



## **EDUCATION FOR LIFE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 6TH NOVEMBER 2012**

**SUBJECT: CONSULTATION ON WELSH MEDIUM SECONDARY PROPOSAL**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR – EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING**

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

- 1.1 To seek the views of Scrutiny Members, on the above proposal, as part of the formal consultation process.

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

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

### **3. THE REPORT**

- 3.1 Council, at its meeting on 7th August, agreed to the commencement of statutory processes in respect of the former St. Ilan site Welsh-medium development.
- 3.2 The formal consultation process commenced on 1 October 2012 and concludes on 30th November 2012.
- 3.3 A detailed consultation document (attached) was circulated to a range of consultees seeking their views on this proposal. As part of this process Scrutiny Committee views are also being requested. A range of meetings have been convened including a Public/Community meeting on Tuesday 13 November. A drop-in session has also been organised on the same date.

### **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 A detailed equality impact assessment has been produced and has been distributed to consultees, as well as being available on-line via the Intranet.

### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 These are detailed in the consultation document. The commentary refers to a previous Council decision but in view of a delay in completion of Phase 1 from September 2012 to September 2013 the funding has similarly been delayed and will now reflect a part year funding in 2013/14 with a full year effect in 2014/15.

## **6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 These will be dependant upon the development of the site and in accordance with the formula funding of schools.

## **7. CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 This process involves detailed consultation with a large number of consultees, together with formal meetings. The Education for Life Scrutiny Committee's comments are sought, in this regard.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 The views of the Education for Life Scrutiny Committee are sought as part of the formal consultation process.

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

- 9.1 To ensure that the Education for Life Scrutiny Committee's comments are reflected in a subsequent report to Cabinet which will decide whether to proceed to statutory notice.

## **10. STATUTORY POWER**

- 10.1 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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Appendices:  
Appendix 1 Consultation Document