



## CABINET – 30TH APRIL 2013

**SUBJECT: FORMER ST. ILAN SITE: WELSH-MEDIUM DEVELOPMENT**

**REPORT BY: ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise Cabinet Members on the outcome of the Statutory Notice process and seek approval to formally establish secondary Welsh-medium provision on the site.

### **2. LINKS TO STRATEGY**

- 2.1 The report links directly to the Education for Life and Sustainability Strategies.

### **3. THE REPORT**

- 3.1 Council, at its meeting on 7 August 2012, agreed to proceed to statutory processes in relation to the secondary part of the development.
- 3.2 A formal consultation process (accompanied by a consultation document) took place between 1 October and 30 November 2012.
- 3.3 Cabinet, at its meeting on 15 January 2013, considered the outcome of the formal consultation process and agreed to proceed with the publication of the Statutory Notice.
- 3.4 The Statutory Notice period commenced on 18 February 2013 and expired on 18 March 2013.
- 3.5 There were no objections received during the Statutory Notice period and as such it is now for Cabinet to determine the proposal.

### **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment screening has been completed in accordance with the Council's Strategic Equality Plan and some low level or minor impact was identified. These issues were addressed in 2 parent and governor meetings.
- 4.2 At the most recent of these (14 March 2012) parents were given reassurances regarding their concerns. It was also acknowledged that there are, however, very significant longer term positive impacts regarding this development, not least that otherwise many Caerphilly Basin resident pupils will not be admitted to YGCR in the future and would not receive secondary Welsh-medium education in CCBC, if at all.

### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The anticipated cash profile of the £20m project is as follows:

<b><u>FINANCIAL</u></b> <b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b> <b><u>£m</u></b>
2012/13	3.25
2013/14	4.25
2014/15	7.5
2015/16	4.8
2016/17	0.2

5.2 CCBC has already earmarked its £10m match funding share (50%) for this project.

5.3 This funding is at risk until the final business case has been approved by WG. This is anticipated to occur at the end of the summer term 2013.

## **6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 A core number of staff will be based at the site from its development. A limited number of staff will be deployed between the main Fleur-de-Lis and former St. Ilan site.

6.2 Consultations have taken place and a significant number of YGCR staff have indicated their wish to be based at the former St. Ilan site. Redeployment mileage will be payable in accordance with present policy, as appropriate.

## **7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 Detailed consultations have taken place as referred to in the report.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 Cabinet approval is sought to formally establish secondary Welsh-medium provision on the former St. Ilan site as part of Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni.

## **9. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 To proceed with the former St. Ilan site development to meet the increasing Welsh-medium secondary demand in CCBC.

## **10. STATUTORY POWER**

10.1 School Standards & Framework Act 1998 and the Education (School Organisation Proposals) (Wales) Regulations 1999.

10.2 This is a Cabinet function.

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