

QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Response by the Portfolio Holder:

The advantages and disadvantages of Option 4C (outlined in the Programme Business Case considered by Cabinet on Sept 29th 2020) had been omitted due to a version control error, although it was assessed against the Critical Success Factors and discounted.

This error was brought to Cabinet's attention in the MS/Cradoc Proposal Paper on 23rd Dec 2020:

'The preferred way forward for the Mount Street schools and Cradoc CP School was outlined the Programme Business Case that was considered by Cabinet on the 29th September 2020. A number of options were considered and assessed, however, the report presented to Cabinet did not include the advantages and disadvantages of Option 4C which was to build new schools for Mount Street Infant and Junior School, Sennybridge CP School and Cradoc CP School due to an error with version control, although the option was assessed against the investment objectives and critical success factors, based on the following advantages and disadvantages, and was discounted from further assessment.'

In response to your final point, Officers have confirmed that they informed you that the Business Case does not support a new build school in Cradoc as the preferred option. You advised Officers that you understood the Strategy and supported it for everywhere other than Cradoc (where you believed a new school should be built), hence your voting of such proposals elsewhere in the County. Whilst the business case does not support a new build in Cradoc as the preferred way forward, Officers will not be advising the Portfolio Holder or Cabinet to build a new school.