

Appendix 5 Recommendation of the Strategic Investment Group

Recommendation: Members approve the commencement of Detailed Design work for Ysgol Glan Clwyd

The Council's Corporate Plan details the Council's ambition to deliver significant investment in the Council's School Building portfolio over the next few years.

A large proportion of this work will be in the delivery of five projects within the Band A proposals for the 21st Century Schools Programme. In support of this, the Welsh Government has provided approval in principal for £73.4m investment.

All projects are required to follow guidance for Business Case approvals as defined in the HM Treasury Model. This will involve the submission of a Strategic Outline Case, Outline Business Case and Full Business Case for projects over £5m, and Business Justification Cases for projects below £5m.

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Demand for Welsh Medium education in the North of the County has grown substantially in recent years. To cater for this increasing demand, a number of options have been explored and are set out in the Strategic Outline Case, which has been approved by the Welsh Government.

The next stage will be the production of the outline business case which will explore further the preferred options and confirm the single preferred option which will be taken forward to the Final Business Case.

The anticipated preferred option is for the Refurbishment, Partial Replacement and Extension of the existing site.

The overall cost is estimated to be £16m, with a funding contribution of £8m from the Welsh Government.

It is proposed to commence detailed design work for Ysgol Glan Clwyd. It is anticipated that these design costs will be approximately £1m.

Following the review of this proposal by the Strategic Investment Group, the Welsh Government announced that £1.5m would be made available to accelerate the proposal at Glan Clwyd. Further discussions will now take place with the Welsh Government on the use of this funding.

Further reports will be submitted to Full Council in due course, seeking approval to proceed to the construction phase.