

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

CABINET EXECUTIVE

30 July 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Myfanwy Alexander
Portfolio Holder for Education and the Welsh
Language

SUBJECT: Review of Sixth Form Provision 2019

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Summary

- 1.1 This purpose of this report is to present the findings of the authority's review of sixth form provision and to make recommendations about the next steps.
- 1.2 The report is supported by the following appendix
- **Appendix 1** – Review of Sixth Form Provision- Stage 1 2019
 - **Appendix A** – Learner Voice Survey 2019

2. Proposal

Background

- 2.1 In March 2018, Cabinet approved a new School Organisation Policy and Delivery Plan. One of the priorities within the Delivery Plan is 'to develop a sustainable model of post-16'. In order to do this, the authority has carried out a Stage 1 review of the current system.
- 2.2 The review has been undertaken by officers within the authority, but discussions have also taken place with Powys secondary headteachers and other fora.
- 2.3 A survey of young people's views was carried out as part of this review.

3. Options Considered / Available

n/a

4. Preferred Choice and Reasons

- 4.1 To consider the findings of the review and agree recommendation to move to Stage 2 of the Review.

5. Impact Assessment

5.1 Is an impact assessment required? no

5.2 If yes is it attached?

6. Corporate Improvement Plan

6.1 Learning and Skills is one of the four priorities outlined in Vision 2025: Our Corporate Improvement Plan 2018-23. Within this priority, the Plan includes a commitment to 'Improve our schools infrastructure'. In order to achieve this, 'we will implement our new School Organisation Policy and Delivery Plan to develop a more efficient schools network, with a greater focus on working in partnership with schools and the communities they serve.'

7. Local Member(s)

7.1 No comments were received

8. Other Front Line Services

Does the recommendation impact on other services run by the Council or on behalf of the Council? Yes

9. Communications

Have Communications seen a copy of this report? Yes

Have they made a comment?

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

10.1 Legal:

10.2 The Schools Finance Manager comments:

10.4 HR

11. Scrutiny

Has this report been scrutinised? Due to be scrutinised 8th July

12. Statutory Officers

13. Members' Interests

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:									
To receive and consider Stage 1 Report - Review of Sixth Form Provision in Powys	To understand the issues raised during the consultation period.									
<p>To approve the recommendations of the Stage 1 Report as follows:</p> <p>a) That the short term solutions outlined in section 5.1 are fully supported and implemented with immediate effect</p> <p>b) That the medium-term solution – sixth form reorganisation – outlined in section 5.2 is taken forward to Stage 2 and 3 of the review process:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="240 1010 963 1912"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 1010 392 1211">Stage 1</td> <td data-bbox="392 1010 724 1211">Case for Change and initial recommendations</td> <td data-bbox="724 1010 963 1211">July 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 1211 392 1693">Stage 2</td> <td data-bbox="392 1211 724 1693">Engagement exercise with young people, communities and other stakeholders – to shape the future of sixth form provision in Powys</td> <td data-bbox="724 1211 963 1693">Autumn Term 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 1693 392 1912">Stage 3</td> <td data-bbox="392 1693 724 1912">Report and Business Case to Cabinet with final recommendations</td> <td data-bbox="724 1693 963 1912">Spring Term 2020</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Stage 1	Case for Change and initial recommendations	July 2019	Stage 2	Engagement exercise with young people, communities and other stakeholders – to shape the future of sixth form provision in Powys	Autumn Term 2019	Stage 3	Report and Business Case to Cabinet with final recommendations	Spring Term 2020	<p>To improve the sustainability of the sixth form system</p> <p>To ensure early engagement with the public in the process of shaping the sixth form infrastructure</p> <p>To ensure that a detailed cost-benefit report is undertaken that will underpin any future recommendations</p>
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	To have a detailed cost-benefit									

	appraisal of the impact of structural change in Powys sixth forms.
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Relevant Policy (ies):	School Organisation Policy		
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s):	Cllr Myfanwy Alexander
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Marianne Evans
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	End of July 2019

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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

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