils with any transfer.
- 11.3 The new facilities provided on the Glasdir site will be designed in consultation with Denbighshire's SEN Education Officers, and the staff and pupils concerned. It is anticipated that this approach will produce improved conditions and learning environments for pupils with SEN.

### 12. Secondary Provision

12.1 The proposal is not expected to have any significant impact on secondary provision within the area. All proposed alternative and neighbouring schools feed Ysgol Brynhyfryd, Ruthin. It is not expected that there will be a significant fluctuation in the pupils accessing the English, Welsh or Bilingual streams.

### 13. The Proposal in Detail- Description and Rationale

- 13.1 Denbighshire County Council has a responsibility to provide the best possible educational provision for its children and young people. This proposal has been developed in line with;
  - a. The Council's commitment to the Modernising Education Programme;
  - b. The School Effectiveness Framework's aim of enabling all children and young people to develop their full potential.

13.2 There are a number of challenges facing the school that could impact on the ability to sustain educational standards in the future.

#### **Educational Case for Change**

- 13.3 As of September 2014 there were 53 full time pupils on roll. The pupil numbers are relatively low with a pupil forecasts suggesting a further decrease in pupil numbers of the coming five year period. The majority of pupils are within Key Stage 2year groups, the largest year group is Year 6 with 11 pupils. These pupils will transfer to secondary education in September 2015.
- 13.4 3 applications have been received for the Reception class for the academic year 2015-2016. To date 1 application has been received for the Nursery class for the academic year 2015-2016. The deadline for nursery application is February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015. Pupil projections for the school suggest a decrease in pupils numbers over the coming 5 year period.
- 13.5 The school has two classrooms, currently pupils are taught in mixed age groups encompassing an entire key stage. The proposed alternative provision will provide opportunities for pupils to be taught within a reduced age range. From a staffing perspective, planning for a wide age range is time consuming and demanding.
- 13.6 Smaller schools, due to financial constraints, find it more challenging to implement senior leadership structures. Larger schools can offer a broader compliment of teaching staff which provides a range of expertise in a variety of curriculum areas.
- 13.7 Small schools often have Headteachers with substantial teaching commitment which can have adverse implications for the senior leadership and management of the school.

#### Adequacy of School Facilities and Site {Include current condition)

- 13.8 There is a current maintenance backlog of £127k across the school site, for a school of its size this is a substantial maintenance backlog. Whilst the existing facilities allow for the basic delivery of the curriculum entitlement, the current environment restricts the potential to deliver a fluid and innovative 21<sup>st</sup> century curriculum. There is a need for significant investment to bring the building up to a satisfactory standard, reflective of a 21<sup>st</sup> century school.
- 13.9 The building has been constructed using basic construction using timber buildings believed to be early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Many areas across the site show signs of damp penetration requiring work to the roof and walls.
- 13.10 There is no onsite parking or drop off/pick up provision on the site and the adjoining road is used by parents, staff and school transport vehicles. There currently is outline permission for some parking to be delivered across from the school as part of a housing development.
- 13.11 There is no provision of a playing field on the school site itself however the school utilise the community playing field approximately 100 meters from the school site.

### 14. What is the Proposed Option?

- 14.1 The proposed option is to close Ysgol Rhewl as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 with existing pupils transferring to either Rhos Street School or Ysgol Pen Barras subject to parental preference.
- 14.2 New educational facilities will be operational from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2017 on the Gladir site, enabling the relocation of both Rhos Street School and Ysgol Pen Barras to purpose built, 21<sup>st</sup> century schools buildings and facilities.
- 14.3 £8.9million will be invested in new facilities on the Glasdir site providing new school buildings and facilities for Rhos Street School and Ysgol Pen Barras. The investment will provide both schools with buildings and facilities that meet a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools standard.
- 14.4 The project will deliver distinct Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 learning environments for both schools, tailored to meet the specific requirements of the respective curriculums.

### 15. Alternative Options

- 15.1 Denbighshire County Council have given careful consideration to a range of alternative options as part of the development of the current proposal. In considering these options reference has been made to the main investment objectives of the Council's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme which are as follows;
  - a. Learning environments for children and young people aged from 3 to 19 that will enable successful implementation of strategies for school improvement and better educational outcomes;
  - b. Greater economy through better use of resources to improve efficiency and costeffectiveness of the education estate and public provision; and
  - c. A sustainable education system with all schools meeting a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Standard, and reducing recurrent costs and carbon footprint.
- 15.2 The main options that have been considered are as follows;

Option 1: Status Quo

Option 2: Do Minimum-Undertake remedial repairs and maintenance

**Option 3:** Undertake extension and significant refurbishment of Ysgol Rhewl

Option 4: Provide New Build School for Ysgol Rhewl

**Option 5:** Close Ysgol Rhewl

15.3 The main advantages and disadvantages of each option, including the current proposal, are outlined below;

Option 1- Do Nothing					
Advantages	Disadvantages				
No capital spend required.	<ul> <li>Would not provide 21<sup>st</sup> century school facilities.</li> <li>Shortfalls and deficiencies would remain and likely worsen in the short term with the possibility of impacting negatively on the ability to deliver the curriculum.</li> <li>Would not lead to a reduction in surplus places.</li> <li>Would not lead to a greater efficiency of the wider school estate.</li> </ul>				

Option 2- Do Minimum					
Advantages	Disadvantages				
<ul> <li>Minimal capital spend required.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Would lead to some improvement of the learning environment but would not</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>meet 21<sup>st</sup> century school standards. This would be a fire-fighting exercise.</li> <li>Would not lead to a reduction in surplus places.</li> <li>Would not lead to a greater efficiency of the wider school estate.</li> </ul>				

Option 3- Extend and Refurbish						
Advantages	Disadvantages					
<ul> <li>Would result in some improvement in the learning environment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Would not result in 21<sup>st</sup> century school facilities with some deficiencies remaining.</li> <li>Would require significant capital investment.</li> <li>Would not lead to a reduction in surplus places. Would likely increase surplus places.</li> <li>Would not lead to a greater efficiency of the wider school estate.</li> </ul>					

	Option 4- New Build						
Advant	tages	Disadvantages					
<ul> <li>Would provide facilities.</li> </ul>	21 <sup>st</sup> century sch	<ul> <li>Would require significant capital investment.</li> <li>The current site does not meet the requirements within BB99 for a standard 105 model build school.</li> <li>Alternative sites would require land purchase within the village further increasing the capital outlay.</li> </ul>					
		<ul> <li>Would not reduce surplus places.</li> <li>Would not lead to a greater efficiency of the school estate.</li> </ul>					

Option 5-Closure					
Advantages	Disadvantages				
<ul> <li>No capital spend required.</li> <li>Existing pupils would have access to fit for purpose, 21<sup>st</sup> century school buildings and facilities.</li> <li>Would reduce surplus places.</li> <li>A net saving of £150k would be made which could be reinvested within the 21<sup>st</sup> century schools programme.</li> <li>Any future disposal of the site may result in a capital receipt which could be reinvested within the 21<sup>st</sup> century schools programme.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Educational provision within the village of Rhewl would cease.</li> <li>Community use of the school would cease however alternative provision is available in the community pavilion.</li> <li>Staff would be redeployed or possibly made redundant.</li> </ul>				

15.4 The table below provides an analysis of the above options against the programme investment objectives and critical success factors;

	Option 1 Status Quo	Option 2 Do Minimum	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
1 Improved Learning Environment	х	x	~	~	~
2 Greater Economy – Revenue Implications	x	x	x	x	~
2 Greater Economy – Capital	×	×	x	x	√
3 Sustainable Education system	X	x	X	x	1
CSF1 Improved attainment and performance	x	x	*	1	*
CSF2 Improved school condition and suitability	x	x	~	~	<b>v</b>
CSF3 Reduction in surplus places	x	x	x	x	1
CSF4 Greater Efficiency and Effectiveness	x	x	x	x	~
Summary	Discounted	Discounted	Possible	Discounted	Preferred

### 16. Admission Arrangements

16.1 Admission arrangements to local authority maintained schools are administered by Denbighshire County Council's Schools Admissions Service. Should the current proposal be implemented the admissions service would write to all parents to outline the options available.

16.2 Admissions will be dealt with in line with Denbighshire County Council's School Admissions Policy. More information can be found on the school admissions page on Denbighshire's website <u>www.denbighshire.gov.uk</u>

### **17.** Transport Implications

- 17.1 For the current academic year the transport costs for Ysgol Rhewl is £121 per day. Over a school year this equates to £23,111.
- 17.2 Currently 12 pupils, or, 22.6% of the 53 full time pupils utilise free home to school transport. The table below demonstrates the catchment locations for Ysgol Rhewl;

Location	No.
Rhewl	20
Ruthin (town)	14
Cyffylliog	9
Denbigh	3
Pentrecelyn	2
Pwllglas	2
Bryn Saith Marchog	2

- 17.3 From the current school site to the proposed new site on Glasdir the distance is approx.. 1.1 miles. There is a non-hazardous walking route from the village to the site at Glasdir.
- 17.4 Transport to either Rhos Street School or Ysgol Pen Barras would be provided in accordance with Denbighshire County Council's Transport Policy which states that free transport is provided for pupils who live more than 2 miles from their nearest suitable school or part of the route is deemed hazardous. More information regarding the transport policy can be found on Denbighshire's website www.denbighshire.gov.uk

### **18.** Staffing Implications

- 18.1 Should the current proposal be implemented the authority would work with the current members of staff at Ysgol Rhewl, including teaching and ancillary staff., should they seek redeployment opportunities.
- 18.2 As part of the formal consultation process there will be a full consultation with staff and the appropriate teaching unions. A staff meeting will be held during the period of consultation and a representative from HR will be present.

### 19. What are the Financial Implications?

19.1 The cost of provision based upon the 2014/2015 budget share is £5,977 per pupil in Ysgol Rhewl. The DCC average is £3,931.

19.2 The current and forecasted 3 year financial position of the school is as follows;

School	Actual Balance	Predicted	Predicated	Predicted
	2014	Balance 2015	Balance 2016	Balance 2017
Ysgol Rhewl	19,603	6,870	(13,345)	(66,686)

\*Based on 3 year existing plan

- 19.3 For the 2014/2015 year Ysgol Rhewl's budget is £311k. It is estimated that there would be a non-pupil led saving of £150k which would be deducted from the school budget quantum. An estimated £161k is pupil led funding and therefore would remian on the schools quantum to follow the pupils to the school they transfer to.
- 19.4 The non pupil led saving will be re-invested within future capital schemes as part of the 21<sup>st</sup> century schools progamme.

### 20. What are the Disadvantages of the Proposal?

- 20.1 If the current proposal proceeds educational provision in the village of Rhewl would cease.
- 20.2 Upon the closure of the school it is expected that some children would be required to travel further to school, subject to parental preference. Due to the current catchment of Ysgol Rhewl the proposed new facilities on Glasdir would be a closer option for some existing pupils. Transport would be provided in line with Denbighshire's transport policy and would ensure travelling times are not excessive.

### 21. Explanation of the statutory process

- 21.1 In order for the Current Proposal to be implemented, Denbighshire County Council is required to follow a procedure laid out by a combination of an Act of the Welsh Government and a statutory Code.
- 21.2 The requirements are as follows:
  - a. Consultation held with people likely to be affected by the Proposal;
  - b. Consultation report setting out details of the Consultation to be published on the council's website;
  - c. Publication of the Current Proposal (also known as the 'statutory notice') with details such as the planned implementation date, how to obtain a copy of the consultation report and how to object:
    - i) on the council's website;
    - ii) posted on or near the main entrance of the two schools; and
    - ii) by providing affected schools with copies to distribute to parents.
  - d. An objection period of 28 days from the date of publication allowing anyone who wishes to object to the Current Proposal to do so;
  - e. Determination by the council (when, subject to the above process, the decision to implement the Current Proposal may be approved);

- f. Publication by the council of any objections and its response to them (within 7 days of the date of determination of the Current Proposal.
- 21.3 Please note that any response provided to the formal consultation will not be regarded as an objection to the Current Proposal. This is because the Current Proposal may change in response to the formal consultation. If you would like to object to the Current Proposal, please wait until it has been published then follow the procedure set out on the statutory notice.

### 22. Community, Welsh Language and Equality impact

22.1 As the Current Proposal, if implemented, will result in the closure of the school a Equality, Welsh Language and Community impact assessments has been carried out and this is available on our website.

#### 23. Response Form

- 23.1 A response form for comments, including an opportunity for consultees to register their wish to be notified of publication of the formal consultation report, appears at the end of this consultation document.
- 23.2 You are welcome to ask questions and let us have your views on the Current Proposal at the events mentioned above or to put your views in writing. Responses should be sent to Modernising Education Programme Team, Denbighshire County Council, County Hall, Wynnstay Road, Ruthin, LL15 1YN or by e-mail to modernisingeducation@denbighshire.gov.uk by no later than 23<sup>RD</sup> of March 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> The consultation document can be found in the School Organisation & Modernising section or you can follow this link [www.denbighshire.gov.uk/modernisingeducation]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> Section 48 School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>III</sup> Modernising Education Framework - available to read on request at DCC's offices in Ruthin or by visiting the website [<u>www.denbighshire.gov.uk/modernisingeducation</u>] in the School Organisation & Modernising section

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### Appendix 1

### **Alternative Provision: Proposal to Close Ysgol Rhewl**

### 1. Introduction

1.1 This section provides information relating to the alternative educational provision that exists in the Ruthin area. Should the current proposal to close Ysgol Rhewl be progressed and implemented it is being proposed that existing pupils could transfer to Rhos Street School or Ysgol Pen Barras, Ruthin subject to parental preference. The Council recognises that parents may also choose other provision within the area.

### 2. Current, Past and Projected Pupil Numbers

2.1 The table below provides information regarding current pupils numbers, language designation, the current total capacity for full time and part time parents and current levels of surplus places;

School	Туре	Current Pupil	Current FT	Current PT	No. of Surplus	% of Surplus
		No.	Capacity	Capacity	Places	Places
Rhos Street	English	151	189	23	38	20.1%
Pen Barras	Welsh	223	252	36	29	11.5%
Borthyn	English, VC	120	142	20	22	15.5%
Carreg Emlyn*	Welsh	60	80	11	20	25%
Gellifor	English	87	91	10	4	4.4%
Llanbedr	English	22	54	11	32	59.2%
Llanfair DC	Bilingual	92	113	14	21	18.6%
Bro Cinmierch	Welsh	69	80	11	11	13.7%
Totals		824	1001	136	177	17.7%

\*Carreg Emlyn is a newly established area school serving the communities of Clocaenog and Cyffylliog. The new area school replaces Ysgol Clocaenog and Ysgol Cyffylliog.

2.2 The table below displays the information regarding past pupils numbers, Full Time (FT) and Part Time (PT) at alternative schools;

	Past Pupil Numbers 2010-2014									
School	20	10	20	11	20	12	20	13	20	14
	FT	PT	FT	РТ	FT	PT	FT	РТ	FT	РТ
Rhos Street	177	25	179	19	167	25	163	14	161	10
Pen Barras	215	38	216	32	218	36	223	27	223	36
Borthyn	104	11	103	14	113	9	111	18	114	23
Carreg Emlyn*	47	13	53	12	59	14	55	13	58	14
Gellifor	73	5	77	10	85	12	87	11	86	11
Llanbedr	63	8	59	10	37	6	21	4	21	7
Llanfair DC	94	11	96	13	93	10	90	14	84	13
Bro Cinmeirch	51	11	56	12	57	17	62	16	60	14

\*Combined numbers for the former Ysgol Clocaenog and Ysgol Cyffylliog.



2.3 The table below displays the pupil projections for the coming 5 year period;

	Pupil Projections 2015-2019					
School	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Rhos Street	143	139	134	122	113	
Pen Barras	221	216	224	218	218	
Borthyn	117	111	114	121	125	
Carreg Emlyn	70	74	79	81	85	
Gellifor	92	86	84	87	83	
Llanbedr	28	30	35	36	37	
Bro Cinmeirch	72	76	82	85	88	
Llanfair DC	82	80	83	87	87	
Rhewl	50	46	42	41	39	

#### 2.4 The table below displays a breakdown of full time pupils

	Full Time Pupil Numbers Sept 2014							
School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Rhos Street	12	18	29	24	27	19	22	151
Pen Barras	37	25	32	31	38	23	37	223
Borthyn	22	17	11	14	14	18	24	120
Carreg Emlyn	10	9	12	7	10	7	5	60
Gellifor	12	11	12	16	9	12	15	87
Llanbedr	7	3	6	2	3	0	1	22
Llanfair DC	15	13	11	13	12	13	15	92
Bro Cinmeirch	8	12	11	10	10	10	8	69
Total							824	
Overall Capacity						rall Capacity	1001	
Total Surplus						177		

2.5 The table below provides information on current part time pupil numbers;

School	PT Pupils
Rhos Street	14
Pen Barras	36
Borthyn	22
Carreg Emlyn	14
Gellifor	7
Llanbedr	11
Llanfair DC	14
Bro Cinmeirch	17



### **3. Educational Attainment and Outcomes**

3.1 The table below provides information relating to the outcomes at the end of Key Stage 2;

	% achieving Level 4+ at Key Stage 2					
School	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
Rhos Street	93.5%	93.3%	96.6%	92.6%	100%	
Pen Barras	97.1%	90%	96.8%	94.3%	89.7%	
Borthyn	58.8%	78.6%	92.3%	93.3%	80%	
Carreg Emlyn was						
Clocaenog	100%	100%	100%	75%	100%	
Cyffylliog	50%	100%	100%	n/a	n/a	
Gellifor	92.9%	92.3%	100%	91.7%	100%	
Llanbedr	84.6%	100%	85.7%	100%	N/A	
Bro Cinmeirch	100%	80%	100%	91.7%	100%	
Llanfair DC	88.9%	91.7%	100%	94.1%	93.3%	
Rhewl	100%	100%	100%	100%	75%	
Denbighshire	78.1%	82.3%	83.5%	86%	86.6%	
Wales	77%	80%	82.6%	84.3%	86.1%	

3.2 The table below provides information relating to the outcomes at the end of the Foundation Phase;

	% of pupils achieving outcome 5 and above at Foundation Phase					
School	2010 CSI	2011 CSI	2012 FPOI	2013 FPOI	2014 FPOI	
Rhos Street	88.9%	90%	95.2%	100%	100%	
Pen Barras	100%	97.1%	95.5%	94.7%	93.5%	
Borthyn	82.4%	77.3%	58.8%	53.8%	100%	
Carreg Emlyn* was						
Clocaenog	100%	80%	71.4%	83.3%	100%	
Cyffylliog	100%	100%	n/a	60%	100%	
Gellifor	100%	94.7%	100%	100%	93.3%	
Llanbedr	85.7%	87.5%	100%	83.3%	100%	
Bro Cinmeirch	100%	90%	75%	90.9%	80%	
Llanfair DC	94.1%	86.7%	100%	100%	92.3%	
Rhewl	100%	100%	66.7%	83.3%	85.7%	
Denbighshire	82.4%	79.8%	86.4%	84.9%	86.1%	
Wales	81.6%	82.7%	80.5%	83%	<mark>??</mark>	



### 4. Estyn Reports

4.1 Estyn assesses the performance of schools. The inspection framework was changed in 2009/10 to ask 3 key questions, a reduction from 7. The 3 key questions are;

Key Question 1: How good are the outcomes? Key Question 2: How good is the provision? Key Question 3: How good is the leadership and management?

Schools inspected under the new framework, and their outcomes, are provided below;

4.1.1 Rhos Street School- March 2013

School	Rhos Street
	School
Date	March 2013
Key Question 1	Good
Key Question 2	Good
Key Question 3	Good
Current Performance	Good
Improvement Outlook	Excellent

4.1.2 Ysgol Pen Barras- May 2011

School	Ysgol Pen
	Barras
Date	May 2011
Key Question 1	Good
Key Question 2	Good
Key Question 3	Good
Current Performance	Good
Improvement Outlook	Good

#### 4.1.3 Ysgol Borthyn- March 2014

School	Ysgol Borthyn
Date	March 2014
Key Question 1	Adequate
Key Question 2	Adequate
Key Question 3	Adequate
Current Performance	Adequate
Improvement Outlook	Adequate

4.1.4 Ysgol Carreg Emlyn- Formerly Ysgol Clocaenog and Ysgol Cyffylliog

School Ysgol	
	Clocaenog
Date	October 2012
Key Question 1	Good
Key Question 2	Good
Key Question 3	Good
Current Performance	Good
Improvement Outlook	Good



School	Ysgol Cyffylliog
Date	March 2011*
Key Question 1	Adequate
Key Question 2	Adequate
Key Question 3	Adequate
Current Performance	Adequate
Improvement Outlook	Adequate

\*Ysgol Cyffylliog received a monitoring visit in November 2013, it was found that sufficient progress had been made with regard to the recommendations made during the core visit in March 2011 and was subsequently removed from the list of schools that need significant improvement.

#### 4.1.5 Ysgol Bro Cinmeirch

School	Ysgol Bro
	Cinmeirch
Date	November
	2011
Key Question 1	Good
Key Question 2	Good
Key Question 3	Good
Current Performance	Good
Improvement Outlook	Good

4.2 The following schools were inspected under the old framework, the 7 key questions are as follows;

- 1. How well do leaners achieve?
- 2. How effective are teaching, training and assessment?

**3.** How well do the learning experiences meet the needs and interests of leaners and the wider community?

- 4. How well are leaners cared for, guided and supported?
- 5. How effective are leadership and strategic management?
- 6. How well do leaders and managers evaluate and improve quality and standards?

#### 7. How efficient are leaders and managers in using resources?

These 7 key questions are graded, as follows;

- Grade 1 Good with outstanding features
- Grade 2 Good features and no important shortcomings
- Grade 3 Good features outweigh shortcomings
- Grade 4 Some good features, but shortcomings in important areas
- Grade 5 Many important shortcomings



### 4.2.1 Ysgol Gellifor- old framework

School	Ysgol Gellifor
Date	February 2010
Key Question 1	Grade 2
Key Question 2	Grade 2
Key Question 3	Grade 1
Key Question 4	Grade 1
Key Question 5	Grade 2
Key Question 6	Grade 2
Key Question 7	Grade 2

#### 4.2.2 Ysgol Llanbedr

School	Ysgol Llanbedr
Date	June 2009
Key Question 1	Grade 2
Key Question 2	Grade 2
Key Question 3	Grade 3
Key Question 4	Grade 2
Key Question 5	Grade 3
Key Question 6	Grade 4
Key Question 7	Grade 2

#### 4.2.3 Ysgol Llanfair DC

School	Ysgol Llanfair
Date	June 2010
Key Question 1	Grade 2
Key Question 2	Grade 2
Key Question 3	Grade 1
Key Question 4	Grade 2
Key Question 5	Grade 2
Key Question 6	Grade 2
Key Question 7	Grade 2

#### 5. School Condition

1. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Survey Condition Category for the above schools:

School	Overall Condition
Ysgol Pen Barras	C
Ysgol Rhewl	В
Ysgol Gellifor	В
Ysgol Carreg Emlyn was	
Ysgol Clocaenog	В
Ysgol Cyffylliog	В
Ysgol Borthyn	В
Ysgol Llanbedr	В
Ysgol Bro Cinmeirch	В
Rhos Street School	В
Ysgol Llanfair DC	В

Key:

- A- Good (No deterioration)
- B- Satisfactory (Minor deterioration)
- C- Poor (Major deterioration)
- D- Bad (Life expired)



**APPENDIX 4** 

### Ruthin Area Review of Primary School-Construction of a New Area School-Llanfair DC/ Pentrecelyn

15 December 2014

**Equality Impact Assessment** 



### New Area School- Llanfair DC and Pentrecelyn

Contact:

**Updated:** 

Lisa Walchester, Customers and Education Support 15/12/14

### 1. What type of proposal / decision is being assessed?

### A project proposal

# 2. What is the purpose of this proposal / decision, and what change (to staff or the community) will occur as a result of its implementation?

The proposal has come from the Ruthin area review of primary education which took place in 2013. The creation of a new area school following the closure of Ysgol Llanfair DC and Ysgol Pentrecelyn subject to consultation. It is proposed that the new area School will initially be opening on the existing school sites.

This EQIA focuses on the construction of a new school building on a single site to replace the exisitng two buildings.

3. Does this proposal / decision require an equality impact assessment? If no, please explain why.

**Please note:** if the proposal will have an impact on people (staff or the community) then an equality impact assessment <u>**must**</u> be undertaken

Yes

4. Please provide a summary of the steps taken, and the information used, to carry out this assessment, including any engagement undertaken

(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for guidance)

A feasibility study has been undertaken which has identified a number of potential sites in the area.

5. Will this proposal / decision have a positive impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)? (*Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for a description of the protected characteristics*)

The impact will be postive for any user of the site with a disability as it will be fully complaint with the requiremnts of the Disability Discrimantion Act. There are currently limitations with the Ysgol Llanfair site with one classroom accessed only via a narrow staircase.

6. Will this proposal / decision have a disproportionate negative impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)?

No

7. Has the proposal / decision been amended to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate negative impact? If no, please explain why.

No // <

8. Have you identified any further actions to address and / or monitor any potential negative impact(s)?

No	< If yes please complete the table below. If no, please explain
	here>

Action(s)	Owner	By when?

### 9. Declaration

Every reasonable effort has been made to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate impact on people sharing protected characteristics. The actual impact of the proposal / decision will be reviewed at the appropriate stage.

Review Date: 15/12/14

Name of Lead Officer for Equality Impact Assessment	Date
Lisa Walchester	15/12/14

Please note you will be required to publish the outcome of the equality impact assessment if you identify a substantial likely impact.



## Ruthin Area Review of Primary School Provision- Proposed Closure of Ysgol Rhewl

17 December 2014

**Equality Impact Assessment** 



### **Proposal: Closure of Ysgol Rhewl**

Contact:

**Updated:** 

Lowri Roberts, Customers and Education Support 17/12/14

### 1. What type of proposal / decision is being assessed?

A service review or re-organisation proposal

# 2. What is the purpose of this proposal / decision, and what change (to staff or the community) will occur as a result of its implementation?

A decision to progress this proposal would lead to a formal consultation regarding the future sustainability of Ysgol Rhewl. If the proposal were to be implemented primary educational provision would cease in the village of Rhewl.

## 3. Does this proposal / decision require an equality impact assessment? If no, please explain why.

**Please note:** if the proposal will have an impact on people (staff or the community) then an equality impact assessment **<u>must</u>** be undertaken

Yes	The main impact of this proposal would be a change in the
	learning environment for existing pupils of the school at the
	point of closure (should this proposal be implemented).

# 4. Please provide a summary of the steps taken, and the information used, to carry out this assessment, including any engagement undertaken

(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for guidance)

We have identified all stakeholders prior to commencing the review. We will engage with stakeholders by post, public meeting and online during the formal consultation period.

All correspondence with stakeholders will be available bilingually (Welsh and English).

5. Will this proposal / decision have a positive impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)? (Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for a description of the protected characteristics)

The proposal could impact positively on some of the protected characterisitcs, specifically disability. The proposal recommends that existing pupils transfer to new, purpose built educational facilities that would be fully compliant with the DDA.

6. Will this proposal / decision have a disproportionate negative impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)?

### No

7. Has the proposal / decision been amended to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate negative impact? If no, please explain why.

Yes	The proposal has fully acknowledged and set out how
	transition to a new learning environment would be managed.

## 8. Have you identified any further actions to address and / or monitor any potential negative impact(s)?

No

Action(s)	Owner	By when?

### 9. Declaration

Every reasonable effort has been made to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate impact on people sharing protected characteristics. The actual impact of the proposal / decision will be reviewed at the appropriate stage.

Review Date: 17/12/14	
Name of Lead Officer for Equality Impact Assessment	Date
Lowri Roberts	17/12/14

Please note you will be required to publish the outcome of the equality impact assessment if you identify a substantial likely impact.



## Glasdir: Proposal to provide a shared site educational facility for Ysgol Pen Barras and Rhos Street School

16 December 2014

**Equality Impact Assessment** 



### Proposal to re-locate Rhos Street School and Ysgol Pen Barras to a purpose built, shared educational facility on the Glasdir development.

**Contact:** Lowri Roberts, Modernising Education Team

**Updated:** 16/12/2014

### 1. What type of proposal / decision is being assessed?

A service review or re-organisation proposal

## 2. What is the purpose of this proposal / decision, and what change (to staff or the community) will occur as a result of its implementation?

The purpose of this proposal is to provide Cabinet with the outcomes of the detailed feasibility regarding options for the Ruthin town schools, as part of the Ruthin area review of primary education.

The preferred option is to re-locate Rhos Street School and Ysgol Pen Barras to a new, purpose built educational facility on the Glasdir development. Additionally, this report seeks approval for the commencement of a Formal Consultation regarding the future of Ysgol Rhewl as a result of this proposal.

## 3. Does this proposal / decision require an equality impact assessment? If no, please explain why.

**Please note:** if the proposal will have an impact on people (staff or the community) then an equality impact assessment <u>must</u> be undertaken

Yes

# 4. Please provide a summary of the steps taken, and the information used, to carry out this assessment, including any engagement undertaken

(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for guidance)

5. Will this proposal / decision have a positive impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)? (Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for a description of the protected characteristics)

This proposal will have a positive impact on disability, specifically around DDA and accessibility issues.

6. Will this proposal / decision have a disproportionate negative impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)?

### No.

7. Has the proposal / decision been amended to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate negative impact? If no, please explain why.

No	It is not envisaged that there will be any disproportionate
	negative impact on any of the protected characteristics.

## 8. Have you identified any further actions to address and / or monitor any potential negative impact(s)?

No		
Action(s)	Owner	By when?

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### 9. Declaration

Every reasonable effort has been made to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate impact on people sharing protected characteristics. The actual impact of the proposal / decision will be reviewed at the appropriate stage.

Review Date:	16.12.14		
Name of Lead Offi	cer for Equality	Impact Assessment	Date
Lowri Roberts			16/12/14

Please note you will be required to publish the outcome of the equality impact assessment if you identify a substantial likely impact.



### Ruthin Area Review of Primary School Provision- Proposed New Area school for Llanfair & Pentrecelyn

17 December 2014

**Equality Impact Assessment** 



### New Area School- Llanfair DC and Pentrecelyn

Contact:

**Updated:** 

Lisa Walchester, Customers and Education Support 17/12/14

### 1. What type of proposal / decision is being assessed?

A service review or re-organisation proposal

# 2. What is the purpose of this proposal / decision, and what change (to staff or the community) will occur as a result of its implementation?

The creation of a New Area School following the closure of Ysgol Llanfair DC and Ysgol Pentrecelyn. The new area school will initailly open on the exsiting school sites.

## 3. Does this proposal / decision require an equality impact assessment? If no, please explain why.

**Please note:** if the proposal will have an impact on people (staff or the community) then an equality impact assessment **<u>must</u>** be undertaken

No	The impact of this proposal will be neutral as very little will
	change. The only changes will be:
	1) The existing schools will close;
	2) A new school will open but operate from existing sites.
	3) The school will only need one headteacher and that post
	may be filled by one of the existing head teachers or an
	external candidate. Accordingly the post of the existing
	headteachers will be redundant and a single new position will
	be created. Advice will be provided to the governing body of
	the new school to ensure that the process of appointing a
	New Headteacher is not discriminatory

4. Please provide a summary of the steps taken, and the information used, to carry out this assessment, including any engagement undertaken

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(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for guidance)

We have identified all stakeholders prior to commencing the review. We will engage with stakeholders by post, public meeting and online during the informal consultation period.

All correspondence with stakeholders will be available bilingually (Welsh and English).

5. Will this proposal / decision have a positive impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)? (Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for a description of the protected characteristics)

The impact will be neutral as noted in section 3, the proposal will not result in significant change.

6. Will this proposal / decision have a disproportionate negative impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)?

No

7. Has the proposal / decision been amended to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate negative impact? If no, please explain why.

No	<li><li>/if yes, please provide detail&gt;</li></li>
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8. Have you identified any further actions to address and / or monitor any potential negative impact(s)?

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No
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Action(s)	Owner	By when?

### 9. Declaration

Every reasonable effort has been made to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate impact on people sharing protected characteristics. The actual impact of the proposal / decision will be reviewed at the appropriate stage.

Review Date: 17/12/14	
Name of Lead Officer for Equality Impact Assessment	Date
Lisa Walchester	17/12/14

## Please note you will be required to publish the outcome of the equality impact assessment if you identify a substantial likely impact.



### Ruthin Area Review of Primary Provision Ysgol Carreg Emlyn New School 15 December 2014

**Equality Impact Assessment** 



### **Ruthin Area Review of Primary School Provision**

Contact:

**Updated:** 

Carwyn Edwards, Customers and Education Support 15/12/14

### 1. What type of proposal / decision is being assessed?

A project proposal

# 2. What is the purpose of this proposal / decision, and what change (to staff or the community) will occur as a result of its implementation?

The construction of a new school building on a single site to replace the existing two buildings.

## 3. Does this proposal / decision require an equality impact assessment? If no, please explain why.

**Please note:** if the proposal will have an impact on people (staff or the community) then an equality impact assessment **<u>must</u>** be undertaken

No	The impact of this proposal will be neutral as very little will
	change. The only
	changes will be:
	1) The existing school sites will be replaced by a new one;
	2) The new school building will have better facilities than the
	existing buildings;
	3) All pupils currently will have to attend both sites during
	their education at the school. Some pupils will have to travel
	further at a younger age due to a change in location of the
	foundation phase classrooms. Free home to school transport
	will be available for all eligible pupils in accordance to
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	Denbighshire County Council policy.

# 4. Please provide a summary of the steps taken, and the information used, to carry out this assessment, including any engagement undertaken

(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for guidance)

A feasibility study has been undertaken which has identified current site

constraints including limits on accessibility.

5. Will this proposal / decision have a positive impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)? (Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for a description of the protected characteristics)

The impact will be positive for any user of the site with a disability as it will be fully compliant with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act. Currently part of the Clocaenog site is inaccessible for individuals with mobility difficulties.

6. Will this proposal / decision have a disproportionate negative impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)?

No		

7. Has the proposal / decision been amended to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate negative impact? If no, please explain why.

lf yes, please provide detail>

8. Have you identified any further actions to address and / or monitor any potential negative impact(s)?

No

Action(s)	Owner	By when?

#### 9. Declaration

Every reasonable effort has been made to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate impact on people sharing protected characteristics. The actual impact of the proposal / decision will be reviewed at the appropriate stage.

Review Date: 02.02.15	
Name of Lead Officer for Equality Impact Assessment	Date
Carwyn Edwards	15.12.14

Please note you will be required to publish the outcome of the equality impact assessment if you identify a substantial likely impact.

## Eitem Agenda 6

Adroddiad i'r:CabinetDyddiad y Cyfarfod:13 Ionawr 2015Aelod/Swyddog Arweiniol:Y Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill/ Paul<br/>McGradyAwdur yr Adroddiad:Richard Weigh, Prif GyfrifyddTeitl:Cyllideb 2015/16 (Cynigion Terfynol - Cam 3)

#### 1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?

Mae'r adroddiad yn amlinellu'r sefyllfa ddiweddaraf o ran y gyllideb ac yn cyflwyno cam olaf rhaglen o arbedion ar y gyllideb a mesurau eraill i'w hargymell i'r cyngor er mwyn darparu'r gyllideb refeniw ar gyfer 2015/16. Mae'r adroddiad yn cynnwys lefel arfaethedig o gynnydd i Dreth y Cyngor a defnyddio balansau cyffredinol.

#### 2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?

Cyn dechrau pob blwyddyn ariannol, mae'n ofynnol yn ôl y gyfraith i'r Cyngor osod cyllideb gytbwys y mae modd ei chyflawni a gosod y lefel ddilynol o Dreth y Cyngor i ganiatáu i filiau gael eu hanfon at breswylwyr.

Er mwyn ffurfioli cynnig a ddaeth i'r amlwg o weithdy'r gyllideb a gynhaliwyd ar 12 Rhagfyr bod y gwaith o gyflawni'r Cynllun Corfforaethol yn cymryd blaenoriaeth mewn rowndiau gosod cyllideb yn y dyfodol.

#### 3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

Bod y Cabinet yn cefnogi cynigion y gyllideb ar gyfer 2015/16 fel y dangosir yn Atodiad 1 ac yn eu hargymell yn unol â hynny i'r Cyngor llawn.

Argymell i'r Cyngor gynyddu Treth y Cyngor o ganlyniad i hynny, ar gyfartaledd o 2.75% yn 2015/16.

Argymell i'r Cyngor bod £500k o falansau cyffredinol yn cael eu defnyddio i gefnogi'r gyllideb refeniw am y tair blynedd ariannol nesaf.

Argymell i'r Cyngor bod y gwaith o gyflawni'r Cynllun Corfforaethol yn cymryd blaenoriaeth mewn rowndiau gosod cyllideb yn y dyfodol.

#### 4. Manylion am yr adroddiad

Dangosodd dadansoddiad cychwynnol o Setliad Drafft Llywodraeth Leol a chanlyniadau hynny i'r cyngor y gallai fod angen arbedion o £8.5m yn 2015/16. Roedd y targed arbedion yn cynnwys lleihad i'r Grant Cynnal Refeniw o £5.3m a phwysau costau na ellir eu hosgoi o tua £3m.

Mae dau gam cyntaf proses y gyllideb wedi nodi arbedion o £7.3m ar gyfer 2015/16 gan adael bwlch o £1m. Manylir ar hyn yn Atodiad 1. Cafwyd y Setliad Terfynol ar 10 Rhagfyr ac roedd yn eithaf tebyg i'r Drafft ond roedd hyn a nifer o newidiadau eraill yn effeithio ar y bwlch cyllido a'r rhain yw:

- Mae'r gostyngiad i'r Setliad Terfynol 0.016% yn is na'r Drafft, sy'n cyfateb i fantais o £23k.
- Mae gostyngiadau a ddisgwylir i grantiau penodol (Cynllun Ariannu Preifat a Grant Gweinyddu Treth y Cyngor) wedi eu cadarnhau yn y Setliad Terfynol a byddant yn cael eu pasbortio i gyfanswm o £63k.
- Mae'r Sylfaen Treth y Cyngor ar gyfer pob cyngor yn cael ei ailasesu gan ddefnyddio data mwy diweddar rhwng y Setliad Drafft a'r Setliad Terfynol. Effaith yr ailasesiad hwn yw bod y cynnydd yn y Sylfaen tua 0.65% yn uwch na'r rhagolwg, sy'n cyfateb i tua £282k.
- Mae'r cynnydd yn Ardoll y Gwasanaeth Tân £51k yn llai na'r rhagolwg a gyflwynwyd i'r Cyngor gan y Gwasanaeth Tân ym mis Medi. Mae'r Gwasanaeth Tân wedi gwneud arbedion a defnyddio cronfeydd wrth gefn i gyfyngu'r cynnydd a drosglwyddir i gynghorau.

Mae'r pedair eitem uchod yn cyfrannu £419k i'r gofyniad arbed ar gyfer 2015/16.

Mae'r dyfarniad cyflog llywodraeth leol wedi ei gytuno yn ddiweddar fel bargen a ddaw i rym o fis Ionawr 2015 i fis Mawrth 2016. Mae'r prif gynnydd yn 2.2% dros y cyfnod ond bydd staff ar raddau is na Gradd 11 yn derbyn cynnydd uwch. Mae'r gost o weithredu'r dyfarniad cyflog yn 2014/15 yn is na'r hyn a ragwelwyd yn gyffredinol, er ei fod ychydig yn uwch na'r hyn a ragwelwyd yn 2015/16. Dros y ddwy flynedd, mae cyfrifiadau i amcangyfrif effaith gyllidebol ariannu'r dyfarniad cyflog yn golygu ei bod yn bosibl lleihau'r pwysau cost cyffredinol o £54k a gall y lleihad hwn gyfrannu at leihau'r bwlch yn y gyllideb yn 2015/16.

Bydd yn rhaid i gynigion gogyfer â chyllideb derfynol a lefel Treth y Cyngor ar gyfer 2014/15 fod wedi eu cytuno gan y Cyngor Sir fis Chwefror 2015. Fodd bynnag, yn negfed gweithdy'r gyllideb a gynhaliwyd ar 12 Rhagfyr, gwnaeth yr aelodau hynny oedd yn bresennol fynegi barn yn anffurfiol a oedd yn cefnogi cynnydd cyfartalog yn Nhreth y Cyngor o 2.75%. Dyma'r ffigur cynllunio sylfaenol a ddefnyddir yn y Cynllun Ariannol Tymor Canolig.

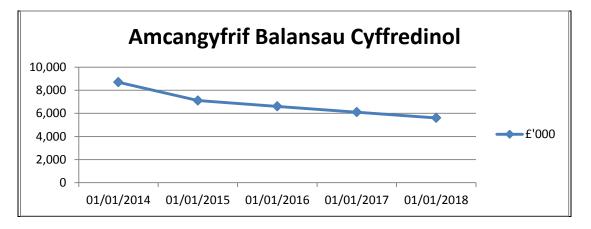
Ar 2.75%, nid oes newid i'r gofyniad arbedion ar gyfer 2015/16 a gyda'r cynigion eraill yn yr adroddiad hwn, bydd yn cydbwyso'r gyllideb. Bydd cynnydd is na 2.75% yn arwain at ofyniad arbedion pellach a bydd cynnydd uwch na hyn yn cynhyrchu cyllid ychwanegol. Gan fod rhaid i'r cyngor ariannu Cynllun Gostyngiadau Treth y Cyngor, mae tua 25% o unrhyw gynnydd yn Nhreth y Cyngor yn anochel mewn gostyngiadau a ddarperir o dan y Cynllun.

Cafodd yr opsiynau a'r goblygiadau eu cyflwyno yng ngweithdy Rhagfyr yn fanwl ac fe'u crynhoir yn Atodiad 2.

Mae dadansoddiad pellach yn tynnu sylw at effaith y cynnig hwn dros ystod o fandiau eiddo a lefelau incwm wedi ei gynnwys fel Atodiad 3.

Fel rhan o gyllideb 2014/15, cytunwyd fel mesur untro i ddefnyddio balansau cyffredinol o £500k i lenwi'r bwlch yng ngofyniad cyllido'r cyngor. Er mwyn gwneud hyn untro, byddai'n golygu y byddai arbediad parhaol o £500k yn gorfod cael ei ganfod yn 2015/16 i bontio'r bwlch hwn. Yng ngweithdy'r gyllideb mis Rhagfyr, cyflwynwyd dadansoddiad o falansau cyffredinol y cyngor i aelodau a chynnig i barhau i ddefnyddio £500k i ariannu'r gyllideb ar gyfer y tair blynedd nesaf.

Mae pwysigrwydd lefelau priodol o falansau wedi ei amlygu yn y blynyddoedd diweddar, gyda thywydd garw yn ogystal â hawliad hanesyddol annisgwyl gan ein cwmni yswiriant blaenorol. Ym mhob achos mae'r cyngor wedi gallu ymateb yn briodol gan wybod bod arian ar gael i dalu am unrhyw ymateb a gwaith dilynol. Gyda'r risgiau ac ansicrwydd hyn ynghylch dyfodol llywodraeth leol a gostyngiadau parhaus tebygol i gyllid y sector cyhoeddus, nid lleihau balansau ymhellach yw'r dull mwyaf dymunol o weithredu. Fodd bynnag, mae asesiad o falansau yng nghyd-destun cyllideb refeniw cyffredinol y cyngor yn golygu bod gostyngiad wedi'i reoli dros y tair blynedd nesaf yn ddull derbyniol o weithredu. Mae'r siart isod yn dangos y gostyngiad arfaethedig mewn balansau cyffredinol dros y tair blynedd ariannol nesaf.



Nid yw'r gyllideb ar gyfer 2015/16 yn caniatáu ar gyfer unrhyw bwysau cost sy'n benodol i wasanaeth. Mae chwyddiant wedi ei gynnwys yn y rhagdybiaethau cyllideb yn gorfforaethol i gynnwys eitemau megis ynni, cyflog a chostau pensiwn ychwanegol cyflogwr.

Mae buddsoddi yn y Cynllun Corfforaethol wedi ei gynnig ar lefel o £500k. Mae angen i'r dyraniad arfaethedig o gyllid buddsoddi ar gyfer 2015/16 gefnogi benthyca darbodus ac mae wedi'i rannu fel a ganlyn:

- Moderneiddio Addysg/Ysgolion yr 21ain Ganrif £400k
- Priffyrdd Gwella Ffyrdd £100k

Mae cyflwyno'r Cynllun Corfforaethol yn dibynnu ar gyllideb ac adnoddau arian parod i hwyluso Benthyca Darbodus. Mae'r Cynllun presennol yn fforddiadwy cyn belled â bod yr adnoddau a nodwyd i'w ariannu ar gael. Yng ngweithdy'r gyllideb mis Rhagfyr, ailadroddodd yr aelodau hynny oedd yn bresennol farn a fynegwyd yn gyntaf pan gafodd y Cynllun Corfforaethol ei gyflwyno yng ngweithdy'r gyllideb a gynhaliwyd ar 22 Medi, sef fod y mwyafrif yn bresennol yn dymuno sicrhau cyflawni'r Cynllun. Roedd canlyniad gweithdy Rhagfyr yn cryfhau'r farn hon gyda chynnig i gynnwys ymrwymiad i flaenoriaethu cyflawni'r Cynllun Corfforaethol yn rowndiau'r gyllideb yn y dyfodol. Mewn ymateb i hyn, mae argymhelliad ffurfiol wedi ei gynnwys yn yr adroddiad hwn.

Mae crynodeb o'r Cynllun Corfforaethol ynghlwm fel Atodiad 4.

#### 5. Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol?

Mae rheolaeth effeithiol o gyllideb y cyngor a chyflawni'r strategaeth gyllidebol a gytunwyd yn sylfaen i weithgareddau ym mhob maes, gan gynnwys blaenoriaethau corfforaethol. Mae cynigion y gyllideb yn cynnwys £500k o gyllid ar gyfer ysgolion a phriffyrdd yn unol â'r Cynllun Corfforaethol a chynnig pellach i amddiffyn y cyllid sydd ei angen i gyflawni'r Cynllun.

#### 6. Faint fydd yn ei gostio a sut bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?

Mae ar y cyngor angen sicrhau arbedion o tua £17.1m dros y ddwy flynedd ariannol nesaf. Bwlch y gyllideb ar gyfer 2015/16 yw £8.259m. Mae arbedion o £7.286m wedi eu cytuno ac mae cynigion pellach yn yr adroddiad hwn yn dod i gyfanswm o £0.473m. Bydd y gweddill, £0.5m, yn cael eu talu o falansau cyffredinol.

# 7. Beth yw'r prif gasgliadau o'r Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb a gynhaliwyd ar y penderfyniad?

Cynhaliwyd ymarfer asesu effaith, gan gynnwys Asesiad o Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb ar gyfer pob un o gynigion arbedion y gyllideb ac fe'i cyflwynwyd i'r cyngor ym mis Medi a mis Rhagfyr. Cafodd asesiad effaith cyffredinol hefyd ei gyflwyno i'r Cyngor ym mis Rhagfyr.

# 8. Pa ymgynghoriadau sydd wedi eu cynnal gyda'r Pwyllgor Archwilio ac eraill?

Bu ymgynghori sylweddol o gwmpas proses y gyllideb ac mae wedi cael ei ystyried gan CET, UDA, Briffio Cabinet a chyfarfodydd Briffio'r Cyngor. Mae deg o weithdai cyllideb diwrnod cyfan wedi'u cynnal gydag aelodau etholedig. Mae pwyllgorau craffu wedi adolygu dau gynnig arbedion (TCC a gwasanaethau darparwyr). Mae gan y Pwyllgor Llywodraethu Corfforaethol rôl oruchwylio ac wedi cael adroddiadau i bob un o'i gyfarfodydd ers mis Ebrill. Ym mis Tachwedd, gofynnodd y pwyllgor am fanylion pellach am ddau gynnig i geisio sicrwydd ar dryloywder y broses.

Roedd yr adroddiad i'r Cyngor ar 9 Rhagfyr yn amlinellu yn fanwl yr ymgynghoriad yn cefnogi proses y gyllideb. Roedd hyn yn cynnwys dadansoddiad manwl o'r ymatebion i'r ymarfer ymgysylltu â'r cyhoedd. Roedd yr adroddiad hefyd yn tynnu sylw at y casgliadau canlynol o Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru yn dilyn adolygiad o drefniadau cynllunio ariannol y cyngor:

- Mae gan y Cyngor hanes da o ran cyflawni arbedion a nodwyd o fewn blwyddyn yn erbyn y camau gweithredu a gymeradwywyd
- Mae cynlluniau a threfniadau'r Cyngor yn y dyfodol i sicrhau arbedion yn addas i'r diben ac yn cael eu rheoli'n effeithiol
- Nid oes cynigion ar gyfer gwella nac argymhellion yn sgil yr adolygiad hwn.

Yn ogystal â'r ymarfer ymgysylltu â'r cyhoedd, mae'r cyngor wedi rhoi gwybod i bob cyngor Tref a Chymuned ynghylch y toriadau arfaethedig ac mae wedi cynnal cyfarfod ar gyfer yr holl gynghorau er mwyn trafod y cynigion. Mae trafodaethau parhaus rhwng rhai o wasanaethau'r cyngor sir a rhai cynghorau tref ynghylch effaith y cynigion ac a fyddai'r cynghorau tref yn ystyried ariannu rhai o'r gweithgareddau os gwneir y toriadau ai peidio. Mae'r trafodaethau hyn yn mynd rhagddynt.

Mae'r cyngor wedi ymgynghori â'i bartneriaid, drwy'r Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Lleol ar y cyd, a, lle y bo'n ofynnol, wedi mynychu cyfarfodydd i egluro'r manylion y tu ôl i unrhyw un o'r cynigion.

Mae pob aelod o staff wedi cael gwybod am y broses o bennu'r gyllideb a, lle y bydd cynigion yn dod yn benderfyniadau, bydd y staff yr effeithir arnynt yn cael ymgynghoriaeth lawn, yn unol â pholisïau a gweithdrefnau Adnoddau Dynol y Cyngor.

Ymgynghorwyd ag Undebau Llafur drwy'r Cydbwyllgor Ymgynghorol Lleol. Cytunwyd ar broses ar gyfer ymgysylltu â staff a'u cynrychiolwyr TU yn ystod Cydbwyllgor Ymgynghorol Lleol ym mis Medi ac fe gedwir at hyn. Cynigiodd yr un broses y cyfle hefyd i'r Undebau Llafur wneud sylwadau ffurfiol ar gynigion y gyllideb cyn iddynt gael eu hystyried gan y Cyngor.

#### 9. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid

Mae hon yn parhau i fod yn broses hynod heriol ac mae'n rhaid gwneud penderfyniadau anodd. Bydd cymeradwyo'r cynigion yn yr adroddiad hwn yn cydbwyso'r gyllideb ar gyfer 2015/16, sy'n gyflawniad sylweddol. Fodd bynnag, rhaid i waith i ddatblygu cynigion cyllideb ar gyfer 2016/17 barhau i sicrhau bod y targed arbedion amcangyfrifedig o £8.8m yn cael ei gyflawni. Mae proses y gyllideb hyd yn hyn wedi nodi cynigion gwerth cyfanswm o £2.7m ar gyfer 2016/17, felly mae bwlch sylweddol yn dal i'w lenwi. Mae gweithdai'r gyllideb wedi eu trefnu ym mis Chwefror a mis Mawrth i barhau â'r broses. Mae ymrwymiad a chefnogaeth barhaus yr aelodau etholedig a'r gwasanaethau yn y broses yn hanfodol.

#### 10. Pa risgiau sydd yna, ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?

Dyma'r cyfnod ariannol mwyaf heriol y mae'r cyngor wedi ei wynebu a byddai methu â chyflawni strategaeth gyllideb effeithiol yn rhoi mwy o bwysau ar wasanaethau yn y dyfodol.

#### 11. Pŵer i wneud y Penderfyniad

Mae'n ofynnol i awdurdodau lleol o dan Adran 151, Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 wneud trefniadau ar gyfer gweinyddu eu materion ariannol yn briodol.

#### Appendix 1 Phase 3 Budget Proposals 2015/16 Cabinet January 2015

#### Proposal to Finalise Revenue Budget 2015/16

	<u>£'000</u>	<u>£'000</u>
Saving Target 2015/16 (Draft Settlement)		-8,259
Phase 1 Savings		3,715
Phase 2 Savings		3,571
Sub Total	-	-973
Final Settlement & Other Adjustments:		
1. RSG movement +0.016%	23	
2. Increase to Council Tax Base	282	
3. Passport Reductions to PFI and Council		
Tax Reduction Scheme Grants	63	
4. Fire Service Levy	51	
		419
Sub Total	-	-554
Pay Award Provision (2014/15)		54
Sub Total	-	-500
Total of Phase 3 Proposals	-	473
Use of Council's General Balances		500
Budget Shortfall 2015/16	-	0

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

#### <u>Appendix 2</u>

Council Tax Analysis

#### <u>Notes</u>

1. The analysis below shows the additional income that would be raised over a range of Council Tax increases.

2. The 'Base Case' shown is the current planning assumption. Rates below the base will mean more savings will have to be identified.

3. The references to Average Band D and Average Dwelling refer to the total council tax bill including police and community council

precepts. The county council element in 2014/15 is £1,112 which represents 81% of the total bill.

4. The average per dwelling gives an indication of the average amount actually paid per dwelling.

5. Denbighshire's Council Tax was the highest in north Wales and sixth highest in Wales in 2014/15.

6. The county council element of the Council Tax bill in Denbighshire is approximately 15% higher than in Conwy.

7. If current planning assumptions for Tax rises are implemented, it is likely Gwynedd's average level of Council Tax at Band D will be higher than Denbighshire's next year.

Yeild 2014/15	<u>£'000</u> 42,513					Avg Band D £1,38	0 Avg Dwelling £1
	Increase	<u>Gross</u> Increase	<u>C/Tax</u> <u>Benefit</u>	<u>Net</u> Increase	Additional Income	<u>Avg Band D</u> <u>Annual</u>	Avg Dwelling Annual
	<u>%</u>	£'000	£'000	£'000	<u>£'000</u>	Impact	Impact
	0.00%	0	0	0	-876.83	0	0
	2.00%	850.26	-212.57	637.70	-239.14	£27.60	£24.80
	2.50%	1,062.83	-265.71	797.12	-79.71	£34.50	£31.00
Base Case	2.75%	1,169.11	-292.28	876.83	0.00	£37.95	£34.10
	3.00%	1,275.39	-318.85	956.54	79.71	£41.40	£37.20
	3.50%	1,487.96	-371.99	1,115.97	239.14	£48.30	£43.40
	4.00%	1,700.52	-425.13	1,275.39	398.56	£55.20	£49.60
	4.50%	1,913.09	-478.27	1,434.81	557.98	£62.10	£55.80
	5.00%	2,125.65	-531.41	1,594.24	717.41	£69.00	£62.00

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	Band A Weekly				Band B Weekly				Band C Weekly				Band D Weekly		Ctax to	
	charge	CTR	Ctax to pay	Increase	charge	CTR	Ctax to pay	Increase	charge	CTR	Ctax to pay	Increase	charge	CTR	рау	Increase
Single aged 23 16																
hrs min wage	£13.61	£5.43	£8.18	£0.22	£15.88	£7.70	£8.18	£0.22	£18.15	£9.97	£8.18	£0.22	£20.42	£12.24	£8.18	£0.22
Single over 25 20																
hours min wage	£13.61	£3.23	£10.38	£0.14	£15.88	£5.50	£10.38	£0.14	£18.15	£7.77	£10.38	£0.14	£20.42	£10.04	£10.38	£0.14
Lone Parent 1 child WTC 16 hours																
126.23 per week	£13.61	£0.58	£13.03	-£0.27	£15.88	£2.85	£13.03	-£0.27	£18.15	£5.12	£13.03	-£0.27	£20.42	£7.39	£13.03	-£0.2
Pensioner SC	£13.61	£12.36	£1.25	£0.15	£15.88	£14.63	£1.25	£0.15	£18.15	£16.90	£1.25	£0.15	£20.42	£19.17	£1.25	£0.15
Pensioner Severely																
disabled	£13.61	£0.82	£12.79	-£0.01	£15.88	£3.09	£12.79	-£0.01	£18.15	£5.36	£12.79	-£0.01	£20.42	£7.63	£12.79	-£0.0

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#### Appendix 4 1 Corporate Plan Summary

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total
Projects	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ESTIMATES	ESTIMATES	ESTIMATES	ESTIMATES	ESTIMATES	
	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
21st Century Community Schools (50/50 Split)								
Rhyl High School / Ysgol Tir Morfa	25	1,053	5,245	16,074	1,856	333	0	24,586
Ysgol Glan Clwyd	0	5	465	4,978	9,146	1,068	238	15,900
Bodnant Community School	0	69	620	2,099	562	61	0	3,411
Ysgol Bro Dyfrdwy	81	1,209	119	0	0	0	0	1,413
Total 21st Century Community Schools	106	2,336	6,449	23,151	11,564	1,462	238	45,310
21st Century Schools - Faith Schools (85/15 Split)	0	13	97	42	5,104	11,653	6,905	23,814
Corporate Plan Potential Projects								
Ruthin Town School	0	0	54	619	5,150	3,063	0	8,886
Clocaenog / Cyffylliog Area School - Ysgol Carreg Emlyn	0	0	8	380	1,066	1,338	0	2,792
Llanfair / Pentrecelyn Area School	0	0	11	487	1,096	1,877	0	3,471
Ysgol Pendref	0	0	0	156	1,167	435	0	1,758
Total Potential Projects	0	0	73	1,642	8,479	6,713	0	16,907
Total Schools Projects	106	2,349	6,619	24,835	25,147	19,828	7,143	86,031
Extra Care				1,000	7,500	6,700	5,800	21,000
Cefndy Health Care Investment		59	441					500
Highways		2,843	5,373	1,650	1,650			11,516
TOTAL CORPORATE PLAN PROJECTS	106		12,433			26,528	12,943	119,047

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total
Funding	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ESTIMATES	ESTIMATES	ESTIMATES	ESTIMATES	ESTIMATES	
	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
Schools funding								
WG - LGBI and Grant		1,170			6,801	11,922	6,875	42,897
Cash Reserves		739	2,599	10,677	3,658	1,735		19,408
Prudential Borrowing				1,890	14,688	5,933	268	22,779
Capital Receipts - planned					0	238		238
Capital Receipts - received		376						376
Other funding used	106	64	143	16				333
Total Schools Funding	106	2,349	6,619	24,835	25,147	19,828	7,143	86,031
Extra Care								
Contributions (development partner)				0	4,000	5,000	5,000	14,000
Prudential Borrowing				0	3,000	440	400	3,840
Cash Reserves				1,000	500	655	400	2,555
Capital Receipts						250		250
Other - Grants						355		355
Total Extra Care Funding				1,000	7,500	6,700	5,800	21,000
Cefndy Health Care Investment								
Cash Reserves		59	441					500
Highways								
WG - LGBI		2,458	2,458					4,916
Prudential Borrowing		385	2,915	1,650	1,650			6,600
TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED	106	5,251	12,433	27,485	34,297	26,528	12,943	119,047
DCC FUNDING ELEMENT	106	1,623	6,098	15,233	23,496	9,606	1,068	57,234

#### 2 Revenue Budget Allocations - Actual and Planned

					Balance	Priorities	Priorities
Programme	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Total	Remainiing	2015/16	2016/17
	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
21 Century Schools (Priorities Budget Allocation)	200	200	611	1,011	1,011	400	150
Contribution from School Modernisation Programme		157		157	157		
Highways (Priorities Budget Allocation)	100	100	100	300	0	100	100
Extra Care Housing (Priorities Budget Allocation)		400		400	400	0	0
Total	300	857	711	1,868	1,568	500	250

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Adroddiad i'r:	Cabinet
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod:	13 Ionawr 2015
Aelod / Swyddog Arweiniol:	Y Cynghorydd Hugh Evans a'r Cynghorydd Huw L Jones
Awdur yr Adroddiad:	Tom Booty Rheolwr Datblygiad Economaidd a Busnes
Teitl:	Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal

#### 1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?

Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn cyflwyno'r camau a gymerwyd ers yr Adolygiad o Gynlluniau Tref ac Ardal, ac yn amlinellu'r ffordd ymlaen.

#### 2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?

Cwblhawyd adolygiad o Gynlluniau Tref ac Ardal ym mis Mehefin 2014. Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn amlinellu pa gamau a gymerwyd mewn ymateb i'r adolygiad, yn argymell camau gweithredu newydd ac yn darparu diweddariad i'r Cabinet ar y sefyllfa ariannol bresennol ar gyfer Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal.

#### 3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

Yr argymhellion ar gyfer y Cabinet yw:-

- 1. Cymeradwyo'r Datganiad Polisi Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal;
- 2. Cymeradwyo asesiad Grŵp Cefnogwyr Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal o brosiectau a gymeradwywyd yn ffurfiol gan y Cabinet ond sydd heb eu dechrau eto;
- 3. Dad-ymrwymo'r dyraniad cyllid i'r prosiectau a aseswyd fel rhai nad ydynt yn bodloni'r meini prawf;
- 4. Cymeradwyo paratoi rhestr ddiwygiedig o brosiectau blaenoriaeth ar gyfer y Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal a'r broses arfaethedig ar gyfer dyrannu arian i'r prosiectau yma.

#### 4. Manylion yr Adroddiad

#### 4.1 Datganiad Polisi Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal

Ym mis Chwefror a mis Mawrth 2014, cymeradwyodd y Cabinet y swp olaf o Gynlluniau Tref ac Ardal a ehangwyd. Codwyd pryderon ynghylch darpariaeth a chyllido'r Cynlluniau a chytunodd y Cabinet y dylid cynnal adolygiad. Cafodd yr adolygiad ei gwblhau ym mis Mehefin 2014.

Roedd yr adolygiad yn dod i'r casgliad, er bod y cysyniad o ddefnyddio Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal i ddod â'r Cyngor 'yn agosach at y gymuned' yn gadarn ac yn caniatáu i'r Cyngor i gael dealltwriaeth o flaenoriaethau ar lefel leol, roedd diffyg eglurder ynghylch bwriadau polisi trosfwaol y Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal a diffyg cysondeb o ran sut yr oeddent wedi eu datblygu ac yn cael eu cyflawni. I egluro bwriad y polisi mae Datganiad Polisi wedi ei gynhyrchu sy'n nodi'r amcanion polisi craidd, ynghyd ag egwyddorion allweddol

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cysylltiedig. Mae'r Datganiad Polisi ynghlwm wrth Atodiad 1 ac argymhellir bod y Cabinet yn cymeradwyo'r ddogfen hon.

# 4.2 Asesiad o brosiectau Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal presennol gydag arian wedi ei ddyrannu

Daeth yr Adolygiad hefyd i'r casgliad nad yw'r Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal fel y'i hysgrifennwyd ar hyn o bryd yn ddigon strategol, nid ydynt yn darparu gwybodaeth glir ar fuddion a ragwelir ac nid ydynt yn glir sut y bydd effaith yn cael ei fesur. I fynd i'r afael â hyn, cynhaliwyd adolygiad o brosiectau Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal a gytunwyd i'w hariannu a chanfuwyd bod:

- 36 o brosiectau naill ai wedi eu cwblhau neu ar y gweill;
- 18 o brosiectau eraill heb eu dechrau;
- Rhai Aelodau lleol â dyheadau ar gyfer prosiectau ychwanegol y dylid dyrannu cyllid iddynt.

Mae manylion y prosiectau ym mhob categori yn cael eu dangos yn Atodiad 2.

Yn ei gyfarfod ar 23 Medi 2014, cytunodd y Grŵp Cefnogwyr Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal i ailasesu'r prosiectau hynny a ddyrannwyd cyllid ar eu cyfer, ond nad oeddent wedi dechrau eto. Datblygwyd set o feini prawf asesu a matrics sgorio (gweler Atodiad 3). Ar 17 Hydref 2014 cynhaliwyd gweithdy Asesiad Cefnogwyr Cynlluniau Tref ac fe gafodd y meini prawf eu cymhwyso i bob prosiect perthnasol. Canlyniadau'r gweithdy oedd:

- Aseswyd 4 prosiect fel rhai sydd wedi dechrau yn barod ac argymhellwyd eu bod yn parhau
- Aseswyd 7 prosiect fel rhai boddhaol ac sy'n cwrdd â'r meini prawf asesu ac argymhellwyd eu bod yn bwrw ymlaen
- Aseswyd 5 prosiect fel rhai boddhaol ac sy'n cwrdd â'r meini prawf asesu ac argymhellwyd eu bod yn bwrw ymlaen
- Tynnwyd 2 brosiect yn ôl

Mae'r canlyniadau llawn ynghlwm wrth Atodiad 4, ac argymhellir bod y Cabinet yn dilysu'r asesiad hwn.

Gwerth cronnus y 5 prosiect a aseswyd fel rhai nad ydynt yn cwrdd â'r meini prawf, a'r 2 brosiect a dynnwyd yn ôl, yw £175,000. Yn ogystal, ac fel y nodir ar ddiwedd Atodiad 4, mae un prosiect gyda dyraniad o £40,000 a argymhellwyd y dylid ei ddatblygu yn dilyn y gweithdy ar 17 Hydref 2014 wedi bod yn aflwyddiannus yn ei gais am grant. Felly, cyfanswm y dad-ymrwymiad yw £215,000. Argymhellir y dylai'r Cabinet gymeradwyo'r dad-ymrwymiad ac ychwanegu'r swm at y balans heb ei ddyrannu ar gyfer Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal.

#### 4.3 - Sefyllfa Gyllido

Mae'r tabl isod yn amlinellu'r sefyllfa ariannol bresennol yng nghyllideb y Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal a'r effaith y caiff y dad-ymrwymiadau arfaethedig ar y balans heb ei ddyrannu.

#### Tabl 1: Y Gyllideb bresennol ar gyfer y Cynlluniau Tref

Cyfanswm y dyraniad ariannol i Gynlluniau Tref ac Ardal hyd at 31 Mawrth 2015	£1,939,000
26 i 29 Tachwedd 2013	£1,332,170
Balans heb ei ddyrannu hyd at 1 Tachwedd 2014	£606,830
Dad-ymrwymiadau Arfaethedig	£215,000

Dyraniadau yn dilyn dad-ymrwymiadau	£1,117,170
Balans heb ei ddyrannu yn dilyn dad-ymrwymiadau	£821,830

O'r £1,117,170 a ddyrannwyd, mae £348,887 wedi ei wario hyd at 1 Tachwedd 2014.

#### 4.4 – Dyraniadau yn y Dyfodol

O ran y balans heb ei ddyrannu, mae gwaith wedi dechrau ar weithio gyda'r Cefnogwyr Cynlluniau Tref a'r Grwpiau Ardal yr Aelodau i gadarnhau prosiectau i'w datblygu rhwng rŵan a diwedd tymor y Cyngor (mis Mawrth 2017 neu 2018 yn dibynnu ar uno). Y broses arfaethedig ar gyfer symud hyn yn ei flaen yw:

- 1. Edrych ar y Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal presennol i ystyried pa brosiectau o fewn y Cynlluniau y gellid eu hystyried ar gyfer eu hariannu;
- ystyried a oes unrhyw brosiect "newydd" heb ei gynnwys yn y cynlluniau (gan gofio bod y gwaith ar rai cynlluniau wedi ei ddechrau 3 blynedd yn ôl a bod yr amgylcheddau a'r cyfleoedd wedi newid o bosibl ers hynny);
- 3. bydd y rhestr gyfunol yn sgil y camau gweithredu uchod yn cael ei hystyried gan y Grŵp Ardal yr Aelodau priodol er mwyn eu cymeradwyo;
- 4. Unwaith y bydd Grwpiau Ardal yr Aelodau wedi cymeradwyo'r prosiectau, bydd y prosiectau posibl yn cael eu cyflwyno i'r Grŵp Cefnogwyr Cynlluniau Tref a byddant yn destun yr un meini prawf a'r broses asesu a nodir yn adran 4.2 o'r adroddiad hwn;
- 5. Bydd y rhestr o brosiectau blaenoriaeth newydd yn cael ei chyflwyno i'r Cabinet ei hystyried a'i chymeradwyo.

Yn ogystal, bydd disgwyl i'r Grŵp Cefnogwyr Cynlluniau Tref sicrhau bod yr arian yn cael ei ledaenu ar draws y sir. Argymhellir y dylai'r Cabinet gymeradwyo'r dull arfaethedig hwn i baratoi rhestr ddiwygiedig o brosiectau blaenoriaeth y Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal a chymeradwyo'r broses arfaethedig ar gyfer dyrannu arian i'r prosiectau hyn.

#### 5. Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol?

Mae Cyngor Sir Ddinbych wedi bod ag amcan ers tro i fod yn Gyngor sy'n perfformio'n dda, yn agos at ei gymunedau. Mae bod yn agosach at y Gymuned wedi ei nodi fel dyhead cyffredinol yng Nghynllun Corfforaethol y Cyngor. Mewn adolygiad o'r amcan Agosach at y Gymuned yn 2013, nodwyd Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal fel un o'r cydrannau ar gyfer bwrw ymlaen â'r amcan hwn, gan ganolbwyntio ar fapio anghenion a dyheadau cymunedol lleol, ac adeiladu gallu cymunedol.

Mae'r Cynllun Corfforaethol 2012/17 yn nodi agenda uchelgeisiol ar gyfer newid ar draws ystod o feysydd blaenoriaeth. Mae Datblygu'r Economi Leol wedi'i nodi fel un o'n blaenoriaethau hyn. Ystyrir bod Trefi a Chymunedau Llewyrchus yn elfen bwysig o economi leol iach.

Yn 2011, datblygodd Cyngor Sir Ddinbych ynghyd â'i bartneriaid allweddol y Cynllun Mawr cyntaf ar gyfer Sir Ddinbych. Nododd y Cynllun Mawr weledigaeth hirdymor ar gyfer Sir Ddinbych a nododd cyfres gynhwysfawr o gamau gweithredu i fynd i'r afael ag elfennau o'r weledigaeth honno. Mae'r Cynllun Mawr wedi ei adolygu ac mae Cynllun Lles newydd â mwy o ffocws wedi ei gynhyrchu. Mae'r Cynllun newydd yn canolbwyntio ar gefnogi pobl a chymunedau i fod yn fwy annibynnol a gwydn, a datblygu'r amgylchedd cywir lle gall pobl gynnal eu lles unigol a chymunedol.

Mae gan Gynlluniau Tref ac Ardal gyfraniad pwysig i'w wneud at y 3 amcan polisi hwn, ac felly yn cael eu hystyried yn systemau pwysig ar gyfer:

- Dod â'r Cyngor yn Agosach at ei Gymunedau
- Adeiladu Trefi a Chymunedau Ffyniannus
- Cefnogi Datblygiad Cymunedau Annibynnol a Gwydn

#### 6.

Mae'r sefyllfa ariannu bresennol wedi ei nodi'n adran 4.3, ond mae'r tabl isod yn cynnwys dadansoddiad lleol ynghyd â manylion o'r arian cyfatebol posibl. Mae'r tabl isod yn tybio bod y dad-ymrwymiadau ariannol a nodir yn yr adroddiad hwn yn cael eu cymeradwyo.

Tref:	Dyraniad hyd yma ar gyfer y Cynllun Tref	Gwariant hyd yma ar y Cynllun Tref	Balans Cynllun Tref	Arian Cyfatebol hyd yma	Arian Cyfatebol a Ragwelir	Cyfanswm Arian Cyfatebol
Prestatyn	£245,000	£21,695	£223,305	£0	£7,000	£7,000
Llanelwy	£77,800	£58,420	£19,380	£0	£283,500	£283,500
Rhuddlan	£34,000	£16,925	£17,075	£700	£21,300	£22,000
Dinbych	£137,800	£67,933	£69,867	£0	£561,200	£561,200
Rhuthun	£169,070	£74,920	£94,150	£41,420	£187,000	£228,420
Corwen	£55,000	£54,001	£999	£18,426	£52,500	£70,926
Llangollen	£98,500	£50,743	£47,757	£3,000	£501,000	£504,000
Y Rhyl	£300,000	£4,250	£295,750	£0	£200,000	£200,000
Bodelwyddan	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
CYFANSWM	£1,117,170	£348,887	£768,283	£63,546	£1,813,500	£1,877,046

Tabl 2: Gwariant hyd yma ac Arian Cyfatebol

Er bod y tabl uchod yn manylu ar y sefyllfa ariannol o ran cyllideb benodedig y Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal, dylai'r cynlluniau hefyd fod yn ddogfen allweddol wrth ddylanwadu ar weithgaredd a blaenoriaethau gwasanaethau Sir Ddinbych.

# 7. Beth yw prif gasgliadau'r Asesiad o Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb a gwblhawyd ar gyfer y penderfyniad?

Bydd Asesiadau o Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb unigol ar gyfer prosiectau neu weithgareddau penodol a nodir yn y Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal yn cael eu datblygu ar yr adeg briodol.

#### 8. Pa ymgynghoriadau a gynhaliwyd?

Datblygir Cynlluniau Tref ac Ardal mewn partneriaeth â'r Cyngor Tref neu Gymuned perthnasol. Cynhaliwyd ymgynghoriadau gyda Phenaethiaid Gwasanaeth CSDd, sefydliadau trydydd sector (drwy CGGSDd), trigolion a'r gymuned fusnes (drwy gynnal cyfarfodydd wyneb yn wyneb a drwy arolygon ar y we).

#### 9. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid

Mae'r gwariant bwriedig wedi'i gynnwys o fewn y dyraniadau cyllid presennol. Ni ddylai unrhyw brosiect cyfalaf ddechrau heb werthusiad priodol a dylai goblygiadau refeniw unrhyw brosiect gael eu cynnal o fewn y cyllidebau presennol.

#### 10. Pa risgiau sydd yna, ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?

Mae risg y bydd datblygu'r cynlluniau'n cynyddu disgwyliadau ac y gallai methiant i gyflawni niweidio enw da'r Cyngor ymysg Cynghorau Tref a Chymuned a budd-ddeiliaid eraill. Bydd hyn yn cael ei reoli drwy gyfranogiad a chyfathrebu parhaus gyda buddddeiliaid perthnasol ynglŷn â'r broses o ddatblygu a chyflwyno'r cynlluniau.

#### 11. Pŵer i wneud y Penderfyniad

Adran 2 Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000 Adran 111 Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

#### **TOWN & AREA PLANS POLICY STATEMENT**

#### Introduction

Town and Area Plans were introduced by Council in 2011. The first plans, focusing on the County's main towns, were signed off in early 2012. Since 2012, the Plans have been expanded to include the rural communities surrounding the towns.

A review carried out in 2014 identified the need for greater clarity on the role and purpose of Town and Area Plans. This Policy Statement describes the policy objectives Town and Area Plans are intended to address.

An operational framework will accompany this Policy Statement to give greater clarity on how Town and Area Plans should be developed, delivered, monitored and reviewed. The operational framework will also set out the various roles and responsibilities of officers, Members and other key stakeholders involved in the Plans.

#### **Policy Context**

Denbighshire County Council has long held an objective to be a high performing Council, close to its communities. Closer to the Community is identified as an overarching aspiration in the Council's Corporate Plan. In a review of the Closer to the Community objective in 2013, Town & Area Plans were identified as one of the components for taking forward the Closer to the Community objective, with a focus on mapping local community needs and aspirations, and building community capacity.

The Corporate Plan 2012/17 sets out an ambitious agenda for change across a range of priority areas. Developing the Local Economy is identified as one of these priorities. Vibrant towns and communities are seen as an important element of a healthy local economy.

In 2011, Denbighshire County Council together with its key partners developed the first Big Plan for Denbighshire. The Big Plan set out a long term vision for Denbighshire and identified a comprehensive set of actions to address elements of that vision. The Big Plan has been reviewed and a new more focused Wellbeing Plan is now emerging. The new Plan focuses on supporting people and communities to become more independent and resilient, and developing the right environment in which people can maintain their individual and community wellbeing.

Town and Area Plans have an important contribution to make to these 3 policy objectives, and are therefore considered to be important mechanisms for:

#### Bringing the Council Closer to its Communities Building Vibrant Towns & Communities

#### Supporting the Development of Independent & Resilient Communities

#### **Key Principles**

Taking these 3 policy objectives, Town and Area Plans can be seen to be an important mechanism for articulating the Council's local response to the needs of its communities, and for delivering its overarching priorities at local level.

Town and Area Plans therefore should:

- Identify the needs and the short, medium and longer term aspirations of a local community and set out a vision for a sustainable future
- Act as living documents that can adapt and respond to changing circumstances
- Support the Council's Corporate Plan priorities as a whole, with a particular focus on Developing the Local Economy
- Demonstrate what action is needed at local level to build and maintain the vibrancy of Denbighshire's towns and communities
- Be based on the premise that towns and their surrounding rural communities are economically interdependent and cannot be treated in isolation from each other
- Reflect 'natural' groupings of communities that make sense on the ground regardless of organisational boundaries
- Recognise that we have a network of towns and communities across Denbighshire with similar challenges and opportunities, that should be tackled collectively, but equally some challenges that are unique to a particular community and may need a more tailored response
- Be supported by realistic and achievable action plans that demonstrate how progress towards the future visions can be delivered
- Show a clear link between the evidence of need in a local community, the vision for a sustainable future that is set as a consequence and the activities that are included in the supporting action plan
- Be owned and led on behalf of local communities by their local elected representatives.
- Recognise that everyone agencies and residents alike has a responsibility for progressing the priorities set out in the plans.

#### In practice, this will mean that:

- Plans will show a clear understanding of how towns, their centres and their associated communities interact with each other, and how they affect each other's future sustainability.
- Plans should demonstrate how the issues affecting towns and their associated communities have been considered in drawing up both the vision statements and the resulting action plans. Actions should be based on evidence that an issue requires to be addressed and that the action is an effective means of delivering the anticipated benefit. There should be a clear focus on benefits and outcomes in all Plans.

- Whilst based on local knowledge and reflecting local needs and aspirations, as County Council plans, the responsibility for deciding what to include in plans must remain with the Council. Local consultation will form an integral part of developing the plans. Local Councillors will provide the link from the local community to the Plan. To assist with coordination, a Champion will be appointed for each Town and Area Plan.
- Where actions align with projects supporting the Council's Corporate Plan priorities or individual Service Plan commitments, a case for allocation of resources may be possible. It is a clear expectation that communities will play an important role in identifying sources of funding for their local priorities. There can be no assumption that the Council will fund all or any of the priorities arising from the Plans.
- As agreed statements of evidenced local need and priority, there will be an expectation that Council Services – and increasingly partner organisations – will pay due regard to the issues and actions set out in each Plan. Wherever possible within financial constraints, Services will reflect priority actions in their Service Plans. In recognition of this, actions should only be included a Plan with the involvement of the relevant Service.

The detail of how Plans are developed, how they are structured and who should be involved at each stage is contained in the Operational Framework document.

August 2014.

#### PROJECT LIST

Town & Area Plan projects were identified as falling into 3 categories:

- Projects approved by Cabinet and either completed or in progress by 1 October 2014
- 2. Projects approved by Cabinet but not yet started as of 1 October 2014, including projects approved by relevant MAG following a reallocation; and
- 3. Projects on the "horizon" that Members are considering (eg Rhuddlan Library)

#### **CATEGORY 1**

Ideas, People & Places Phase 1, Corwen (£11.2k) Corwen Station platform contribution (£18.5k) Gritter Garage makeover, Corwen (£6.4k) Community Buildings survey, Corwen (£6k) Youth Club provision, rural communities, Corwen (£3k) Feasibility studies - Glyndyfrdwy, Llandrillo & Bryneglws schools (£5k) Denbigh Museum project (£50k) Chapel Quarter feasibility study, Denbigh (£3k) Town Trail Board, Denbigh (£1k) Llandyrnog Sports Association kitchen upgrade (£2k) Sports Association car park, Llangollen (£30k) Footpath feasibility study, A542, Llangollen (£6.25k) Chain Bridge restoration works contribution, Llantysilio (£20k) Tractor gritter attachments, Llangollen rural areas (£13k) Shopping precinct improvements, Prestatyn (£50k) Ffordd Talargoch environmental improvements, Meliden (£25k) Meliden Football club changing rooms (£25k) Signs & orientation, Phase 1, Rhuddlan (£1.3k) Dropped kerbs, Phase 1, Rhuddlan (£1k) Open the Book/Library feasibility study, Rhuddlan (£3k) Marsh Road footpath feasibility study, Rhuddlan (£2k) Railing repairs, Rhuddlan (£12k) Environmental Improvements, Rhyl High Street (£200k) Replacement play equipment, Dyserth (£12k) Play area, Rhuallt (£12k) Ruthin Art Trail contribution (£20k) Town Co-ordinator post contribution, Ruthin (£30k) Town Marketing Strategy, Ruthin (£5k) Llanbedr Village Hall improvements (£8.4k) Llanarmon Playing fields improvements contribution (£24k) Llanarmon shop, Cyfenter project match (£23.4k) Cwrw lal Brewery, Cyfenter project match (£18k) Clawddnewydd Joint Venture (£40K) Town Trail boards, St Asaph (£1k) Red Hill steps repairs, St Asaph (£8.4k) St Asaph Cricket club building contribution (£50k)

#### **CATEGORY 2**

Pre-school provision, Llangollen (£30K) Valuation report, Llantysilio burial ground extension (£0.5K) Meliden Goods Shed (£50K) Marsh Road pavement construction, Rhuddlan (£25K) Interpretation of sculptures, Rhuddlan (£1,200) Ditched defences interpretation, Rhuddlan (£0.8k) Eyesore properties, Dyserth (£38K) Gateway Improvements, Rhyl (£50K) Orientation & Signage Strategy, Rhyl (£50K) Trefnant Yellow Lines ((£2K) Cefn Meiriadog Layby (£5K) Bodelwyddan finger posts (£4K) IPP, Corwen (£40k) Lon Garn footpath, Henllan (£85K) Denbigh Golf Club footpath (£85K) Aberwheeler footpath (£20k) Strategic development and employment sites, Denbigh (£30K) Public Realm Improvements – Nova seafront (£92K)

#### CATEGORY 3 (This list is not complete)

Rhuddlan Library Rhuddlan highways signs Rhuddlan dropped kerbs Gwas Gee, Denbigh Cilmedw, Llangollen Wernfrwdd, Llangollen Mile End Mill, Llangollen

#### **TAP Projects Assessment Criteria**

Criteria	Score 2	Score 1	Score 0
Likely to start	Within 6 months of 1 October 2015	Within 12 months	Over 12 months
Future revenue implications	Future revenue implications have been fully considered and are budgeted for	Future revenue implications have had some consideration but insufficient budget provision has been made	Future revenue implications have not been considered or budgeted for
Delivery Confidence	Full confidence in the capacity and capability of the project delivery organisation to deliver and manage the outcome	Limited confidence in the capacity and capability of the project delivery organisation to deliver and manage the outcome	No confidence in the capacity and capability of the project delivery organisation to deliver and manage the outcome
Budget	Current budget estimates are below the original estimates detailed in the Town Plan	Current budget estimates are the same as the original estimates detailed in the Town Plan	Current budget estimates exceed the original estimates detailed in the Town Plan
Cost/Benefit	Project offers good value for money in terms of cost/benefit	Project offers some value for money in terms of cost/benefit	Project offers poor value for money in terms of cost/benefit
External Funding	Project levers 50% external funding	Project levers between 20% and 50% external funding	Project levers less than 20% external funding
Community Need	Clear and significant evidence of community <u>need</u> for project	Some evidence of community need	No evidence of community need
Clear benefits	Benefits of the project are clear and well articulated	Limited benefits have been identified	No clear benefits have been identified
Local benefit	Some evidenced benefit to a wide range of local residents	Some evidenced benefit to "communities of need" (eg sports club, local interest group)	No evidence of significant local benefit
Corporate Priority	Clear and direct link to corporate priority	Some link/contribution to corporate priority	No link/contribution to corporate priority

#### TAP Unstarted Projects Re-assessment – Results

Project	Assessment Score	Comment
Pre-school provision, Llangollen (£30K)	17/20	Recommend to proceed. Spend of up to £30k approved. Any underspend to be returned to TAP budget. Potential for external funding to be explored
Llantysilio burial ground extension (£0.5K)		Proceed, already started
Meliden Goods Shed (£50K)	17/20	<b>Recommend to proceed.</b> Community Group to be aware that DCC will not pick up any revenue costs
Marsh Road pavement, Rhuddlan (£25K)	13/20	Recommend not to proceed. Consideration of need for footpath to be included in development brief for Rhuddlan triangle site as a whole
Interpretation of sculptures, Rhuddlan (£1.2k)		Proceed, already started
Ditched defences, Rhuddlan (£0.8k)		Proceed, already started
Eyesore properties, Dyserth (£38K)		Withdrawn. Funding not now needed. Work appears to be progressing with property owners. Suggest overall allocation for eyesore sites across the County is considered.
Gateway Improvements, Rhyl (£50K)	17/20	<b>Recommend to proceed</b> Town Council will pick up revenue maintenance costs
Orientation & Signage Strategy, Rhyl (£50K)	17/20	Recommend to proceed
Trefnant Yellow Lines ((£2K)	5/20	Recommend not to proceed Limited evidence of need or benefit.
Cefn Meiriadog Layby (£5K)	3/5	Recommend not to proceed Limited evidence of need or benefit
Bodelwyddan finger posts (£4K)	16/20	<b>Recommend to proceed</b> Town Council to be approached to seek contribution to costs
IPP Phase 2, Corwen (£40k) <sup>1</sup>	19/20	Recommend to proceed Significant external funding levered in through project

Project	Assessment Score	Comment
Lon Garn footpath, Henllan (£85K)		Withdrawn
Denbigh Golf Club footpath (£85K)	4/20	Recommend not to proceed Limited information available on which to assess proposal. Concerns about cost and ability to deliver
Aberwheeler footpath (£20k)	8/20	Recommend not to proceed Costs have increased leading to concerns about value for money. Deliverability also of concern
Strategic employment sites, Denbigh (£30K)		Proceed, already started
Public Realm Improvements – Nova (£92K)	19/20	<b>Recommend to proceed</b> Supports larger Council project. MAG have reprioritised other spend. Town Council will also make contribution.

#### Notes:

 The Corwen Ideas, People & Places Phase 2 grant application to Arts Council Wales was unsuccessful. Funding provisionally from the Town & Area Plan budget (£40k) will be added to the unallocated balance.



# Town and Area Plans 2 December 2013

Equality Impact Assessment



#### **Town and Area Plans**

Contact:	Tom Booty
	Economic & Business Development Manager

Updated:

2 December 2013

#### 1. What type of proposal / decision is being assessed?

A strategic or service plan

# 2. What is the purpose of this proposal / decision, and what change (to staff or the community) will occur as a result of its implementation?

The Town and Area Plans outline the needs and aspirations of Denbighshire's communities, identifies priority projects and initiatives to be progressed and allocates funding for their implementation.

# 3. Does this proposal / decision require an equality impact assessment? If no, please explain why.

**Please note:** if the proposal will have an impact on people (staff or the community) then an equality impact assessment <u>must</u> be undertaken

Yes		
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# 4. Please provide a summary of the steps taken, and the information used, to carry out this assessment, including any engagement undertaken

(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for guidance)

The Town and Area Plans have been developed initially from a desk -based needs assessment, but followed by a comprehensive consultation process that involved local Members, Community Councils, third sector organisations, and local businesses. The projects and activities detailed in the plans have arisen from this process of research and consultation, and therefore should broadly reflect the aspirations of those communities and individual gropus within those communities.

5. Will this proposal / decision have a positive impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)? (Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for a description of the protected characteristics)

The projects and actions arising from the Town and Area Plans are enhancements to current provision, and on this basis should have a positive impact on some of the protected characteristics. The projects and activities identified within the Town and Area Plans are at a high level with further work on their development and justification required. As these projects and initiatives are developed a specific Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken at the appropriate stage and with this a more detailed assessment of impact on protected characteristics undertaken.

6. Will this proposal / decision have a disproportionate negative impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)?

The projects and actions arising from the Town and Area Plans are enhancements to current provision, and on this basis will not have any disproportionate negative impact on any of the protected characteristics. The projects and activities identified within the Town and Area Plans are at a high level with further work on their development and justification required. As these projects and initiatives are developed a specific Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken at the appropriate stage and with this a more detailed assessment of impact on protected characteristics undertaken.

7. Has the proposal / decision been amended to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate negative impact? If no, please explain why.

8. Have you identified any further actions to address and / or monitor any potential negative impact(s)?

Yes	Individual Equality Impact Assessments for specific projects or activities detailed within the Town and Area PLans will be developed at the appropriate stage to provide a more detailed understanding of, and action to address, any negative impact on the protected characteristics.
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9. Declaration

Every reasonable effort has been made to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate impact on people sharing protected characteristics. The actual impact of the proposal / decision will be reviewed at the appropriate stage.

Review Date:	2 December
	2013

Name of Lead Officer for Equality Impact Assessment	Date
Tom Booty	02/12/13

# Please note you will be required to publish the outcome of the equality impact assessment if you identify a substantial likely impact.

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Adroddiad i'r:	Cabinet
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod:	13 Ionawr 2015
Aelod/Swyddog Arweiniol:	Julian Thompson-Hill / Paul McGrady
Awdur yr Adroddiad:	Rod Urquhart
Teitl:	Polisi Dyledion Corfforaethol

#### 1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?

Ceisio cymeradwyaeth ar gyfer y Polisi Dyledion Corfforaethol newydd, mae'r polisi yn darparu dull cyfannol wrth ddelio â chwsmeriaid sydd â mathau lluosog o ddyled i Gyngor Sir Ddinbych

#### 2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?

Mabwysiadu polisi newydd, gan drin cwsmeriaid yn gyfannol lle mae gan y cwsmer sawl dyled, yn hytrach na chael gwasanaethau unigol yn mynd ar drywydd y ddyled ar wahân.

#### 3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

Aelodau'n cymeradwyo'r 'Polisi Dyledion Corfforaethol' fel y dangosir yn Atodiad A i'r adroddiad hwn.

#### 4. Manylion yr Adroddiad

#### Cefndir

Mae Cyngor Sir Ddinbych yn codi a chasglu dyled yn y meysydd canlynol:

- Trethi Busnes
- Treth y Cyngor
- Gordaliadau Budd-daliadau Tai
- Rhenti Tai
- Mân Ddyledion (Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, Hamdden ac ati)

Holl ddyledion yn cael eu casglu gan y Tîm Gwasanaethau Refeniw ac eithrio Rhenti Tai sy'n gyfrifoldeb i'r Gwasanaeth Tai. Mae hyn wedi arwain at ddau wasanaeth yn delio â'r un cwsmer ar gyfer dau fath o ddyledion neu fwy. Mae gan hynny oblygiadau amlwg i'r cwsmer a dylai'r ymagwedd fod yn fwy cydgysylltiedig.

Mae'r rhan fwyaf o gwsmeriaid yn talu eu dyledion yn unol â'u hamserlenni talu, gyda nifer fawr o drafodion yn cael eu prosesu drwy Ddebyd

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Uniongyrchol. Ar gyfer y cwsmeriaid hynny ni fyddai'r polisi newydd yn berthnasol i'w hamgylchiadau.

Fodd bynnag, pan fydd cwsmer yn methu â thalu yn unol â'r amserlen y cytunwyd arno, cymerir camau adennill o'r fframweithiau deddfwriaethol priodol. Unwaith eto yn y rhan fwyaf o achosion mae'r ddyled yn cael ei ddatrys yn hawdd ac er bod ethos y polisi newydd yn cael ei ddefnyddio nid oes angen galw i rym y camau gweithredu wedi'u cynnwys yn y polisi.

Roedd y ddau gategori olaf o gwsmeriaid gyda dyledion yn rai gan drethdalwyr sy'n 'gwrthod talu' neu'n 'methu â thalu'. Unwaith eto mae gan wasanaethau unigol brosesau a gweithdrefnau i ddelio â dau ddosbarth, ond mae hyn yn cael ei wneud o fewn y gwasanaeth hwnnw, yn hytrach nag uno a dod o hyd i ateb cyffredin ar gyfer y cwsmer.

#### 4.1 Materion i'w hystyried

Mae'r polisi newydd yn mynd i'r afael â'r ddau gategori mewn modd cyfeillgar, teg ag urddasol. Y mater allweddol yw delio â dyledion lluosog yn gynnar fel bod gan y Cyngor y cyfle gorau i adennill ei ddyledion, ac i wneud hyn mewn dull cydgysylltiedig a chyson.

Fel y nodwyd yn gynharach, mae'r rhan fwyaf o ddyledion yn cael eu prosesu gan y tîm Gwasanaethau Refeniw, fodd bynnag Tai sy'n gyfrifol am Rhenti Tai. Mae'r rhan fwyaf o ddyledion tai yn cael eu talu yn brydlon ond mae problemau'n codi pan fydd yr achos yn mynd y tu hwnt i lefel dderbyniol o ôlddyledion gan ysgogi'r broses o droi pobl allan. Mae hyn yn gostus, yn cymryd amser ac yn niweidiol i'r cwsmer.

Mae'r polisi yn arloesol o ran sefyllfaoedd dyled lluosog lle bydd y Cyngor yn ymgysylltu â'r trydydd sector yn gynharach yn y cylch o ddyled i weld os oes gan y cwsmer yr hawl i unrhyw fudd-daliadau lles a allai leihau lefel y ddyled, gan ysgafnhau'r symiau i'w had-dalu. Fel arall, os bydd gan y cwsmer ddyledion mawr (nid o reidrwydd dyledion i'r Cyngor), yna bydd y trydydd sector yn gallu adolygu amgylchiadau'r cwsmer ac awgrymu cwrs adferol o weithredu. Gall hyn fod yn amserlen dalu a fydd yn deg i bob parti, yn orchymyn rhyddhad dyled neu hyd yn oed ansolfedd.

#### 4.2 Defnydd Gweithredol

Rhagwelir os cymeradwyir y polisi y bydd y tîm Rhenti Tai yn gweithio'n agos gyda'r Gwasanaethau Refeniw, gan dynnu sylw at achosion posibl a chydweithio i drin dyled y cwsmer trwy ddefnyddio un dull sengl. Awgrymir bod hyn yn cael ei redeg fel cynllun peilot i fesur yr effaith o ran gwasanaeth i gwsmeriaid ac i adennill dyledion. Bydd hefyd yn ein galluogi i gryfhau ein cysylltiadau â'r trydydd sector ac i sicrhau bod prosesau cadarn yn eu lle cyn ei gyflwyno'n llawn.

Bydd cyfnod yr adolygiad yn cael ei roi ar waith dri mis ar ôl dechrau'r cynllun peilot, i weld y manteision i bob parti ac hefyd i wneud newidiadau i unrhyw brosesau neu weithdrefnau.

#### 5. Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol?

Trwy ddwyn y gwahanol ddyledion ynghyd bydd gennym farn unigol o ddyled, ac felly gallwn helpu pobl ddiamddiffyn yn fwy prydlon, gan sicrhau eu bod yn byw bywydau mor annibynnol â phosibl.

#### 6. Faint fydd yn ei gostio a sut bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?

I ddechrau, tra yn y cynllun peilot ni fydd unrhyw gost, fodd bynnag, os bydd y fenter hon yn wirioneddol lwyddiannus, yna efallai y bydd angen defnyddio adnodd pwrpasol. Fodd bynnag, byddai'r cost lawn ar gyfer hyn yn fwy na chydbwyso i'r incwm ychwanegol a gynhyrchir. Byddai cynnydd hefyd mewn effeithlonrwydd gan mai'r un tîm a fyddai'n casglu dyledion.

#### 7. Beth yw'r prif gasgliadau o'r Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb a gynhaliwyd ar y penderfyniad? Dylid atodi Asesiad o Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb wedi ei gwblhau fel atodiad i'r adroddiad hwn.

Amherthnasol gan fod y polisi yn cael effaith gadarnhaol ar yr holl gwsmeriaid.

# 8. Pa ymgynghoriadau sydd wedi eu cynnal gyda'r Pwyllgor Archwilio ac eraill?

Mae'r polisi wedi cael ei ystyried a'i gefnogi gan adrannau mewnol, Landlordiaid Cymdeithasol Cofrestredig a'r Trydydd Sector

#### 9. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid

Nid oes unrhyw oblygiadau ariannol yn gysylltiedig yn uniongyrchol i'r adroddiad hwn, fodd bynnag, bydd y dull newydd hwn o adennill dyledion yn trin y cwsmer fel un endid ac yn datrys materion dyled yn gynt nag ar hyn o bryd.

#### 10. Pa risgiau sydd yna, ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?

Y risg ar hyn o bryd yw bod cwsmeriaid yn delio ag adrannau unigol ar gyfer gwahanol ddyledion a bydd yn cael anhawster wrth eu blaenoriaethu. Drwy fabwysiadu'r polisi hwn gellir dod â'r holl ddyledion at eu gilydd a rhoi cynllun talu ar waith, a fydd yn diogelu'r ffrydiau incwm i Gyngor Sir Ddinbych

#### 11. Pŵer i wneud y Penderfyniad

Deddf Cyllid Llywodraeth Leol 1988 Rheoliadau Treth y Cyngor a Gorfodi 1992 Deddf Tai 1988, 1996 a 2002

### **APPENDIX A**

### **Denbighshire County Council**

Debt Management and Recovery Policy

Revenues and Benefits Service Author: Rod Urquhart 28th Nov 2014

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### **Debt Management and Recovery Policy**

DOCUMENT SPONSOR (Client Officers):

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Housing - Paul Mcgrady

Social Services – Phil Gilroy

**DOCUMENT AUTHOR:** 

**Rod Urquhart** 

**Revenues and Benefits Service** 

DATE : 28th November 2014

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### Debt Management and Recovery Policy

#### **Denbighshire County Council**

#### INTRODUCTION

Effective debt management is crucial to the success of any organisation. In the current economic climate of high personal borrowing, reduced incomes and increases in the cost of living, it is essential that this authority has clear policies and procedures to manage the recovery of debt. If Denbighshire County Council is to achieve its aim of effective income management, then it must seek to recover all debts due, and sustain collection rates. This policy has therefore been designed to address these concerns.

#### POLICY STATEMENT

Denbighshire County Council will deal with all stages debt management and recovery in a professional manner that shows respects for customers, members of staff and anyone else involved in the process and deal with each case as stated in this Policy document.

This policy will be available to all internal and external stakeholders and will be on the Council's website <u>www.denbighshire.gov.uk</u>

#### OBJECTIVE

The Debt Management and Recovery Policy ensures that the legislation is adhered to, and that debts are dealt with appropriately, in a fair and open manner.

#### EQUALITY

Denbighshire County Council is committed to equality of opportunity and valuing diversity in both the provision of services and in its role as a major employer. We believe that everyone has the right to be treated with dignity and respect. We are committed to the elimination of unfair and unlawful discrimination in all our policies, procedures and practices. We are determined to ensure that no member of the public, employee or job applicant receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of their age, child care or other caring responsibilities, disability, gender, HIV status, language, marital status, race, religion, sexuality, membership or non-membership of a trade union, or by any requirement which cannot be shown to be justifiable.

#### AIMS

The key aims of this policy are as follows:

- To consider fully the customer's circumstances in the light of their ability to pay and so endeavour to distinguish from the outset between the customer who won't pay and the customer who genuinely can't pay.
- To encourage prompt payment to minimise the level of debt at any given time
- To work with the customer to clear the debt as soon as possible. To ensure a professional, consistent and timely approach to recovery action.
   To cost effectively pursue all debts owed to the Councils, seeking to maintain and improve on the levels of income collected by the authorities.
- To promote a co-ordinated approach towards sharing customer information and managing multiple debts owed to the Council.
- To actively work with approved advice agencies to seek resolution where clients are failing to meet multiple debt liabilities and support the principles of financial inclusion.
- To empower and assist customers in claiming all Welfare Benefits they may be entitled to, internally or by signposting to advice agencies etc.
- To only write debt off in accordance with the Council's write-off policies.
- To treat individuals consistently and fairly regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, disability and sexual orientation and to ensure that individuals' rights under Data Protection and Human Rights legislation are protected.
- To support the Council's objective to ensure organisational effectiveness through good management, optimising external income and listening to local people.

#### SCOPE

The main sections involved in debt recovery are Housing, Finance and Revenue Services. The debts involved are primarily:

- Council Tax
- National Non Domestic Rates
- Overpaid Housing Benefit
- Discretionary Housing Payments (Overpayments)
- Housing Rents
- Sundry Debts
- Social Services
- Leisure Services

#### The Legal and Policy Framework for Recovery

The teams will work on behalf of the Council to fulfill the legal duty to ensure cost-effective billing, collection and recovery of all sums due to the Council.

#### Local Taxation

Council Tax recovery procedures are laid down by statute in The Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1992 and subsequent amendments. National Non-Domestic Rates recovery procedures are laid down by statute in The Local Government Finance Act 1988 and subsequent regulations and amendments.

Where it is decided it is appropriate to use the services of the Councils' bailiffs, they will recover local taxation arrears in accordance with an agreed code of conduct. Only certificated bailiffs can levy distress for local taxation and fees charged to the customer are governed by legislation.

#### Housing Benefits

Housing Benefit overpayments are reclaimed in accordance with the relevant acts and regulations.

#### **Discretionary Housing Payments**

Discretionary Housing Payment overpayments are reclaimed in accordance with the relevant acts and regulations.

#### Sundry Debt

Sundry Debt arrears are collected within a well-established framework. On certain debts, interest may be charged for late payment. The customer will be made aware of any additional costs in advance so that they have the opportunity to avoid this wherever possible. s will also be made aware of legal fees and costs that will be incurred for non-payment.

#### Housing Rents

The Housing Act 1985, The Housing Act 1996 and The Housing Act (1985 Amendments) in 2002

#### **General Principles**

- Full names, contact address and a phone number will be established wherever possible prior to service provision or invoicing/billing.
- All Council bills and invoices will be raised as soon as reasonably practicable and will include clear and relevant information as to:
  - What the bill is for;
  - When payment is due;
  - How to pay;
  - How to contact us if there is a query in relation to the bill or in relation to making a payment.
- All letters and reminders will:
  - Explain what has been agreed and the consequences of non-payment;
  - Include appropriate contact details, including details of debt advice agencies.
- Customers will be encouraged to make prompt contact if they disagree with a bill or have difficulty in making payment on time. Contact can be made by:
  - Telephone
  - Letter
  - Email
  - Fax
  - In person at the Council Offices or One stop shops.
- Problems and bill discrepancies raised will be resolved as quickly as possible to prevent unnecessary delays in payment and incorrect debits.
- Customers are encouraged to make payments, prior to any recovery action, using payment methods such as Direct Debit, Internet Payments, telephone payments etc.

- Where applicable and / or appropriate the Council Departments will share certain data, relating to the customer to enable prioritization of the debt balances, whilst ensuring the customer can meet their other financial obligations.
- Customers seeking help due to financial difficulties will:
  - Be given the opportunity to have their ability to pay reviewed by the relevant collection officers in an objective, professional and courteous manner;
  - Be given the opportunity to have their entitlement to Welfare Benefits reviewed;
  - Be invited to use the money and debt advice services available from the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), Benefits Advice Shop (BAS) or other third sector providers.
  - Be asked if they have other debts owing to the Council that they also wish to be considered;
  - Be given access to the Councils' interpreter service if required.
- Payment Arrangements will always endeavour to collect ongoing liability by due dates e.g. Housing Rents or Council tax, and make arrangements for arrears, as this will aid the customer by reducing costs which may other wise be incurred every year.
- Customers given time to pay should be advised to contact the Council immediately if they experience a change of circumstances affecting their ability to pay.

Specifically when considering further recovery action which may include Bailiff Action, Bankruptcy, Commitment to prison, Eviction or Charging Orders the Council must:

- Have undertaken a review of the history of the debt and attempts to recover it
- Be sure that all disputes regarding benefit claims or other Council Tax reductions have been resolved.
- Have offered or undertaken a review of entitlement to other Welfare Benefits.
- Assess that the customer has assets to cover the debt in the event of bankruptcy proceedings or equity in their property in the event of charging order proceedings
- Asses that there is no realistic prospect of recovering the debt in a reasonable timeframe

- Be confident that there is sufficient information about the customers circumstances and consider if failure to pay is a result of a disability or illness.
- Consider if the customers personal circumstances warrant protection from such recovery action.
- Ensure sign posting to relevant independent debt advice agencies
- Ensure all steps taken are recorded and documented as completed

#### IMPLEMENTATION AND TRAINING

This policy will be made available to all staff dealing with income collection and recovery. This will be reinforced with training and management supervision of all staff involved in collecting debt.

#### COMPLAINTS

The corporate Compliments and Complaints Procedure will be applied in the event of any complaint received about this policy.

#### POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be managed and reviewed every year and, from time to time, updates and re-issues will be circulated. However, the policy will be reviewed sooner if a weakness in the policy is highlighted, in the case of new risks, and/or changes in legislation. Each service will be responsible for ensuring that this policy is adhered to and effective.

	Rod Urquhart
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#### **REVISION HISTORY**

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# **Corporate Debt Policy**

Equality Impact Assessment



### **Corporate Debt Policy**

Contact:Rod Urquhart, Revenues and Benefits<br/>ServiceUpdated:28.11.14

#### 1. What type of proposal / decision is being assessed?

A new or revised policy

# 2. What is the purpose of this proposal / decision, and what change (to staff or the community) will occur as a result of its implementation?

To deal with customer indebtness to Denbighshire County Council in a holistic, fair and senstive manner. The change to the customer / community is to try to resolve payment indebtness to individual services from one central point, rather than at present and also to signpost cases to the third sector for specialised support.

# 3. Does this proposal / decision require an equality impact assessment? If no, please explain why.

**Please note:** if the proposal will have an impact on people (staff or the community) then an equality impact assessment <u>must</u> be undertaken

No	This policy will benefit all customers within DCC regardless
	upon age, gender, ethnicity, religion, belief, sexual orientation
	etc. because it is treating the customer as a single entity,
	rather than a debtor of multiple departments, as such it
	simplfies and assists in the resolution of debts owed to the
	Council

4. Please provide a summary of the steps taken, and the information used, to carry out this assessment, including any engagement undertaken

(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for guidance)

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5. Will this proposal / decision have a positive impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-

reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)? (Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for a description of the protected characteristics)

<Please summarise any likely positive impact and identify which protected characteristics will benefit>

6. Will this proposal / decision have a disproportionate negative impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)?

<Please summarise any disproportionate negative impact and identify which protected characteristics will be affected>

7. Has the proposal / decision been amended to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate negative impact? If no, please explain why.

<Please Select> <If yes, please provide detail>

8. Have you identified any further actions to address and / or monitor any potential negative impact(s)?

<Please Select> <If yes please complete the table below. If no, please explain here>

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#### 9. Declaration

Every reasonable effort has been made to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate impact on people sharing protected characteristics. The actual impact of the proposal / decision will be reviewed at the appropriate stage.

	Review Date:	<28.11.15
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Name of Lead Officer for Equality Impact Assessment

Date

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# Please note you will be required to publish the outcome of the equality impact assessment if you identify a substantial likely impact.

# Eitem Agenda 9

Adroddiad i'r:CabinetDyddiad y Cyfarfod:13 Ionawr 2015Aelod / Swyddog Arweiniol:<br/>McGradyY Cynghorydd Julian Thompson-Hill/ Paul<br/>Richard Weigh, Prif GyfrifyddAwdur yr Adroddiad:Richard Weigh, Prif GyfrifyddTeitl:Adroddiad Cyllid

#### 1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?

Mae'r adroddiad yn rhoi manylion am gyllideb refeniw ac arbedion y Cyngor fel y cytunwyd arnynt ar gyfer 2014/15. Mae'r adroddiad hefyd yn rhoi diweddariad cryno o'r Cynllun Cyfalaf yn ogystal â'r Cyfrif Refeniw Tai a'r Cynllun Cyfalaf Tai.

#### 2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?

Pwrpas yr adroddiad yw rhoi diweddariad ar sefyllfa ariannol bresennol y cyngor.

#### 3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

Bod yr Aelodau yn nodi'r cyllidebau a bennwyd ar gyfer 2014/15 a'r cynnydd yn erbyn y strategaeth y cytunwyd arnynt ar gyfer y gyllideb.

#### 4. Manylion yr Adroddiad

Mae'r adroddiad yn crynhoi cyllideb refeniw'r Cyngor ar gyfer 2014/15 (**Atodiad 1**). Cyllideb refeniw net y Cyngor yw £188 miliwn (£192 miliwn yn 13/14). Rhagwelwyd y bydd tanwariant o £309k (£327k yn is y mis diwethaf) ar wasanaethau a chyllidebau corfforaethol. Ceir mwy o fanylion isod. Cytunwyd ar arbedion o £7.1m fel rhan o'r gyllideb a cheir y manylion yn **Atodiad 2**. Mae'r atodiad yn dangos bod 90% wedi'u cyflawni a bod 10% yn y broses o gael eu cyflawni.

#### 5. Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol?

Mae rheoli cyllidebau refeniw a chyfalaf y cyngor yn effeithiol a chyflawni'r strategaeth gyllidebol y cytunwyd arni yn sylfaen i weithgarwch ym mhob maes, gan gynnwys blaenoriaethau corfforaethol.

#### 6. Faint fydd yn ei gostio a sut bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?

Mae manylion gwasanaethau perthnasol ar gael yn y paragraffau isod.

**Cyfathrebu, Marchnata a Hamdden –** yn ôl y rhagolwg presennol bydd y gwasanaeth yn adennill ei gostau. Fodd bynnag, mae aelodau safleoedd hamdden yn parhau i gynyddu ac os bydd y duedd hon yn parhau, mae'n debygol y bydd yr adran yn gweld tanwariant arian parod ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn.

**Gwella Ysgolion a Chynhwysiant –** Rhagwelir ar hyn o bryd y bydd y gwasanaeth yn tanwario o £240k (£226k y mis diwethaf) o ganlyniad i'r gwariant yn is na'r hyn a gynlluniwyd ar leoliadau'r Blynyddoedd Cynnar i blant 3 oed (tua. £50k yn llai na'r gyllideb) ac arbedion o ran swyddi gwag, yn ymwneud yn rhannol â secondiad i Lywodraeth Cymru ac yn rhannol oherwydd yr ailstrwythuro o fewn y gwasanaeth mewn ymateb i'r ymarfer Rhyddid a Hyblygrwydd. Mae'r symudiad y mis hwn yn ymwneud â chynnydd pellach mewn arbedion o ran swyddi gwag sy'n ymwneud â chyflawniad cynnar arbedion effeithlonrwydd yn 2015/16.

**Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol, Adnoddau Dynol a Democrataidd** - mae'r tanwariant wedi digwydd o ganlyniad i swydd wag ac incwm allanol o erlyniad llwyddiannus.

**Cyllid ac Asedau** – rhagwelir y bydd tanwariant o £40k oherwydd bod costau'r Tîm Buddsoddiadau Eiddo Strategol yn llai nag a gynlluniwyd yn y flwyddyn, yn ogystal ag arbedion o swyddi gwag yn yr adran Gyllid. Bydd y tanwariant yn cael ei ddefnyddio i ariannu costau ailstrwythuro fel rhan o arbedion cyllidebol 2015/16.

**Priffyrdd a Gwasanaethau Amgylcheddol** - mae'r gwasanaeth yn parhau i wynebu nifer o bwysau a risgiau yn 2014/15. Rhagwelir ar hyn o bryd y bydd gorwariant o £438k, er bod y gwasanaeth yn parhau i geisio nodi camau i gynnwys y pwysau hyn. Mae'r defnydd o gronfeydd wrth gefn y gwasanaeth yn debygol o gael eu hystyried fel opsiwn ariannu yn y flwyddyn gyfredol.

Mae'r gorwariant o fewn y Gwasanaeth Cludiant Ysgol yn parhau ar £221k ac mae'n seiliedig ar nifer y disgyblion ym mis Medi ac anghenion cludiant. Mae Grŵp Tasg a Gorffen yn gweithio tuag at nodi atebion parhaol i'r broblem hon.

Mae'r gostyngiad mewn incwm parcio yn ystod 2013/14 wedi parhau ynghyd â gostyngiad parhaus mewn incwm Rhybuddion Talu Cosb (RhTC). Mae camau rheoli o ran incwm RhTC bellach wedi lleihau'r gorwariant a ragwelir i £200k.

Fel y nodwyd yn flaenorol, mae pryder ynghylch incwm y ffioedd dylunio y mae'r Cyngor yn eu derbyn gan Asiantaeth Cefnffyrdd Gogledd a Chanolbarth Cymru (NMWTRA). Rhagwelir y bydd tangyflawniad incwm o £116k o ganlyniad i'r duedd barhaus o leihad yn nifer y swyddi a geir gan NMWTRA. Mae'r gwasanaeth yn bwriadu lleihau costau er mwyn cyfyngu ar effaith y newid hwn. Fodd bynnag, cyllideb incwm y ffi yw £221k, felly dim ond yn rhannol y gall gostyngiadau o ran gwariant gywiro'r broblem.

**Oedolion a Gwasanaethau Busnes** – Rhagwelir ar hyn o bryd y bydd tanwariant na fydd yn parhau o £43k (ychydig yn is na'r £66k a adroddwyd mis

diwethaf) yn sgil costau staffio a fyddai fel arfer yn cael eu codi ar y gyllideb refeniw a gaiff ei dyrannu yn erbyn y grant Cronfa Gofal Canolraddol ar gyfer 14/15.

Ar hyn o bryd, rhagwelir y bydd Gofal lechyd ac Uned Weithgynhyrchu Cefndy yn cadw at y gyllideb, ond yn hanesyddol bu gorwariant ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn. Felly, mae angen bod yn ofalus gyda'r dybiaeth hon gan fod elfen o risg yn gysylltiedig â'r farchnad werthu allanol.

**Gwasanaethau Plant a Theuluoedd –** y rhagolygon ar hyn o bryd yw tanwariant net o £227k (ychydig yn is na'r £242k a adroddwyd y mis diwethaf). Mae'r tanwariant cyffredinol o ganlyniad i nifer o'r arbedion cyllideb a gynigiwyd y cytunwyd arnynt ar gyfer 15/16 eisoes wedi cael eu rhoi ar waith eleni ynghyd â thanwariant a ragwelir ar y gyllideb lleoliadau arbenigol - er bod yr olaf wedi gostwng y mis hwn, sy'n cyfrif am y gostyngiad bach yn y tanwariant cyffredinol.

Cytunodd y Cyngor i neilltuo £250k yn 2013/14 i ariannu addasiadau i eiddo mewnol gofalwyr maeth i leihau nifer y lleoliadau allanol sy'n ofynnol yn y dyfodol o bosibl. Mae'r achos busnes bron wedi'i gwblhau ac mae'n bleser adrodd bod 5 gofalwr maeth wedi cytuno dros dro i gymryd rhan yn y prosiect. Ar hyn o bryd, mae Gwasanaethau Eiddo yn gweithio ar oblygiadau cost tebygol o wneud y gwaith

**Ysgolion** – ar ddiwedd mis Rhagfyr y rhagamcan ar gyfer balansau ysgolion yw £2.605 miliwn, sy'n ostyngiad o £1.287 miliwn ar falansau a ddygwyd ymlaen o 2013/14 (£3.892 miliwn). Mae'r Gyllideb nad yw'n ddirprwyedig yn rhagweld tanwariant o £20k ar hyn o bryd.

Rhagwelir y tanwariant o £170 mil yn y cyllidebau **corfforaethol.** Cymerir yn ganiataol y bydd unrhyw danwariant corfforaethol yn cyfrannu at ariannu'r Cynllun Corfforaethol. Ar ddechrau 2014/15 roedd cronfeydd arian parod y Cynllun Corfforaethol ar yn £14.4 miliwn. Gan ganiatáu ar gyfer ariannu a gwariant sydd wedi eu rhagamcan yn ystod y flwyddyn, amcangyfrifir y bydd balans y Cynllun Corfforaethol ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn yn £15.6m.

**Cyfrif Refeniw Tai** Mae'r sefyllfa refeniw ddiweddaraf yn rhagdybio gostyngiad mewn balansau ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn o £100k o'i gymharu â chynnydd yn y gyllideb o £163k. Rhagwelir y bydd balansau CRT yn £1.2m ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn. Rhagolwg gwariant y Cynllun Cyfalaf Tai yw £5.0m.

**Rheoli'r Trysorlys -** Ar ddiwedd mis Rhagfyr, roedd cyfanswm benthyciadau'r cyngor yn £148.546m ar gyfradd gyfartalog o 5.45%. Roedd balansau buddsoddi yn £32.1 miliwn ar gyfradd gyfartalog o 0.60%.

Roedd gwariant **Cynllun Cyfalaf** y Cyngor yn £17.3 miliwn yn erbyn Cynllun o £39.4 miliwn ddiwedd mis Rhagfyr. Mae'r Cynllun Cyfalaf yn cynnwys gwariant amcangyfrifedig o £13.1 miliwn ar y Cynllun Corfforaethol. Mae crynodeb o'r cynllun wedi ei gynnwys yn Atodiad 3 a diweddariad ar y prosiectau mawr yn Atodiad 4.

# 7. Beth yw prif gasgliadau'r Asesiad o Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb (AEC) a gynhaliwyd ar y penderfyniad?

Cyflwynwyd crynodeb o'r Asesiad o Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb i'r Cyngor i gefnogi'r arbedion yn y gyllideb eleni.

# 8. Pa ymgynghoriadau sydd wedi eu cynnal gyda'r Pwyllgor Archwilio ac eraill?

Cyn eu cymeradwyo gan y Cyngor Sir, cytunodd Penaethiaid Gwasanaeth ac Aelodau Arweiniol ar yr arbedion, a chawsant eu cyflwyno mewn gweithdai cyllideb i'r aelodau a chawsant eu dosbarthu i staff. Cafodd y cynigion i fantoli'r gyllideb eu trafod yn fanwl yn y gweithdai i aelodau a rhoddwyd y cyfle i'r aelodau godi materion cyn mynd â'r adroddiad terfynol ger bron y Cyngor. Mae'r Pwyllgor Llywodraethu Corfforaethol wedi derbyn diweddariadau rheolaidd gan fod ganddo rôl yn cadw trosolwg dros broses y gyllideb.

#### 9. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid

Mae'n bwysig bod gwasanaethau'n parhau i reoli cyllidebau'n ddoeth a bod unrhyw arian dros ben o fewn y flwyddyn yn cael ei ystyried yng nghyd-destun y sefyllfa ariannol tymor canolig, yn arbennig o ystyried graddfa'r gostyngiadau y mae'n ofynnol eu gwneud yn y gyllideb yn ystod y ddwy neu dair blynedd nesaf.

# 10. Pa risgiau sy'n bodoli ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?

Dyma'r cyfnod ariannol mwyaf heriol y mae'r cyngor wedi ei wynebu a byddai methu a chyflawni'r strategaeth y cytunwyd arni gogyfer â'r gyllideb yn rhoi mwy o bwysau ar wasanaethau yn y flwyddyn ariannol gyfredol ac yn y dyfodol. Bydd monitro a rheoli'r gyllideb yn effeithiol yn helpu i sicrhau bod y strategaeth ariannol yn cael ei chyflawni.

#### 11. Pŵer i wneud y Penderfyniad

Mae'n ofynnol i awdurdodau lleol o dan Adran 151, Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 wneud trefniadau ar gyfer gweinyddu eu materion ariannol yn briodol.

### Appendix 1

DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2014/15												
	Net Budget	Net Budget Budget 2014/15 Projected Outturn							Variance			
Dec-14	2013/14	Expenditure	Income	Net	Expenditure	Income	Net	Expenditure	Income	Net	Net	Previous Report
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%	£'000
Communication Marketing 8 Laiouro	5,958	11,829	-6,130	5,699	12,077	-6,378	5,699	248	-248	0	0.00%	0
Communication, Marketing & Leisure	,	,	,	1	,	1	2,445	-25	-240	0	0.00%	0
Customers & Education Support School Improvement & Inclusion	2,004	2,960	-515 -8.841	2,445	2,935	-490	4,301	-25	-312	-240	-5.29%	-226
	4,873 3,733	13,382 4,945	-8,841 -1,228	4,541 3,717	13,454 5,185	-9,153 -1,468	4,301	240	-312	-240	-5.29%	-226
Business Improvement & Modernisation	,	,	,	1	,	1	1		-240	-		-30
Legal, HR & Democratic Services	2,445	3,488	-1,108	2,380	3,517	-1,164	2,353	29 183		-27 -40	-1.13%	
Finance & Assets	6,733	13,930	-5,615	8,315	14,124	-5,838	8,286		-223		-0.48%	-40
Highways & Environmental Services	19,866	36,006	-17,233	18,773	36,109	-16,898	19,211	103	335	438	2.33% 0.00%	447
Planning & Public Protection	2,540	4,211	-1,750	2,461	4,739	-2,278	2,461	528	-528	0		0
Adults & Business Services	33,505	46,543	-14,345	32,198	47,159	-15,004	32,155	616	-659	-43	-0.13%	-66
Housing & Community Development	1,879	1,581	-164	1,417	1,611	-194	1,417	30	-30	0	0.00%	0
Children's Services	8,779	10,716	-2,320	8,396	10,576	-2,407	8,169	-140	-87	-227	-2.70%	-242
Total Services	92,315	149,591	-59,249	90,342	151,486	-61,272	90,214	1,884	-2,023	-139	-0.15%	-157
Corporate	17,593	45,433	-28,995	16,438	45,263	-28,995	16,268	-170	0	-170	-1.03%	-170
Precepts & Levies	4,593	4,342	0	4,342	4,342	0	4,342	0	0	0	0.00%	0
<ul> <li>Capital Financing</li> </ul>	13,230	13,330	0	13,330	13,330	0	13,330	0	0	0	0.00%	0
Total Corporate	35,416	63,105	-28,995	34,110	62,935	-28,995	33,940	-170	0	-170	-0.50%	-170
Council Services & Corporate Budget	127,731	212,696	-88,244	124,452	214,421	-90,267	124,154	1,714	-2,023	-309	-0.25%	-327
Schools & Non-delegated School Budgets	63,840	73,855	-10,124	63,731	73,981	-8,983	64,998	126	1,141	1,267	1.99%	1,109
Total Council Budget	191,571	286,551	-98,368	188,183	288,402	-99,250	189,152	1,840	-882	958	0.51%	782
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Housing Revenue Account	-102	13,097	-13,260	-163	13,180	-13,080	100	83	180	263		81

ervice Area	Description	Status	Savings
ORPORATE EFFICIENCIES			<u>£k</u>
Reduce Contingency for balances and impact of Recession	Phase out budget provision over 3 years	Achieved	60
Pension Costs	Introduction of 50/50 Scheme	Achieved	30
Workforce Efficiencies	Includes Removal of Essential Car User Allowance	In Progress	36
Modernising the Council	Agreed target per 2013/14 Budget only - further projects being developed	In Progress	30
Modernising the Council	and will be included within Service targets	III Flogless	30
Removal of one-off funds	Social Care Additional Funds in 12/13	Achieved	90
Carbon Reduction Commitment	Dropping out of payment scheme	Achieved	15
Capital Financing Budget	Repayment of loans to generate ongoing revenue saving	Achieved	25
Single Status	Scheme now fully implemented, no additional budget needed	Achieved	31
Property Running Costs	Energy efficiency, NNDR reductions	Achieved	12
Insurance Premiums	Negotiated reductions in some premiums	Achieved	2
Inflation Budget	Balance of 2013/14 allocation	Achieved	14
LDP contribution	Reduce Corporate contribution to LDP from £25k p.a to £15k p.a	Achieved	1 3,47
ERVICE EFFICIENCIES			3,47
ommunication, Marketing & Leisure			
Modernise Library Service Provision	Better use of space eg Gallery, Museum, TIC, location and suitability of some buildings etc	Achieved	3
Scala	Reduced Council subsidy	Achieved	1
Clwyd Leisure		Achieved	5
	Reduced Council subsidy		3
ECTARC	Reduced Council subsidy	Achieved	
Ruthin Craft Centre	Reduce Council's financial support	Achieved	2
Llangollen Pavilion	Reduce Council's financial support	Achieved	2
Youth Services	Reconfiguration of elements of the service	Achieved	4
ghways & Environmental Services			
Renegotiate recyclate and disposal contracts	Contracts currently being tendered - increased competition likely to drive	Achieved	2
	down prices		
Environmental Services	Other Small savings	Achieved	1
WAG Waste Target Pressures	Increase in Landfill Tax, costs of collection etc	Achieved	-5
Reduced subsidy of School Meal Service	Increased take up of meals	Achieved	5
Management Restructure	Integration of Environment & Highways into one structure	Achieved	40
Emergency Planning	Savings arising from joint service with Flintshire	Achieved	
Waste Management		Achieved	20
	Sustainable Waste Management Grant reserve	Achieved	20
Fleet Efficiencies	Reduction in vehicle numbers	Achieved	8
Building Cleaning	Renegotiation of Contracts	Achieved	10
		Achieved	84
anning and Public Protection			
Review Pest Control	Only carry out statutory part of function	Achieved	2
Review of Planning Policy Service	Reduce LDP contribution	Achieved	2
Review of CCTV service	Reduction of overtime costs and collaborative project	Achieved	6
Review of Management	Management Restructure	Achieved	3
ults & Business Services			13
Cefndy Healthcare	Planned reduction in Council subsidy	Achieved	3
	Planned reduction in Council subsidy Reduced need for care services as more people are able to live	Achieved Achieved	
Cefndy Healthcare			
Cefndy Healthcare	Reduced need for care services as more people are able to live independently for longer Less people needing residential care due to preventative services and more	Achieved	7
Cefndy Healthcare Impact of investment in reablement Residential Care - Impact of Extra Care	Reduced need for care services as more people are able to live independently for longer Less people needing residential care due to preventative services and more independent living opportunities	Achieved Achieved	7
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APPENDIX 2 SAVINGS AGREED 2014/15	Description	<u>Status</u>	Savings
Service Area	Description		
Children's Services			
Budget used to fund external placements for looked	Currently exceptionally high due to type of placements. These will change	Achieved	64
after Children to reflect revised demand	as certain individuals become adults		
West Rhyl Young Peoples Project	Reduce / remove grant funding	Achieved	41
Social Care Regional Board - Procurement Hub	Better commissioning of high cost placements	Achieved	17
Outcome Agreement	Funding no longer needed in CS	Achieved	69
Tir Na Nog	Reconfigure service provision	Achieved	64
Staffing Budgets	Adjust budgets to account for staff turnover	Achieved	195 <b>450</b>
Housing & Community Development			
Review of Economic & Business Development	Review of Management Structure	Achieved	50
Non HRA	Review of commissioning	Achieved	10 60
Finance & Assets			00
Property Services	Management Restructure and review of process / admin	Achieved	100
Finance	Includes not replacing vacant posts and reduction in hours	Achieved	75
Internal Audit	Not replacing vacant post and reduction in hours	Achieved	25
			200
HR Training	Re provision of service	Achieved	10
Occupational Health	Review of service	Achieved	3
Lead Business Partner	Efficiency saving	Achieved	3
Capital Financing	Investment repaid following 2010 Restructure	Achieved	12
Capital Financing	investment repaid following 2010 Restructure	Achieved	28
Legal & Democratic Services			
Registration of Electors	Capacity within the budget for canvassers fees	Achieved	30
Registrar	Improved efficiencies within the service	Achieved	20
Civics	Reduction in resource available for civic events	Achieved	5 8
Legal Library	Reduce expenditure on publications	Achieved	
Administration	Review administration provison	Achieved	20
Business Planning & Performance			83
Improvement Team	Delete Vacant Manager Post	Achieved	81
Partnership & Communities Team	Delete Performance Officer Post	Achieved	45
Programme Office	Reduce Core Funding	Achieved	13
Partnership & Communities Team	Restructure Phase 2 (net savings)	Achieved	68
	Nosituciale Finase 2 (not savings)	Admeved	207
Schools			
School Reorganisation	Non-pupil related elements of budget (Area 2)	Achieved	150
School Reorganisation	Saving related to Formula Review for Middle Schools	Achieved	80
Schools	Release of Non-delegated contingency fund	Achieved	200
School Reorganisation	Non-pupil related elements of budget (Area 1)	In Progress	88
			518
Total Service Savings			3,679
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Total Council Savings			7,154
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Summary:	£'000	%
Savings Achieved/Replaced or Pressures Confirmed	6,403	90
Savings In Progress/Being Reviewed	751	10
Savings Not Achieved or Deferred and not replaced	0	0
Total	7,154	

#### Denbighshire County Council - Capital Plan 2014/15 - 2017/18 Position to end December 2014

#### **APPENDIX 3**

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	General Capital Plan		2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
			£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
	Capital Expenditure					
		Total Estimated Payments - General	26,612	5,103	100	100
		Total Estimated Payments - Corporate Plan	12,340	18,173	2,418	394
		Contingency	481	1,000	1,000	1,000
		Total	39,433	24,276	3,518	1,494
	Capital Financing					
1	External Funding		18,901	12,141	5,021	4,605
2	Receipts and Reserves		5,557	7,025	562	61
3	Prudential Borrowing		14,975	8,957	1,540	433
5	Unallocated Funding		0	(3,847)	(3,605)	(3,605)
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**Total Capital Financing** 

### **Corporate Plan**

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		£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Approved Capital Expenditure	Cefndy Healthcare Investment	441			
included in above plan	Highways Maintenance and bridges	5,373			
	Feasibility Study - New Ruthin School	60			
	Rhyl High School	5,245	16,074	1,856	333
	Ysgol Bro Dyfrdwy - Dee Valley West Review	119			
	Bodnant Community School	620	2,099	562	61
	Ysgol Glan Clwyd	465			
	Faith Based Secondary	17			
Estimated Capital Expenditure		787	13,089	30,140	28,222
	Total Estimated Payments	13,127	31,262	32,558	28,616
Approved Capital Funding	External Funding	4,036	9,730	416	
included in above plan	Receipts and Reserves	2,931	6,726	562	61
·	Prudential Borrowing	5,373	1,717	1,440	333
Estimated Capital Funding	External Funding		6,522	11,384	16,920
	Receipts and Reserves	787	3,744		3,831
	Prudential Borrowing		2,823	16,055	7,471
	Total Estimated Funding	13,127	31,262	32,558	28,616

#### Appendix 4 - Major Capital Projects Update

#### Rhyl Harbour Development

	040.000		
Total Budget	£10.622m		
Expenditure to date	£10.357m		
Estimated remaining spend in 2014/15	£ 0.252m		
Future Years estimated spend	£ 0.013m		
Funding	WG £2.613m; WEFO £6.165m; Sustrans £0.700m:		
	RWE £155k; WREN £69k and DCC £0.920m		
Comments	Programme		
	The replacement barrier at the entrance to the harbour		
	has been manufactured and now needs to be fitted. This		
	work is imminent. Work will commence this month to		
	rectify the defects identified at the final inspection of		
	the works undertaken with the Contractor.		
	Further to the assessment of the quotations for the		
	works to the boardwalks WREN will issue a contract. The		
	proposed works are likely to commence during January		
	2015 and will be complete before the Easter holiday		
	season.		
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	The project is being audited by the European Funds		
	Audit Team (EFAT).		
Forecast In Year Expenditure 14/15	£0.428m		

#### **Rhyl Going Forward**

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Total Budget	£14.319m
Expenditure to date	£12.291m
Estimated remaining spend in 14/15	£ 2.028m
Future Years estimated spend	£ Nil
Funding	WG £14.319m
Comments	Former Honey Club Site
	This project is no longer under the control of the Council, but officers continue to monitor progress to ensure compliance with the Development Agreement. The tenants of the development are confirmed as Premier Inn, operating a 70 bed hotel with Brewers
	Fayre at ground floor. There will also be a small retail outlet.
	The agreement between the developer – Chesham Estates and Premier Inn was signed on Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2014. Pre-construction stages will commence
	in the New Year, with a start on site anticipated during
	the second quarter of 2015. Construction is likely to take
	12 months.

	West Rhyl Housing Improvement Project
	Green Space Construction
	Progress on site is excellent with turf now laid and trees/shrubs being planted.
	Costs remain within budget.
	A date in January 2015 will be arranged with the contractor for further planting with community involvement.
	A proposal for Rhyl Town Council to take responsibility for the ongoing maintenance for the site post 2020 was well received following a presentation to the Town Council. Confirmation of a final decision is awaited.
Forecast In Year Expenditure 14/15	£3.305m

#### North Denbighshire Welsh Medium Provision

Total Budget	£4.876m	
Expenditure to date	£4.679m	
Estimated remaining spend in 14/15	£0.112m	
Future Years estimated spend	£0.085m	
Funding	WG £3.061m, DCC £1.800m, Other Contributions	
Comments	<ul> <li>WG £3.061m, DCC £1.800m, Other Contributions £0.015m</li> <li>The Welsh Government has provided funding as part of the transitional 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme. This approval will allow for improvement works to be undertaken at three Welsh Medium schools.</li> <li>Work at Ysgol Dewi Sant has been completed.</li> <li>Ysgol y Llys, Prestatyn</li> <li>This project has delivered an extended, remodelled and refurbished school for 420 pupils.</li> <li>The final completion and handover date for the works was achieved on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014. Any outstanding snagging works are currently being addressed.</li> <li>The final account is expected to deliver an under spend of up to £40k against budget.</li> </ul>	
	Ysgol Twm o'r Nant, Denbigh	
	This project has delivered an additional school hall, classrooms and administration area. The project has enabled the removal of mobile classrooms on the site. Handover was completed at the end of August 2014.	

	Minor snagging works have taken place over the October half term. The final claim has been submitted by the contractor and this is currently being reviewed.	
Forecast In Year Expenditure 14/15	£1.844m	

#### **Rhyl New School**

Total Budget	£24.586m			
Expenditure to date	£2.857m			
Estimated remaining spend in 14/15	£3.466m			
Future Years estimated spend	£18.263m			
Funding	DCC £12.293m; WG £12.293m			
Comments	The project will provide a new school building for Rhyl High School to serve up to 1,200 pupils in mainstream education whilst also housing approximately 45 pupils from Ysgol Tir Morfa, the community special school in Rhyl.			
	Construction works are progressing as planned; the piling activities completed last month, and work is now underway on the foundations, and the installation of the drains and services.			
	The erection of the steel frame for the building is due to commence in February.			
	The new school is programmed to complete in February/March 2016, at which point the pupils will transfer to the new school, and the existing school buildings will be demolished and the grounds reinstated to school playing fields.			
	The anticipated completion date of the project is August 2016.			
	There is ongoing consultation with key stakeholders which includes the neighbours.			
Forecast In Year Expenditure 14/15	£5.245m			

#### Nova Development

Total Budget	£4.424m
Expenditure to date	£0.011m
Estimated remaining spend in 14/15	£1.549m
Future Years estimated spend	£2.864m
Funding	DCC £4.380m; Other contributions £0.044m
Comments	

	The refurbishment of Prestatyn Nova Centre
	commenced on 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2015. This scheme includes
	external environmental work to improve the look of the
	building as well as the creation of a new entrance ,
	reception, 60 station fitness suite, café, retail units,
	three storey soft play structure, multi-purpose studios
	and refurbishment of associated toilets and changing
	areas throughout the complex. The scheme has also
	been extended to include the complete refurbishment
	of the public toilet block to the east of the property
	together with improvements to the promenade area.
	ISG, the principal building contractor have been on site
	since the end of November carrying out enabling works
	such as asbestos removal, site clearance and soft strip
	out.
	The works are expected to be complete by 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2015.
	Local residents and businesses have been provided with relevant information regarding the forthcoming works which will result in some limited pedestrian access due to pavement closures and closure of the public toilets. There will be no road closures during the refurbishment.
	Regular progress meetings will be held between the contractor and the Council's development partner,
	Alliance Leisure Services Ltd. A separate project team
	has been established to look at operational,
	management and marketing of the new centre going
	forward.
Forecast In Year Expenditure 14/15	£1.560m

#### West Rhyl Coastal Development Phase 3

Total Budget	£4.469m		
Expenditure to date	£0.185m		
Estimated remaining spend in 14/15	£2.700m		
Future Years estimated spend	£1.584m		
Funding	DCC £0.520m; WG/WEFO £3.949m		
Comments	A funding package for this phase of work has now been		
	agreed with the Welsh Government. Internal		
	procurement matters have all been satisfactorily		
	resolved and the scheme has been reviewed by the		

	Strategic Investment Group.
	A contract for the works has been awarded and the contractor will be setting up the site compound during January. The overall scheme is anticipated to take five months.
	Funding for regeneration/amenity betterment – to include work proposed on the cycle track, car park and shelters has not been secured as yet, but officers will continue to pursue any external funding that may become available.
Forecast In Year Expenditure 14/15	£2.885m

Cyfarfod	Eitem (disgrifiad / teitl)		Diben yr adroddiad	Angen penderfy niad y Cabinet (oes/nac oes)	Awdur - Aelod Arweiniol a Swyddog Cyswllt
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	2	Argymhellion y Grŵp Buddsoddi Strategol	Ystyried y cynigion cyfalaf a adolygwyd gan y Grŵp Buddsoddi Strategol i'w cynnwys yng nghynllun cyfalaf 2015-16.	l'w gadarnha u	Y Cyng. Julian Thompson-Hill/ Paul McGrady / Richard Humphreys
	3	Polisi Cofnodi Ffôn HB/CTRS	I'w gadarnhau	l'w gadarnha u	Y Cyng. Thompson- Hill / Rod Urquhart
	4	Polisi Cofnodi Ffôn/Treth y Cyngor / Cyfraddau Busnes	I'w gadarnhau	l'w gadarnha u	Y Cyng. Thompson- Hill / Rod Urquhart

Cyfarfod	Eitem (disgrifiad / teitl)		Diben yr adroddiad	Angen penderfy niad y Cabinet (oes/nac oes)	Awdur - Aelod Arweiniol a Swyddog Cyswllt
	5	Polisi Taliadau Tai Dewisol 2015/16 ymlaen	I'w gadarnhau	l'w gadarnha u	Y Cyng. Thompson- Hill / Rod Urquhart
	6	Ymchwilio i Fwriadoldeb: Gweithredu Deddf Tai Cymru 2014	Penderfynu sut y bydd digartrefedd yn cael ei weinyddu o fewn y sir ar ôl i'r Ddeddf ddod i rym.	Oes	Y Cyng. Hugh Irving / Phil Gilroy / John Sweeney
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	8	Rhenti Tai	Gosod rhenti tai yn ffurfiol	Oes	Y Cynghorydd Hugh Irving / Paul McGrady
	9	Eitemau gan Bwyllgorau Archwilio	Ystyried unrhyw faterion a godwyd gan y Pwyllgor	l'w gadarnha	Cydlynydd Archwilio

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	2	Grŵp Tasg a Gorffen Tai Fforddiadwy	Ystyried canfyddiadau'r Grŵp Tasg a Gorffen Tai Fforddiadwy	l'w gadarnha u	Y Cyng. David Smith / Graham Boase
	3	Dileu Trethi Busnes	Ceisio cymeradwyaeth ar gyfer Dyledion Cyfraddau Busnes na ellir eu casglu i gael eu dileu		Y Cyng. Thompson- Hill / Rod Urquhart
	4	Eitemau gan Bwyllgorau Archwilio	Ystyried unrhyw faterion a godwyd gan y Pwyllgor	l'w gadarnha	Cydlynydd Archwilio

Cyfarfod		Eitem (disgrifiad / teitl)	Diben yr adroddiad	Angen penderfy niad y Cabinet (oes/nac oes)	Awdur - Aelod Arweiniol a Swyddog Cyswllt
			Archwilio at sylw'r Cabinet	u	
28 Ebrill	1	Adroddiad Cyllid	Rhoi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i'r Cabinet ar sefyllfa ariannol bresennol y Cyngor	l'w gadarnha u	Y Cyng. Julian Thompson-Hill/ Paul McGrady
	2	Eitemau gan Bwyllgorau Archwilio	Ystyried unrhyw faterion a godwyd gan y Pwyllgor Archwilio at sylw'r Cabinet	l'w gadarnha u	Cydlynydd Archwilio
	1	Adroddiad Cyllid	Rhoi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i'r Cabinet ar sefyllfa ariannol bresennol y Cyngor	l'w gadarnha u	Y Cyng. Julian Thompson-Hill/ Paul McGrady

Cyfarfod	Eitem (disgrifiad / teitl)		Diben yr adroddiad	Angen penderfy niad y Cabinet (oes/nac oes)	Awdur - Aelod Arweiniol a Swyddog Cyswllt
	2	Eitemau gan Bwyllgorau Archwilio	Ystyried unrhyw faterion a godwyd gan y Pwyllgor Archwilio at sylw'r Cabinet	l'w gadarnha u	Cydlynydd Archwilio

#### Nodyn ar gyfer swyddogion - Dyddiadau Cau ar gyfer Adroddiad Cabinet

Cyfarfod	Dyddiad cau	Cyfarfod	Dyddiad cau	Cyfarfod	Dyddiad cau
Chwefror	3 Chwefror	Mawrth	10 Mawrth	Ebrill	14 Ebrill

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