

Cyngor Sir Powys County Council

Impact Assessment (IA)

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This **Impact Assessment (IA)** toolkit, incorporates a range of legislative requirements that support effective decision making and ensure compliance with all relevant legislation. **Draft versions of the assessment should be watermarked as “Draft” and retained for completeness. However, only the final version would be made publicly available. Draft versions may be provided to regulators if appropriate. In line with Council policy IAs should be retained for 7 years.**

Service Area	Schools Service	Head of Service	Lynette Lovell / Emma Palmer	Portfolio Holder	Clr Pete Roberts
Proposal	To change the language category of Ysgol Bro Caereinion to Welsh-medium.				
Outline Summary / Description of Proposal					
The Council intends to carry out consultation on the following proposal in order to move Ysgol Bro Caereinion along the language continuum over time:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make a regulated alteration to alter the medium of instruction at Ysgol Bro Caereinion from dual stream to Welsh-medium. This would be introduced on a phased basis, year-by-year, starting with Reception and Year 7 in September 2025. 					
This would mean that:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English-medium provision would be phased out gradually year by year, starting with Reception and Year 7 in September 2025 – pupils would be taught in Welsh-medium classes and become fully bilingual i.e. fluent in both Welsh and English. Additional Welsh language support would be provided alongside the change e.g. Trochi provision, Welsh language training for staff. 					
Should this be implemented, the change would start to be phased in from September 2025.					

1. Version Control (services should consider the impact assessment early in the development process and continually evaluate)

Version	Author	Date
1	Sarah Astley, Strategic Programme Manager, Transforming Education	29/08/23

2. Profile of savings delivery (if applicable)

2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028+
£	£	£	£	£	£

3. Consultation requirements

Consultation Requirement	Consultation deadline/or justification for no consultation
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Public consultation required	If approved by Cabinet, it is anticipated that consultation in accordance with the School Organisation Code would commence in October 2023 and the consultation stage of the process would be concluded by the end of December 2023.
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4. Impact on Other Service Areas

Does the proposal have potential to impact on another service area? (Have you considered the implications on Health & Safety and Corporate Parenting?) PLEASE ENSURE YOU INFORM / ENGAGE ANY AFFECTED SERVICE AREAS AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY					
Adult Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Legal and Democratic Services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Property, Planning and Public Protection	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Highways, Transportation and Recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transformation and Communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Digital Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Housing and Community Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workforce and OD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Data Protection Impact Assessment					
Would the proposal involve processing the personal details of individuals? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					
Is Powys County Council the data controller? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					
If you have answered yes to either of the above you would be required to complete, as a minimum, the screening questions on the data protection impact assessment. For further advice please contact the Data Compliance Team.					

4a Geographical Locations

What geographical area(s) would be impacted by the proposal? (Chose all those applicable)							
Powys	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brecon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Llandrindod and Rhayader	<input type="checkbox"/>	Machynlleth	<input type="checkbox"/>
North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Builth and Llanwrtyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	Llanfair Caereinion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Newtown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mid	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crickhowell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Llanfyllin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Welshpool and Montgomery	<input type="checkbox"/>
South	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hay and Talgarth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Llanidloes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ystradgynlais	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Knighton and Presteigne	<input type="checkbox"/>				

5. How does your proposal impact on the Welsh Government's well-being goals?

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<p>A prosperous Wales: An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.</p>	<p>The proposal is to phase any change in the school's language category in over a number of years, starting with pupils in Reception and Year 7. Trochi provision would be provided alongside the change to enable pupils currently attending the school to continue to do so, so no additional transport should be required. However it is acknowledged that some pupils could choose to transfer to alternative English-medium schools, which could result in additional transport on the roads.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the proposal would lead to improved employment opportunities for all pupils in the area in the future, as all pupils would be fully bilingual in Welsh and English, and therefore able to take advantage of employment opportunities which require fluency in both languages.</p>	<p>Good</p>		<p>Choose an item.</p>
<p>A resilient Wales: A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).</p>	<p>Implementation of the proposal would enable the school to operate more efficiently as a single stream school, improving its economic resilience.</p>	<p>Neutral</p>		<p>Choose an item.</p>

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<p>A healthier Wales: A society in which people’s physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.</p> <p>Public Health (Wales) Act, 2017: Part 6 of the Act requires for public bodies to undertake a health impact assessment to assess the likely effect of a proposed action or decision on the physical or mental health of the people of Wales.</p>	<p>In the short term, it is possible that the proposal to change the school’s language category could lead to tensions and disagreement within the local community, in particular whilst consultation processes are ongoing. This could have a negative impact on people’s well-being. It is also possible that there could be an impact on the well-being of some pupils during the transition period.</p> <p>Eventually however, it is expected that these tensions would diminish, and in the longer term as the change in language category is implemented, it is hoped that the proposal would help to improve community cohesion, as all pupils in the area would be fluent in both Welsh and English.</p>	<p>Neutral</p>	<p>The proposal is to introduce the change on a phased basis, to minimise the impact on pupils currently attending the school.</p> <p>The proposal includes additional Welsh language support to be introduced alongside the change in language category e.g. Trochi, additional Welsh language support.</p>	<p>Neutral</p>

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<p>A Wales of cohesive communities: Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected Communities.</p>	<p>In the short term, it is possible that the proposal to change the school's language category could lead to tensions and disagreement within the local community, in particular whilst consultation processes are ongoing. Eventually however, it is expected that these tensions would diminish, and in the longer term as the change in language category is implemented, it is hoped that the proposal would help to improve community cohesion, as all pupils in the area would be fluent in both Welsh and English.</p> <p>Following implementation of the proposal, there could be a negative impact on pupils moving to the area from outside the area / outside Wales. In particular, this could mean that secondary aged pupils moving to the area would attend English-medium provision in alternative locations, which would not support their integration into the community.</p>	<p>Neutral</p>	<p>Additional Welsh language support to be introduced at Ysgol Bro Caereinion alongside any change in language category e.g. Trochi, additional Welsh language support.</p> <p>Whilst this would ensure that primary aged pupils from outside the area would be able to attend the school, it is possible that this may not be suitable for older, secondary aged pupils.</p>	<p>Neutral</p>

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<p>A globally responsible Wales: A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.</p> <p>Human Rights - is about being proactive (see guidance)</p> <p>UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: The Convention gives rights to everyone under the age of 18, which include the right to be treated fairly and to be protected from discrimination; that organisations act for the best interest of the child; the right to life, survival and development; and the right to be heard.</p>	<p>The proposal would ensure that all pupils accessing Ysgol Bro Caereinion in the future would develop bilingual skills in Welsh and English. Being fully bilingual in Welsh and English contributes to the cultural well-being of Wales, and would enable pupils to take part in local, national and global activities through the medium of Welsh and English.</p> <p>It is anticipated that implementation of the proposal would have a positive impact on the use of resources, as it would enable the school to operate more efficiently as a single stream school, and would enable resources to be focussed on delivering education through the medium of Welsh.</p> <p>Should the Cabinet agree to proceed, a consultation exercise would be carried out, which would include consultation with children and young people affected by the proposal, ensuring that all affected by the plans have the opportunity to give their views.</p>	<p>Good</p>		<p>Choose an item.</p>
<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language: A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation. <i>Incorporating requirements under the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards</i></p>				

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<p><i>Opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourable than the English language</i></p>	<p>The proposal is to change the school’s language category over time, so that eventually, all pupils would be taught through the medium of Welsh, and would become fully bilingual in Welsh and English.</p> <p>As well as ensuring that all pupils are fully bilingual, this would ensure a fully Welsh-medium ethos, leading to enhanced opportunities to use the Welsh language throughout the school, and increased opportunities for participation in Welsh language extra-curricular activities and opportunities.</p> <p>Implementing the proposal would strengthen and broaden Welsh medium provision by improving the breadth of Welsh medium options at all key stages and ensuring stronger transition and progress for pupils. As a result, pupils would develop into fully bi-lingual pupils that would be better placed to support the local and national economic and community needs.</p> <p>As well as a full Welsh-medium curriculum, it is likely that establishing a Welsh-medium all-age school would result in increased opportunities for pupils to access Welsh language activities, including activities provided by the school and activities provided by other organisations e.g. Menter Maldwyn, the Urdd.</p> <p>Implementing the proposal would raise the profile of Welsh-medium education in the area, and create more fluent Welsh speakers who will be able to use</p>	<p>Very Good</p>		<p>Choose an item.</p>

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	the language within the community, therefore contributing to the Welsh Government target to achieve a million Welsh speakers by 2050.			
Opportunities to promote the Welsh language	<p>The proposal is to change the school’s language category over time, so that eventually, all pupils would be taught through the medium of Welsh, and would become fully bilingual in Welsh and English. This would lead to enhanced opportunities to promote the Welsh language within the school and beyond, for example through the ‘Siartr Iaith’ (Welsh Language Charter) and through improved opportunities to provide Welsh language cluster activities.</p> <p>As well as a full Welsh-medium curriculum, it is likely that establishing a Welsh-medium all-age school would also result in increased opportunities for pupils to access Welsh language activities, including activities provided by the school and activities provided by other organisations e.g. Menter Maldwyn, the Urdd.</p>	Very Good		Choose an item.
People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation.	It is not anticipated that the proposal would impact on opportunities to take part in sport, art and recreation.	Neutral		Choose an item.
<p>A more equal Wales: A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances). Incorporating requirements under the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011 and the Social Economic duty (2020).</p>				

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Age	<p>The proposal would provide improved opportunities for all pupils at Ysgol Bro Caereinion regardless of their age, including the opportunity for all pupils to become fully bilingual in Welsh and English.</p> <p>Initially the proposal would mainly impact younger pupils as the intention is that the change would be phased in, starting with Reception aged pupils.</p>	Neutral		Choose an item.
Disability	<p>The proposal would provide improved opportunities for all pupils at Ysgol Bro Caereinion, including any pupils with disabilities. This would include the opportunity for all pupils to become fully bilingual in Welsh and English.</p> <p>There may be concerns regarding the impact of the proposal on pupils with ALN.</p>	Neutral	The school to provide enhanced support to pupils with ALN as needed in order to meet their needs.	Neutral
Gender reassignment	No impact	Neutral		Choose an item.
Marriage or civil partnership	No impact	Neutral		Choose an item.
Race	The proposal would provide improved opportunities for all pupils at Ysgol Bro Caereinion, regardless of their race. This would include the opportunity for all pupils to become fully bilingual in Welsh and English.	Neutral		Choose an item.

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<i>Religion or belief</i>	The proposal would provide improved opportunities for all pupils at Ysgol Bro Caereinion, regardless of their religion or belief. This would include the opportunity for all pupils to become fully bilingual in Welsh and English.	Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Sex</i>	The proposal would provide improved opportunities for all pupils at Ysgol Bro Caereinion, regardless of their sex. This would include the opportunity for all pupils to become fully bilingual in Welsh and English.	Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Sexual Orientation</i>	The proposal would provide improved opportunities for all pupils at Ysgol Bro Caereinion, regardless of their sexual orientation. This would include the opportunity for all pupils to become fully bilingual in Welsh and English.	Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Pregnancy and Maternity</i>	No impact	Neutral		Choose an item.

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<p><i>Socio-economic duty</i></p>	<p>The proposal would provide improved opportunities for all pupils at Ysgol Bro Caereinion, including any learners from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. This would include the opportunity for all pupils to become fully bilingual in Welsh and English.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the proposal would lead to improved employment opportunities for all pupils in the area in the future, as all pupils would be fully bilingual in Welsh and English, and therefore able to take advantage of employment opportunities which require Welsh language skills.</p>	<p>Neutral</p>		<p>Neutral</p>

Source of Outline Evidence to support judgements

6. How does your proposal impact on the council's other key guiding principles?

Principle	How does the proposal impact on this principle?	<u>IMPACT</u> Please select from drop down box below	What would be done to better contribute to a more positive impact or to mitigate any negative impacts?	<u>IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION</u> Please select from drop down box below
Sustainable Development Principle (5 ways of working)				
Long Term: <i>Looking to the long term so that we do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.</i>	The proposal would provide a more sustainable model of delivering education in Llanfair Caereinion, which would enable the school to operate more efficiently through not having to duplicate provision. As a single language school, there would be no need for the school to duplicate provision in two languages, which would also ensure effective use of resources in the long term.	Good		Choose an item.
Collaboration: <i>Working with others in a collaborative way to find shared sustainable solutions.</i>	Should Cabinet agree to implement the proposals in the Council would work in collaboration with key stakeholders associated with the current school, and external partners such as Mudiad Meithrin, Menter Maldwyn, the Urdd to transition to the new delivery model.	Neutral		Choose an item.

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<p>Involvement (including Communication and Engagement): <i>Involving a diversity of the population in the decisions that affect them including:</i></p> <p>Unpaid Carers: <i>Ensuring that unpaid carers views are sought and taken into account</i></p>	<p>Engagement with representatives of the school have taken place when developing this proposal.</p> <p>Should Cabinet proceed with the recommendation, full consultation would be carried out with stakeholders in accordance with the School Organisation Code, which would ensure the opportunity for all interested parties to give their views. The findings of this exercise would be reported to Cabinet and would be taken into consideration when determining how to proceed. This impact assessment would be updated throughout the process to reflect any feedback received.</p> <p>All stakeholders would have the opportunity to give their views as part of this process, this would include any unpaid carers in the area.</p>	Good		Choose an item.
<p>Prevention: <i>Understanding the root causes of issues to prevent them from occurring including:</i></p> <p>Safeguarding: <i>Preventing and responding to abuse and neglect of children, young people and adults with health and social care needs who can't protect themselves.</i></p>	<p>The proposal would provide a more sustainable model of delivering education in Llanfair Caereinion, which would enable the school to operate more efficiently through not having to duplicate provision.</p> <p>It is not anticipated that there would be an impact on safeguarding arrangements.</p>	Good		Choose an item.
<p>Integration: <i>Taking an integrated approach so that public bodies look at all the well-being goals in deciding on their well-being objectives.</i></p>	<p>An integrated approach would be taken in order to implement the proposal, which would include other Council service areas and other partners as required.</p>	Neutral		Choose an item.

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<p>Powys County Council Workforce: What Impact would this change have on the Workforce?</p>	<p>Implementation of the preferred way forward would have a positive impact on Welsh-medium staff by enabling them to work in a fully Welsh-medium environment.</p> <p>As the change in language category is phased in across the school, there may be an impact on school staff who cannot work through the medium of Welsh.</p> <p>If the proposal was implemented, Welsh would be the primary, main language of the school. It is anticipated that this this would support the development of a fully Welsh ethos across the school.</p> <p>Implementing the proposal may have an additional impact on Council staffing services such as Children’s Services, Catering, Payroll, ALN as there would be an expectation for services to be provided in Welsh. This would have a positive impact on opportunities for Council staff to use the Welsh language.</p>	<p>Neutral</p>	<p>The Council will work with the school to support staff to develop their language skills.</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p>Payroll: How would this impact salary, any overtime/enhanced payments etc? Does this affect any particular group of employees? E.g. Male/Female dominated workforce. Does this proposal comply with the Councils Single Status Terms and Conditions?</p>	<p>The proposal complies with Powys CC’s Single Status Terms and Conditions. The proposal would have no impact on PCC staff salaries/enhanced payments.</p>	<p>Neutral</p>		<p>Choose an item.</p>

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Welsh Language impact on staff	<p>Implementation of the preferred way forward would have a positive impact on Welsh-medium staff by enabling them to work in a fully Welsh-medium environment.</p> <p>As the change in language category is phased in across the school, there may be an impact on school staff who cannot work through the medium of Welsh.</p> <p>If the proposal was implemented, Welsh would be the primary, main language of the school. It is anticipated that this this would support the development of a fully Welsh ethos across the school.</p> <p>Implementing the proposal may have an additional impact on Council staffing services such as Children’s Services, Catering, Payroll, ALN as there would be an expectation for services to be provided in Welsh. This would have a positive impact on opportunities for Council staff to use the Welsh language.</p>	Good		Choose an item.
Apprenticeships: Has consideration been given to whether this change impacts negatively, or positively on Apprenticeships within the service?	No impact	Neutral		Choose an item.
Source of Outline Evidence to support judgements				

7. What is the impact of this proposal on our communities?

Communities	How does the proposal impact on residents and community?	IMPACT See impact definitions in guidance document	What would be done to better contribute to a more positive impact or to mitigate any negative impacts?	IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION See impact definitions in guidance document	Source of Outline Evidence to support judgement
	<p>In the short term, it is possible that the proposal to change the school's language category could lead to tensions and disagreement within the local community, in particular whilst consultation processes are ongoing. Eventually however, it is expected that these tensions would diminish, and in the longer term as the change in language category is implemented, it is hoped that the proposal would help to improve community cohesion, as all pupils in the area would be fluent in both Welsh and English.</p> <p>Following implementation of the proposal, there could be a negative impact on pupils moving to the area from outside the area / outside Wales. In particular, this could mean that secondary aged pupils moving to the area would attend English-medium provision in alternative locations, which would not support their integration into the community.</p>	Moderate	<p>The proposal includes additional Welsh language support to be introduced alongside the change in language category e.g. Trochi, additional Welsh language support.</p> <p>However, this support may not be suitable for older, secondary school aged pupils.</p> <p>The benefits of a bilingual education will need to be explained carefully to the community.</p>	Minor	

8. What are the risks to service delivery or the council following implementation of this proposal?

Description of risks			
Risk Identified	Inherent Risk Rating Impact X Likelihood (See Risk Matrix in guidance document)	Mitigation	Residual Risk Rating Impact X Likelihood (See Risk Matrix in guidance document)

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Risk that pupil numbers at Ysgol Bro Caereinion could reduce if parents choose not to send their children to Ysgol Bro Caereinion if they preferred an English-medium provision, which could have an impact on the school's budget and increase surplus places.	Medium	A promotional campaign is required to help parents understand the benefits of a bilingual education, and the support available to them e.g. Trochi	Low
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9. Overall Summary and Judgement of this Impact Assessment?

Outline Assessment (to be inserted in cabinet report)	Cabinet Report Reference:	
<p>The draft impact assessment indicates that the impact of the proposal is positive overall. The proposal would eventually provide a more sustainable model for delivering education in Ysgol Bro Caereinion, ensuring that all pupils are fully bilingual in Welsh and English when they leave the school. The proposal is to change the school's language category over time, which would minimise the impact on pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Caereinion, but would also ensure that, eventually, all pupils would be taught through the medium of Welsh, and would become fully bilingual in Welsh and English. This would lead to enhanced opportunities to promote the Welsh language within the school and within the community and would provide those pupils with bilingual skills to take into the workplace.</p>		

10. Is there additional evidence to support the Impact Assessment (IA)?

What additional evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?
Stakeholder engagement with representatives from the school

11. On-going monitoring arrangements?

What arrangements would be put in place to monitor the impact over time?
The Transforming Education Programme Board would continue to monitor impact over time.
Please state when this Impact Assessment would be reviewed.
The impact assessment would be reviewed at each stage of the process.

12. Sign Off

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Impact Assessment Lead:	Sarah Astley / Marianne Evans		29/08/2023
Head of Service:	Lynette Lovell / Emma Palmer		
Portfolio Holder:	Clr Pete Roberts		

14. Governance

Decision to be made by	Cabinet	Date required	26 September 2023
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