

# Education Improvement Partnership

## Consultation Document



Consultation on the establishment of an  
Education Improvement Partnership  
(EIP) for East Cardiff. October 2012



This consultation document sets out the Cardiff Council’s proposal to create an Education Improvement Partnership or EIP, to raise school standards and performance in the East of Cardiff.

## Background and context

In January 2012 we consulted on a proposal to close Llanrumney and Rumney High Schools and establish a new high school on the Rumney High School site from September 2014, while a phased new build school is constructed.

The plan remains to build a brand new, modern high school but with over 16s academic and vocational provision, replacing Llanrumney and Rumney High Schools. A new build school would not be open before 2016 and work has to begin now to raise school standards and performance, including improvements in attendance and ethos, for young people in the area.

We believe the establishment of an Education Improvement Partnership (EIP) in East Cardiff will achieve this.

This opens up a number of options for the Council to consider both now and in relation to the establishment of a new school including the range of services that can be provided. This could include consideration as to whether key objectives could be achieved more quickly if the establishment of a new school, initially on the Rumney High School site, could be brought forward to September 2013 allowing the EIP to work with a single new school as soon as possible.

**We know we can improve the life chances of our young people now and we believe creating an Education Improvement Partnership (EIP) will achieve this.**

## The Current Situation

The current situation in the East of Cardiff means we have two schools with falling pupil numbers that are both facing a number of difficult challenges:

### Llanrumney High School

- Rated Band 5 in Welsh Government school banding (The lowest rating)
- 71 % Surplus places
- Poor GCSE Performance – Percentage of pupils achieving the level 2 threshold including English/Welsh and Mathematics in 2011 was 11.6 %
- The Deficit Budget as of 31st March 2012 is in the region of £755,000
- £3million backlog in repairs

### Rumney High School

- Rated Band 4 in Welsh Government school banding
- 51 % Surplus places
- Poor GCSE Performance – Percentage of pupils achieving the level 2 threshold including English/Welsh and Mathematics in 2011 was 30.6 %
- The Deficit Budget as of 31st March 2012 is in the region of £1,055,000

## What is an Education Improvement Partnership (EIP)?

An Education Improvement Partnership or EIP is a partnership of different groups of people focused on improving standards in a specific area. It is an innovative approach to raising standards quickly and this approach has been used successfully in other countries like Australia, England, New Zealand and the USA.

As the first EIP in Wales we would look at the best practice and success stories to develop a model that is appropriate to Cardiff but more specifically is developed to meet the particular needs of the East of the city.

With a focus on raising school standards and performance the EIP will work on priority areas to bring about improvements. The Partnership will have to tackle many different challenges, so membership of the partnership could vary with the improvement priorities which need to be looked at.

Made up of representatives from Llanrumney and Rumney High Schools, the community and other key organisations such as health services and the Police, the final list of people who will be part of an EIP in the East will be based on priorities identified by:

- School Staff
- Pupils
- School Governors
- Ward Members
- Other members of public, interested groups and organisations working in the area

## What are the benefits?

Time is of the essence and an EIP is well placed to look at those short term changes that will deliver an immediate benefit to those learning and teaching at the schools involved, whilst work gets underway on the delivery of a new build school.

To raise school standards and performance the focus will be on improving quality in leadership, teaching and learning as well as the quality of the learning environment.

## Potential Benefits of an EIP for the East of Cardiff:

- Schools lead the system and focus on what works
- Higher rates of improvement
- Sharing provision of a broader curriculum
- Motivating all school staff through professional dialogue with partners
- Sharing provision for disruptive and excluded pupils
- Sharing resources
- Development of Further Education and Vocational training
- Wider range of out of school activities
- Champions of school standards
- Capitalising on expertise in schools
- More funding at the front line
- Sense of ownership by the local community
- Adapted to local needs

## What do we want to do?

From this consultation we hope to identify the partners who will make up the East Cardiff EIP. The partnership could identify and allocate skills, expertise, leadership and resources to deliver on the principles of improved school standards and performance, focusing on agreed priorities.

Examples could include representatives from:

- Behaviour support and counselling
- Attendance Services
- Educational Psychology
- Alternative provision for learners at risk of being/excluded from school
- Youth Support Service (e.g. teenage pregnancy and substance misuse)
- Mental health services
- Careers advice
- Parenting support
- Primary and community healthcare services
- Other secondary schools – local or otherwise
- Primary schools
- Neighbourhood Management Teams

As part of the Partnership we would work closely with the Further Education providers to develop and provide wide ranging further education options, including A levels, that will help young people in the community achieve their full potential as well as reduce the number of young people, in the East of Cardiff, who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).

## Consultation Approach

The consultation will run from 1st October to 12th November 2012 and we will be finding out from a range of different groups of people and organisations working in East Cardiff what their priorities are and how they think an EIP should work. This will include parents, teachers and a range of community organisations. The Council's Youth Service will also be undertaking consultation with pupils at Llanrumney and Rumney High Schools and St Illtyd's Catholic High School. The consultation will also include pupils in the primary schools within the catchment areas of Llanrumney and Rumney High Schools.

Please read this booklet and provide your thoughts and opinions. Your views are important and will help shape the future of Education in the East of the city.

In addition to this consultation pack two public meetings have been arranged where you will have an opportunity to contribute and give your views and opinions on how an EIP should work in the East of the city.

These will be held in:

**Llanrumney High School on Tuesday 6 November at 7.00pm**

**Rumney High School on Wednesday 7 November at 7.00pm**

If you would like to attend one of these sessions it would be helpful if you could let us know in advance by e-mailing [schoolresponses@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:schoolresponses@cardiff.gov.uk) or calling **029 2087 2720**.

You can also let us know by completing your details at the end of the consultation form.

Separate meetings will be held with staff and Governors of Llanrumney and Rumney High Schools.

# CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

Consultation on the establishment of an Education Improvement Partnership (EIP) for East Cardiff.

## What are your views?

Your views are important to us. If you would like to let us know what you think please fill in the following questions and **return it in the Freepost envelope**

The closing date for responses is Monday 12 November.

You can also respond online at [www.surveys.cardiff.gov.uk/EIP](http://www.surveys.cardiff.gov.uk/EIP)

Alternatively you can e-mail any additional comments to [schoolresponses@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:schoolresponses@cardiff.gov.uk)

### Q1. Do you agree with the establishment of an EIP in East Cardiff?

Yes  No

If No, do you have any alternative ideas to improve education standards in East Cardiff?

### Q2. What should be the Priorities for an EIP in East Cardiff?

Options	Should be included	Level of priority 1 - 5 1=High 5=Low
Reducing the number of young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Raising the standards of achievement of pupils, achieving better exam results	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Improving levels of school attendance	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Improving behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Extending the services that the school could provide e.g. Youth provision, afterschool and study clubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Improving ethos, (e.g. self esteem, school uniform, pride in the school)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Workforce improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other – (please specify) <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 250px; height: 30px; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

# CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

**Q3. Which of the following partners do you think should make up the EIP in East Cardiff?**

Options	Tick all that apply
Llanrumney and Rumney High Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other schools in the Llanrumney and Rumney school catchment areas including primary, secondary and faith schools	<input type="checkbox"/>
Behaviour support and counselling services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attendance services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flying Start	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neighbourhood Management Teams	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational Psychology	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Support Service (e.g. teenage pregnancy and substance misuse)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Healthcare services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Careers services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parenting support	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Police	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other – (please specify) <input style="width: 300px; height: 40px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q4. Do you agree that a Partnership Management Committee should be established to oversee the East Cardiff EIP?**

Yes  No

**Q5. Who do you think should sit on this Committee?**

Options	Tick all that apply
Teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Governors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partners	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Representatives	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parents	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pupils	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) <input style="width: 300px; height: 40px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q6. Would you be willing to serve on such a Committee?**

Yes  No

# CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

**Q7. Prior to the establishment of a new school do you agree with the rebranding of Llanrumney and Rumney High Schools, under the banner of the Education Improvement Partnership?**

- Yes – If Yes, how would you like to see it rebranded?
- Cardiff East Education Improvement Partnership
  - Cardiff East Community High School
  - Cardiff East Community College
  - Other (please specify)

No – If No, why not?

**Q8. Given that a new High School cannot be established on the Rumney High School site before September 2013 do you agree that we begin to deliver an increasing number of activities and lessons for pupils from Llanrumney High School on the Rumney High School site during the current academic year in order to get immediate benefits from the EIP?**

Yes  No  if No, why not?

**Q9. Prior to the establishment of a new school do you believe that, under the umbrella of an Education Improvement Partnership, it would be beneficial for Llanrumney and Rumney High Schools to develop joint governance arrangements?**

Yes  No  if No, why not?

**Q10. Do you have any other comments you would like to make on proposals to establish an EIP in East Cardiff or about education issues in general in East Cardiff?**

# PERSONAL INFORMATION

Any data supplied by you on this form will be processed in accordance with Data Protection Act requirements and in supplying it you consent to Cardiff Council processing the data for the purpose for which it is supplied. All personal information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence and will only be used by Cardiff Council or disclosed to others for a purpose permitted by law.

Are you a parent with children attending a school in Cardiff East?

Yes  No

If Yes, which school(s) do your children attend?

### Secondary Schools

- Llanrumney High School
- Rumney High School
- St Illtyd's Catholic High School

### Primary Schools

- Bishop Childs C.W Primary School
- Bryn Hafod Primary School
- Glan-Yr-Afon Primary School
- Greenway Primary School
- Meadowlane Primary School
- Oakfield Primary School
- Pen-Y-Bryn Primary School
- Rumney Primary School

### Primary Schools

- St Cadoc's Catholic Primary School
- St John Lloyd R.C Primary School
- St Mellons C.W Primary School
- Trowbridge Primary School
- Willowbrook Primary School
- Ysgol Bro Eirwg
- Ysgol Pen Y Pil

If No, what is your status as a respondent to this survey?

- Pupil
- Local resident
- Governor
- Other
- Member of Staff

If Other, which organisation or community group(s) do you represent?

## Q11. What is your postcode?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your views are very important to us.

If you would like to attend one of the public meetings please indicate below and provide your contact details:

I would like to attend the following meeting:

- Llanrumney High School on Tuesday 6 November at 7.00pm
- Rumney High School on Wednesday 7 November at 7.00pm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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