

SUBJECT:	Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme – Abergavenny 3-19 School Name
MEETING:	Council
DATE:	19th January 2023
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	Cantref, Castle, Croseonen, Grofield, Landsdown, Mardy, Priory, Llanelly Hill, Llanover, Goetre Wharf, Llanwenarth Ultra, Llanfoist

1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to allow Council to agree the name of the new 3-19 School in Abergavenny currently under construction on the King Henry VIII School Site.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Members:

- 2.1 Note the results of the opinion poll run with the pupils from both schools and the wider community
- 2.2 Decide the name of the new school from the choices of
Deri View School 3-19 School;
King Henry VIII 3-19 School; or
Abergavenny Learning Community

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 In June 2022 Members agreed to include within the Council's capital programme funding the creation of a new 3-19 School on the King Henry VIII School site and as a result cease to maintain Deri View Primary and King Henry VIII Comprehensive School.
- 3.2 The new school will provide education for children and young people from the ages of 3-19. The development will also include Flying Start provision and wraparound childcare.
- 3.3 The pupils attending the school from the ages of 3 -11 will be those that reside in the current Deri View catchment area whilst the pupils in the from the ages of 12 –19 will be those who reside in the current King Henry VIII School catchment area.
- 3.4 The existing schools; King Henry VIII Comprehensive and Deri View Primary, will cease to exist from 31st August 2023 and the new school will be established from 1st September 2023. The two schools will remain on their existing sites until the new building is ready for occupation in September 2024.
- 3.6 The name of King Henry VIII school dates back to 1542. It was established by Letters Patent with the school being named after its benefactor, King Henry VIII who appointed the first Headteacher. There are several bursaries attached to the school's name.

3.7 Deri View School was established following the closure of St David's Junior School and Llwynu Infant School and opened in 2005. The name Deri View was the preferred name of pupils attending the school at the time and later agreed on by County Council.

3.8 Should Members decide upon a name for the new school that does not include King Henry VIII, there is a requirement to seek permission from Welsh Government, the Secretary of State for Wales and then ultimately His Majesty, King Charles III.

4. **OPTIONS APPRAISAL:**

4.1 In determining the name of the new school, the following options were proposed for consideration

Option 1: Keep King Henry VIII School name

Option 2: Keep Deri View School name

Option 3: Call the school Abergavenny Learning Community

4.2 With the support of Abergavenny Town Council an opinion poll was undertaken, which ran for 2 weeks from November 28th 2022 until December 11th 2022. The poll was available online, and a ballot box was placed outside the Market Hall in Abergavenny town centre.

4.3 The purpose of the poll was not to decide the name of the new school but to gauge the strength and depth of feeling amongst the pupils currently attending both schools affected by the proposal and the wider community of Abergavenny.

4.3 The poll asked

'Abergavenny Town Council & Monmouthshire County Council would like members of the Abergavenny community to help decide the name of our new 3-19 school

Please tick one of the three options below

King Henry VIII 3-19 School

Deri View 3-19 School

The Abergavenny Learning Centre'

4.4 The results of the poll were as follows:

Number of Votes Cast	4487
King Henry VIII 3-19 School	4069
Deri View 3-19 School	177
The Abergavenny Learning Centre	228
Logged in but did not vote	13

5. REASONS:

The Council is establishing a new school in Abergavenny as part of its Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme in conjunction with Welsh Government. The school will be established following the closure of Deri View and King Henry VIII Schools.

The agreement of the new name will be important part in establishing the culture of the new school. When Council makes its decision this will allow the next stage of planning for the new school to begin in earnest.

6 RESOURCE IMPLCATIONS:

There are no resource implications in relation to this decision

7 EQUALITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS EVALUATION (INCLUDES SOCIAL JUSTICE, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

As the report deals solely with agreeing a school name, a Future Generations and Equality Impact Assessment is not considered appropriate in this instance.

8 CONSULTEES:

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Cabinet

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS:

County Council report June 2022

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