



## **CABINET – 21ST SEPTEMBER 2016**

**SUBJECT: Fochriw Community Centre – Youth Service Provision**

**REPORT BY: Chief Education Officer**

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

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek the Cabinet's agreement to utilise £126,000 previously set aside in the Capital Programme to develop youth service facilities on the Fochriw Community Centre site.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The report seeks approval to provide an extension to the Fochriw Community Centre to enhance youth service provision on the site.

### **3. LINKS TO STRATEGY**

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

### **4. THE REPORT**

- 4.1 A budget of £126,000 was originally set aside in the Council's Capital Programme in 2013-14 to provide an extension to accommodate the Youth Service on the site of Fochriw Community Centre.
- 4.2 At that time, the £126,000 was intended to be the Council's match funded contribution to a bid by the Community Centre Management Committee to the Welsh Government's Community Facilities Programme. This bid has not been successful.
- 4.3 The Youth Service has a youth club provision currently within the Community Centre and rent space for 2 nights a week for 30 weeks per annum. The Fochriw Youth Club serves 133 members, most of whom attend the centre on a weekly basis.
- 4.4 An updated proposal has recently been developed to provide a smaller scale extension to the Community Centre. The extension would comprise an area of circa 55 square metres to include separate store and multi use rooms.

### **5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 An EIA screening has been completed in accordance with the Council's Strategic Equality Plan and supplementary guidance. No potential for unlawful discrimination and/or low level or minor negative impact has been identified, therefore a full EIA has not been carried out.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Details are contained within Section 4 of the report, as above.

## **7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no personnel implications related to this report.

## **8. CONSULTATIONS**

8.1 A full list of consultees are shown.

8.2 All views have been incorporated into the report.

## **9. RECOMMENDATION**

9.1 Cabinet are requested to endorse the £126,000 set aside in the Capital Programme to develop the youth service facilities on the site of Fochriw Community Centre as outlined in the report.

## **10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

10.1 To develop youth service facilities on the site of Fochriw Community Centre.

## **11. STATUTORY POWER**

11.1 Local Government Acts 1972 and 2000.

11.2 This is a Cabinet function.

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