

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

**REPORT FOR DECISION
BY
COUNTY COUNCILLOR MYFANWY ALEXANDER
PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR EDUCATION**

February 2018

REPORT AUTHOR: Interim Head of Schools

SUBJECT: Naming of the New Bilingual 11 – 18 School in Mid Powys

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Summary

- 1.1. Powys County Council (“the authority”) has proposed to close Builth Wells High School and Llandrindod High School from August 2018, and establish a new bilingual 11 – 18 school with effect from September 2018.

The name of the new school has been discussed by the pupils and staff of Builth Wells High School and Llandrindod High School together with the pupils of year 5 and 6 of the feeder primary schools. Following a discussion at the temporary governing body meeting on the 11th January 2018 it was agreed to propose Ysgol Calon Cymru as the name of the new school.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 That the official name of the new school should be Ysgol Calon Cymru.

3. Options Considered / Available

- 3.1 N/A

4. Preferred Choice and Reasons

- 4.1 As detailed above.

5. Impact Assessment

- 5.1 Is an impact assessment required? Yes/No
- 5.2 If yes is it attached? Yes/No

6. Corporate Improvement Plan

6.1 N/A

7. Local Member(s)

7.1 County Councillor KW Curry – no comment

County Councillor DO Evans – no comment

County Councillor H Lewis - I am in full agreement with the chosen name for the new Mid Wales School.

County Councillor M Mackenzie – I am not sure that the wider community have had their views expressed, with a Welsh only name

County Councillor C Mills – no comment

County Councillor R Powell - I have no additional comment. I am content with the new name

County Councillor DR Price – no comment

County Councillor GD Price - I'm not sure the wider two communities will be so supportive of the proposed naming and would have welcomed something more appropriate and possibly retaining the identity of both Builth Wells, Llandrindod Wells and Powys.

County Councillor J Pugh - – no comment

County Councillor P Roberts – The communities that are served by this school are quite diverse in their linguistic makeup. As such I am not convinced that a monolingual name for the school is appropriate given that most of the pupils will be taught through the English language.

County Councillor TJ Van-Rees – no comment

County Councillor M Weale – no comment

County Councillor G Williams – no comment

County Councillor J Williams – no comment

8. Other Front Line Services

Does the recommendation impact on other services run by the Council or on behalf of the Council? Yes/No

If so please provide their comments

9. Communications

Have Communications seen a copy of this report? Yes/No

Have they made a comment? If Yes insert here.

The report is of public interest and requires use of news release and appropriate social media to publicise the decision

10. Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)

10.1 Legal – The Professional Lead-Legal has no comment to make regarding the proposed name of the new Bilingual School.

10.2 Finance – I note the contents of the report and have no further comment.

10.3 Corporate Property (if appropriate)

10.4 HR (if appropriate) - The content of the report is noted and I have no further comment

10.5 ICT (if appropriate)

11. Scrutiny

Has this report been scrutinised? Yes / No?

If Yes what version or date of report has been scrutinised?

Please insert the comments.

What changes have been made since the date of Scrutiny and explain why Scrutiny recommendations have been accepted or rejected?

12. Statutory Officers

12.1 Strategic Director Resources (Section 151 Officer)

12.2 The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: "I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report".

13. Members' Interests

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If the Portfolio Holder has an interest she

should declare it, complete the relevant notification form and refer the matter to the cabinet for decision.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
To agree the official name of the new school to replace Builth Wells High School and Llandrindod High School as Ysgol Calon Cymru .	To implement the official school name for the new school.

Relevant Policy (ies):			
Within Policy:	Y / N	Within Budget:	Y / N

Relevant Local Member(s):	County Councillor KW Curry, County Councillor DO Evans, County Councillor H Lewis, County Councillor M Mackenzie, County Councillor C Mills, County Councillor R Powell, County Councillor DR Price, County Councillor GD Price, County Councillor J Pugh, County Councillor P Roberts, County Councillor TJ Van-Rees, County Councillor M Weale, County Councillor G Williams and County Councillor J Williams
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Beth Groves
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	September 2018

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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

The Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005