

21st Century Schools

On 24 June 2020 the Council Cabinet agreed a proposal to establish a two Form Entry dual stream primary school with nursery provision to serve the early phases of the Plasdŵr development, in accordance with the requirements of the School Organisation Code.

The school will include two language streams, organised as one form of entry Welsh-medium (30 places per year group) and one form of entry predominantly English-medium, with significant use of Welsh (30 places per year group) with a provision for 420 primary school pupils in total. The nursery will offer 48 part-time nursery places for the Welsh-medium stream and 48 part-time nursery places for the English-medium stream.

The Cabinet considered the proposal, the statutory objections submitted and the local authority response thereon.

It was noted that there were three statutory objections. The concerns raised are summarised in the objection report, together with the response from the local authority. It was considered that the response made by the local authority answered the issues raised.

The objection report is available to view on the Council website:

<https://cardiff.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=151&MId=4197&Ver=4>

The Cabinet were satisfied that the proposal would:

- respond to the projected demand for additional Welsh-medium and English-medium primary school places to serve the new housing developments in the Creigiau/ St Fagans, Radyr/ Morganstown and Fairwater areas.
- have a positive impact on the Welsh language
- contribute to and support the Welsh Government's Cymraeg 2050 strategy by sustainably increasing the number of children in Welsh-medium education and benefit those learning Welsh in English-medium education
- result in fewer families in the area needing to travel elsewhere to access education through the language medium of their preference.

It was noted that construction of the Plasdŵr development will be delayed due to Covid-19 lockdown and negotiations are ongoing with the developer in relation to their revised timetable.

Referral of Local Authority Decision to the Welsh Ministers

Under section 54 of the 2013 Act where proposals have been approved by a local authority the following bodies may within 28 days refer the proposal to the Welsh Ministers for consideration;

- i. Another local authority affected by the proposals;*
- ii. The appropriate religious body;*
- iii. The Governing Body of a voluntary or foundation school;*
- iv. A trust holding property on behalf of a voluntary or foundation school;*
- v. A further education institution affected by the proposal.*

The decision is subject to the call in procedures as set out in the Council's constitution which allows decisions taken by Cabinet to be reviewed. Should a call in of the decision take place, all stakeholders would be informed.

If you have any queries or require additional information please contact the School Organisation Planning Team on 029 2087 2917 or via email to: schoolresponses@cardiff.gov.uk.