



NOTICE OF CALL IN OF DECISION

To: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

We, the undersigned, wish to call in the following decision (see note 1).

Decision taken by (see note 2): CABINET

Date decision was taken: CLOSE YSGOL RHEWL 2ND JUNE 2015

Report Title: YSGOL RHEWL

Decision (see note 3): YSGOL RHEWL

Reason for Call In:

AS PER THE ATTACHED SHEET.
AS PER. CLLR. MERFYN PARRY

We (see note 4) request that according to the Council's approved 'call-in' procedure rules (see note 5) a meeting of the most appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee be held within 5 working days (see note 6) of the date of your receipt of this notice.

1. MEIRICK LI-DAVIES (print) Meirick Li-Davies (signature)

2. ARWEL ROBERTS (print) Arwel Roberts (signature)

3. MARYLE L HOWARD (print) Maryl Howard (signature)

4. ~~DAVID AMMON~~ (print) David Ammon (signature)

5. HOWARD HADFIELD (print) Howard Hadfield (signature)

Dated: 6-6-2015

Mertyn Parry

T. Murphy

Guidance Notes

1. Five working days are allowed for a decision to be called-in following its publication on the Council's web-site and notification to Members of the Council. Urgent decisions may proceed despite a call-in if the decision-maker has the agreement of:
 - (i) the chair of the relevant scrutiny committee, or
 - (ii) if there is no such person or that person is unable to act, the Chair of the Council, or
 - (iii) if there is no chair of the relevant scrutiny committee or Chair of the Council, the Vice Chair of the Council.
2. Please state the name of the decision maker e.g. Cabinet or the Lead Member for.....
3. If the decision contains more than one part, please state which are to be called-in, e.g. parts (a), (b), and (d) of the Resolution.
4. Signatories must be non-executive members. Councillors with a prejudicial interest in the decision may not be a signatory to the Notice of Call-in.
5. The Denbighshire Call-in Procedure Rules appear in the Council's Constitution *Part 4.5 – Scrutiny Procedure Rules*.
6. Timescales may be extended in exceptional circumstances with the agreement of the decision-maker and the chair of the relevant scrutiny committee.

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Received by: _____ Date: _____

Date decision was published: _____

Notification sent to Leader and the Decision taker (date): _____

Notification sent to Chief Executive (date): _____

Relevant Scrutiny Committee: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____ Venue: _____

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We, the undersigned, wish to call in the following decision (*see note 1*).

Decision taken by (*see note 2*): **Cabinet**

Date decision was taken: **Tuesday 2nd June, 2016**

Report Title: _____

Decision (*see note 3*): **Ysgol Rhewl.**

Reason for Call In: We consider that the Cabinet decision to approve the closure of Ysgol Rhewl was flawed because the information that this was based on was incomplete and, in particular did not effectively address the issue that had been raised in the consultation process.

In detail our concerns are that the issues that were raised in connection with the impact on the Welsh language at the school as well as in the county as a whole were not addressed were not appropriately addressed either in the cabinet report nor during the discussion at the meeting. The responses that were submitted to the consultation paper highlighted that the current Welsh language offer that is made to pupils and children at Ysgol Rhewl could not be replicated if children were to be moved to either of the new schools at Glasdir. The responses also highlighted that the loss of the bilingual provision at Ysgol Rhewl would be at odds with the Council's Welsh Education Strategic Plan 2014 -2017 which includes 7 outcomes which are aimed at ensuring that all pupils as well as staff and others who are involved with our schools, are provided with opportunities to learn and use both spoken and written Welsh.

Further concerns were raised with regard to the feasibility of the Glasdir site to be developed to accommodate the number of pupils that were proposed by the Council. The total capacity of the Glasdir schools is 450, assuming issues relating to the level of traffic that this will generate does not reduce this number. An assessment of the number of pupils at Ysgol Pen Barras, Rhos Street and Rhewl shows that the current total is 441 (Pen Barras – 223; Rhos Street – 163 and Rhewl -55), and this does not take account of pupils from other schools wishing to go to either of these schools nor to it ensure that there is sufficient space to meet future growth. The issue of the amount of traffic that will be generated by the Glasdir site, and the potential danger to children who need to walk to the new schools from Rhewl have also been raised, but have not been addressed because the feasibility studies that

would be required to provide the necessary information are not sufficiently addressed.

Finally it was reported at the Cabinet meeting that no alternative arrangements had been proposed, but this is not the case. The response from the School Governing Body stated that there was a clear need to discuss alternatives to the closure proposals, and registered their concern that the requirements of the Welsh Government code had not been met. The code states that "Case law has established that the consultation process should be undertaken when proposals are still at a formative stage; include sufficient reasons and information for particular proposals to enable intelligent consideration and response; provide adequate time for consideration and response; and ensure that the product of consultation is conscientiously taken into account when the ultimate decision is taken". No response to these concerns is included in the Cabinet report which makes reference to the length of the consultation process only.

We (*see note 4*) request that according to the Council's approved 'call-in' procedure rules (*see note 5*) a meeting of the most appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee be held within 5 working days (*see note 6*) of the date of your receipt of this notice.

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Dated: _____

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