



EDUCATION FOR LIFE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 5TH JUNE 2013

SUBJECT: PHASE 1: SECONDARY RATIONALISATION

REPORT BY: ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update Members on progress since the establishment of a Cross Party Working Group.

2. LINKS TO STRATEGY

2.1 The report links directly to the Education for Life, sustainability and equality strategies.

3. THE REPORT

3.1 The Cross Party Working Group agreed a 10 week programme to establish a process aligned to the HM Treasury 5 case model which will result in a recommendation to the next Scrutiny (9 July) of a Phase 1 outcome to Secondary Rationalisation.

3.2 In order to bring Members completely up to date the progress is best illustrated by way of a presentation.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Impact Assessment screening has been completed in accordance with the Council's Strategic Equality Plan and no potential for unlawful discrimination has been identified affecting one or more of the target equality groups.

5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 A presentation follows which gives a progress update on the work of the Cross Party Working Group, which will also identify the continuing work to be undertaken by the group.

6. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 To be apprised of developments.

7. STATUTORY POWER

7.1 The School Standards and Framework Act 1998.
The Education (School Organisation Proposals) (Wales) Regulations 1999.
The Education (Maintained Special Schools) (Wales) Regulations 1999.

The Change of Category of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2001.
The Learning and Skills Act 2000.
The School Organisation Proposals by the National Assembly for Wales Regulations 2004.

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