

SUBJECT:	Consultation Report on Proposed Closure of Llanfair Kilgeddin VA CIW Primary School
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE:	6th January 2016

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the outcome of the consultation on the proposed closure of Llanfair Kilgeddin Voluntary Aided Church in Wales Primary School.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 To consider the attached consultation report and agree to publish the proposal in the form of Statutory Notice on the closure of Llanfair Kilgeddin Voluntary Aided Church in Wales Primary School.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 The statutory consultation process on the proposed closure took place between the 19th October 2015 and 6th December 2015.
- 3.2 A file of all the comments and views received during the consultation period has been made available to Elected Members as part of this process and, before any decisions are made, the file is located in the members library. Appendix 3 of the consultation report also provides a summary of the comments received.
- 3.4 Based on views received in writing and at the drop-in session it was evident that there was opposition to the proposal from staff, governors, pupils previously on roll and parents.
- 3.5 Currently there are not any pupils on roll at the school.

4. REASONS:

- 4.1 The consultation report represents the Council's responsibility as part of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 to publish a consultation report and:
- Summarises each of the issues raised by consultees.
 - Responds to these issues.
 - Sets out Estyn's view of the overall merits of the proposal.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The consultation process will be built into the present work programme of officers within Children and Young People Directorate.
- 5.2 At the time of the Inspection Estyn recorded the cost to educate the pupils on roll at the school was £5928
- 5.3 The home to school transport costs for the existing pupils currently cost £25,650. This figure also includes additional transport costs for the pupils relocating to other Monmouthshire schools.
- 5.4 The revenue savings that could be realised if the school were to close amounts to approx. £71,220.
- 5.5 Taking into account the additional transport costs per annum as in 5.3 above and the revenue savings outlined in 5.4 above the overall savings to close the school are £45,570.
- 5.6 Capital Receipts will not be realised from the sale of land and buildings as they belong to Monmouth Diocesan Trust.

6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:

The future generation's process has been completed and is at appendix 5 of the attached consultation report.

7. SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

There are no safeguarding or corporate parenting implications associated with this report

8. CONSULTEES:

Cabinet Members
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SLT

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

The Government of Maintained School (Wales) Regulations 2005
The School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013
School Organisation Statutory Code 006/2013
Consultation Document on Proposed Closure of Llanfair Kilgeddin VA CIW primary School.

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