

Report to: Performance Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 11 June 2015

Lead Member/Officer: Lead Member for Education

Report Author: Scrutiny Coordinator

Title: Call-in of the Cabinet decision of 2 June 2015 relating to Ysgol Rhewl

1. What is the report about?

To consider the Cabinet decision of 2 June 2015 to approve the publication of a statutory notice proposing to close Ysgol Rhewl on 31 August 2017 with pupils transferring to Ysgol Pen Barras or Rhos Street School to coincide with the opening of the new school buildings.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

To seek scrutiny to consider the request that the Cabinet's decision in respect of Ysgol Rhewl be reviewed.

3. What are the Recommendations?

That the Committee:

- 3.1 considers the reasons given for requesting a review of the Cabinet's decision; and
- 3.2 following consideration of the information provided determines whether the decision merits being referred back to Cabinet for reconsideration, and if so the basis and evidence for making the referral.

4. Report details.

- 4.1 Denbighshire's Cabinet at its meeting on 2 June 2015 resolved to:

“(a) note the findings of the formal consultation for the closure of Ysgol Rhewl; and

(b) approve the publication of a statutory notice to close Ysgol Rhewl on 31 August 2017 with pupils transferring to Ysgol Pen Barras or Rhos Street School to coincide with the opening of the new school buildings”

- 4.2 The above decision was published on the Council's website on 3 June 2015 and in accordance with the Council's Call-In Procedure (Appendix 1) the

decision was not implemented immediately enabling non-Cabinet members to call-in the decision for examination, if they felt it merited scrutiny. To facilitate a decision to be called-in five non-Cabinet members are required to sign a notice of call-in form.

- 4.3 A 'Notice of Call-In' form, signed by the required number of non-Cabinet councillors, was received on 8 June 2015. Members will see at Appendix 2 the grounds for calling-in the decision. Members are asked to determine, based on the information presented to them, whether the Committee believes that Cabinet should review its original decision, and if so on what grounds.
- 4.4 As Cabinet's decision of 2 June relates to the Council's education provision the Authority's statutory education co-opted members on scrutiny are permitted to participate fully in the consideration of this matter as voting members of the Committee.
- 4.5 A link to the report and appendices considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 2 June has been circulated to all committee members. They can also be viewed on the Council's website by following the link below:
<https://moderngov.denbighshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=281&MId=5229&LLL=0>

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

See relevant section in the report to Cabinet dated 2 June 2015.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

See relevant section in the report to Cabinet dated 2 June 2015.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report.

See relevant section in the report to Cabinet dated 2 June 2015.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

See relevant section and appendices to the report to Cabinet dated 2 June 2015.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

See relevant section in the report to Cabinet dated 2 June 2015.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

See relevant section in the report to Cabinet dated 2 June 2015.

11. Power to make the Decision

Section 21, Local Government Act 2000
Article 6.3.2(ch) of the Council's Constitution

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