

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION**  
**by**  
**COUNTY COUNCILLOR MYFANWY ALEXANDER**  
**(PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR EDUCATION)**  
**June 2018**

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**SUBJECT:** School Organisation Policy

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**REPORT FOR:** Decision

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**1. Summary**

- 1.1 On the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the Cabinet approved an updated School Organisation Policy. Page 9 of the policy included reference to establishing a 'School Organisation Steering Group'.
- 1.2 However, it is now suggested that the newly formed Learning and Skills Board should take on this role, in order to avoid the need to create an additional group.
- 1.3 This report is supported by the following Appendices:

Appendix A – School Organisation Policy – March 2018

Appendix B – Draft School Organisation Policy – Updated May 2018

**2. Proposal**

- 2.1 On the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the Cabinet approved an updated School Organisation Policy, which will underpin the Council's approach to school reorganisation up until 2025. The policy is attached as Appendix A.
- 2.2 Section 5 of the Policy on page 9 outlines 'The School Organisation Process', and refers to the establishment of a 'School Organisation Steering Group' to monitor progress of the Council's Delivery Plan, to consider new potential projects and to make recommendations to the Council's Cabinet.
- 2.3 However, following the recent establishment of the Learning and Skills Board as part of the governance arrangements relating to the Council's

Corporate Improvement Plan, it is now suggested that this Board should take on this role.

- 2.4 This would mean that there would be no need to establish a School Organisation Steering Group, which would reduce bureaucracy and ensure a more streamlined governance structure.
- 2.5 The policy has been amended to reflect this change. There are no other changes to the School Organisation Policy approved by Cabinet in March 2018. An updated version is attached as Appendix B.
- 2.5 The updated policy will replace the version approved by Cabinet on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 with immediate effect.

### **3. Options Considered / Available**

- 3.1 The Council could establish a School Organisation Steering Group as outlined in the Policy approved by Cabinet on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018, however this would increase bureaucracy and would add an additional layer to the governance structure.

### **4. Preferred Choice and Reasons**

- 4.1 The preferred choice is to adopt the updated wording as included in Section 5 – The School Organisation Process in the amended draft School Organisation Policy, which is attached to this report as Appendix B.

### **5. Impact Assessment**

- 5.1 Is an impact assessment required? No
- 5.2 If yes is it attached? N/A

### **6. Corporate Improvement Plan**

- 6.1 Learning and Skills is one of the priorities outlined within Vision 2025 and the Corporate Improvement Plan.

### **7. Local Member(s)**

- 7.1 All local members are affected.

**8. Other Front Line Services**

Does the recommendation impact on other services run by the Council or on behalf of the Council? No

If so please provide their comments

**9. Communications**

Have Communications seen a copy of this report? Yes

Have they made a comment? No proactive communications action required.

**10. Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)**

10.1 Legal: The recommendation can be supported from a legal point of view.

10.2 Finance acknowledge this report and at this time it doesn't pose any financial concerns

10.3 Corporate Property (if appropriate)

10.4 HR (if appropriate)

10.5 ICT (if appropriate)

**11. Scrutiny**

Has this report been scrutinised? No, however the Education Scrutiny Committee were consulted on the draft policy.

**12. Statutory Officers**

12.1 The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) commented as follows: "I note the legal comments and have nothing to add to the report."

12.2 The Head of Financial Services (Deputy Section 151 Officer) notes the comment from Finance.

**13. Members' Interests**

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If the Portfolio Holder has an interest, she

should declare it, complete the relevant notification for and refer the matter to Cabinet for decision.

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Reason for Recommendation:</b>
To approve, and adopt with immediate effect, the amended School Organisation Policy attached as Appendix B to the report	To ensure a more streamlined governance structure

<b>Relevant Policy (ies):</b>	N/A		
<b>Within Policy:</b>	Y	<b>Within Budget:</b>	Y

<b>Relevant Local Member(s):</b>	All members
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<b>Person(s) To Implement Decision:</b>	Marianne Evans
<b>Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:</b>	Immediately

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**Background Papers used to prepare Report:**