

# EDUCATION FOR LIFE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Tuesday 4 June 2013**

## **Phase 1: Secondary Rationalisation Update**

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# Cross Party Working Group

- Membership and substitutes established
- Commitment of 2 x ½ day meetings per week
- 10 week work programme established, in line with HM Treasury 5 Case Model

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# Work Programme (weeks 1-5)

## Background

- Strategic Case
  - Key Issues
  - Individual School Data
- Economic Case
  - Critical Success Factors
  - Evaluation of Trigger Points
- Options Appraisal
  - Long List & Short List Options (St. Ilan example)
  - A Scored Scoring Matrix
  - Identification of Group(s) of schools for appraisal

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# Conclusions (weeks 1-5)

- Priority order on a regional basis. NB. Based on surplus places
  - ( 1. Mid & Upper Rhymney Valley
    - ( (assumes Rhymney Comprehensive excluded)
  - ( 2. Islwyn West
  - 3. Islwyn East
  - 4. Caerphilly Basin.
- Irrespective if in Phase 1, group wanted to endorse
  - Review of Post-16
  - Need to move from single sex to co-educational.
- Group favoured approach of new schools, if affordable, e.g. 2 schools closed, 1 opened
- Discussion re whether to announce Phase 1 only now or announce all (3?) Phases now with all schools names.

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# Work Programme (weeks 6-10)

- Options Appraisal – Long List & Short List Options
- Commercial Case/Financial Case/Management Case
- Report for Scrutiny 9 July 2013
- Review of Secondary School Capacities/Reduce Surplus Places

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# Phase 1 Recommendation

- Scrutiny 9 July 2013
- Cabinet 16 July 2013
- Council 23 July 2013

Autumn Term 2013 proceed with Statutory Processes

- Consultation Document
- Formal Meetings

Spring Term 2014

- Decision whether to proceed to Statutory Notice
- Statutory Notice (1 month)
- Cabinet Decision

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# Review of Secondary School Capacities

Autumn Term 2013 – Recommendations to Cabinet  
for Consideration

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