

COMMUNITY COUNCIL LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE - 21ST JANUARY 2004

- SUBJECT:**
- 1. PROPOSALS TO CEASE TO MAINTAIN BEDWELLY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL WITH EFFECT FROM 31ST AUGUST 2005**
 - 2. ST ILAN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL - APPLICATION FOR FOUNDATION STATUS**

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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 - 1.1 Attached as an appendix is a copy of the report which was considered at the Special meeting of Council held on 15th December 2003.
 - 1.2 Members agreed that for the reasons contained in the report, the Council proceed with the publishing of a public notice in accordance with the proposals as outlined in the consultation document.
 - 1.3 The proposals to discontinue Bedwellty Comprehensive School with effect from September 2005 have been published, and by 23rd February 2004, any person who may object or support the proposals should do so to the Head of Legal Services at Ystrad Fawr. The authority will then send copies of any objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) within the objection period, together with its observations thereon, to the National Assembly for Wales within one month after the end of the objection period. The proposals will (unless withdrawn) require the approval of the National Assembly of Wales if within two months after a copy of them is sent to the Assembly it gives notice that it require such approval or objections have been made within the objection period and have not been withdrawn during that period. Where the proposals do not require such approval, the county borough will decide whether to implement them.
- 2. ST ILAN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL – APPLICATION FOR FOUNDATION STATUS**
 - 2.1 The Assembly normally undertake to deal with all issues of this sort within a six-month period. It has been noted that this date has lapsed and Officers have spoken with Welsh Assembly Officials on this matter. The county borough has lodged formal objections indicating that to enable a school to secure foundation status would be fundamentally wrong and it is very much hope that the Welsh Assembly Government will uphold that position. It is understood that that a decision is imminent and a verbal report will be given at the meeting by Mr David Hopkins, Director of Education and Leisure.

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