

## Transforming Education in Powys

# Options Appraisal

### Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, Ysgol Gynradd Pennant and Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

On the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020, the Council's Cabinet considered a Programme Business Case (PBC) in respect of primary provision in the Llanfyllin / North Welshpool catchment.

The PBC considered by Cabinet identified a preferred way forward for the Llanfyllin / North Welshpool catchment, which is as follows:

- A new community campus for approximately 900 pupils aged 4 – 18 in Llanfyllin, replacing the current poor condition buildings of Ysgol Llanfyllin – to be built on the current Ysgol Llanfyllin site.
- To establish and build a new 360 place area school, to replace Carreghofa School and Llandysilio C. in W. School – this could also potentially include neighbouring schools in the Welshpool catchment as well. Site to be confirmed.
- To establish a new Welsh-medium school on the current Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant site, replacing both Ysgol Pennant and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant Primary School. This may require capital funding to extend the school.
- To provide an extension to Llansantffraid C. in W. Primary School.
- Possible closure of Llangedwyn C. in W. School, Llanfechain C. in W. School and Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.

At the Cabinet meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> September, Cabinet approved the submission of the PBC for the Llanfyllin / North Welshpool catchment to Welsh Government, and also approved that officers bring back a further report to Cabinet outlining the implementation steps, including consultation, required to achieve the new facilities.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Cabinet considered a further paper in respect of Llangedwyn C. in W. School, Llanfechain C. in W. School and Llansantffraid C. in W. School, which considered options for the church schools in the area in light of the PBC for the catchment. This paper set out the Council's intention to take forward the Transformation Programme in the Llanfyllin/North Welshpool catchment area on a phased basis as follows:

- Phase 1 – the development and consideration of options for Llangedwyn CIW Primary School and Llanfechain CIW Primary School, along with plans for capital investment in Llansantffraid CIW Primary School.
- Phase 2 – the development and consideration of options for Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, Ysgol Gynradd Pennant and Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant – it is expected that this exercise will be concluded shortly after Easter 2021.
- Phase 3 – the development and consideration of options for Llandysilio CiW Primary School, Carreghofa CP School, Arddleen CP School and Brynhafren CP School, which is expected to be undertaken in the autumn term 2021.

The paper considered by Cabinet on the 19<sup>th</sup> March addressed Phase 1 above.

The purpose of this paper is to consider options for Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, Ysgol Gynradd Pennant and Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant, as outlined in Phase 2 above.

Pupil numbers<sup>1</sup> at the three schools are as follows:

		<b>R</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</b>		4	1	3	4	5	3	4	24
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Pennant</b>		17	10	8	12	11	11	13	82
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</b>	<b>English</b>	7	5	5	6	3	6	3	34
	<b>Welsh</b>	5	5	11	3	3	7	5	39
	<b>Total</b>	12	10	16	9	6	13	8	73

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<sup>1</sup> Finance NOR – 2020 Pupil Count Day (6<sup>th</sup> November 2020)

# PART A – THE CASE FOR CHANGE

## 2. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

### 2.1 POLICY CONTEXT

Following the inspection of Powys Education Services carried out by Estyn in the summer of 2019, the Council carried out a strategic review of schools during 2019-20, which led to the development of a new Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys. The strategy, which was developed following engagement with a wide range of stakeholders, was approved in April 2020.

The strategy sets out a Vision Statement and Guiding Principles which will underpin the Council's work to transform the Powys education system over the coming years. The Vision Statement is as follows:

***All children and young people in Powys will experience a high-quality, inspiring education to help develop the knowledge, skills and attributes that will enable them to become healthy, personally fulfilled, economically productive, socially responsible and globally engaged citizens of 21<sup>st</sup> century Wales.***

In addition, the strategy outlines a number of aims and objectives, which include an objective to 'Develop a network of all-age schools based around the 13 current secondary school locations' in order to improve overall learner entitlement and experience in Powys.

To take forward this objective, the Council is reviewing the smallest schools in Powys, with the aim of identifying solutions for these schools which will meet the objective to 'Reconfigure and rationalise primary provision', in order to ensure that education in Powys is delivered through an affordable, resilient infrastructure which provides the best possible opportunities to learners, now and in the future.

### 2.2 WHY CHANGE IS NEEDED IN POWYS

Powys is a large, rural authority. Covering a quarter of the landmass of Wales, it contains only 4.2% of the population, making it the most sparsely populated county in Wales. Delivering services across such a large, sparsely populated area is challenging and expensive.

Whilst there has been some reorganisation activity in Powys over recent years, the county's schools' infrastructure largely remains similar to that which was in place 20 years ago.

The Council's new Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys outlines a number of challenges facing education in Powys, which were identified following engagement with key stakeholders during the autumn term 2019 and spring term 2020.

The following is a summary of the main challenges facing the Council:

**i) High proportion of small schools**

Based on PLASC 2019 figures, there were 33 small primary schools in Powys – this is approximately 40% of the primary provision in the county. 21 schools had fewer than 50 pupils, and for those schools the budget share per pupil is generally higher than the Powys average for primary schools.

**ii) Decreasing pupil numbers**

Pupil numbers have decreased over the past decade, and are expected to decrease further over the next five years. Pupil numbers in the primary sector in Powys are expected to decrease by approximately 4% by 2025.

**iii) High number of surplus places**

Based on PLASC 2019 figures, there was 18% surplus capacity in Powys primary schools. With pupil numbers across Powys projected to decrease overall over the coming years, the proportion of surplus places across the county will continue to increase.

**iv) Building condition**

Whilst the Council has invested in its school's estate through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme and the Asset Management Plan, building condition remains an issue across Powys, with associated maintenance costs.

**v) Financial pressures**

The Council is currently facing significant financial pressures in general. This is affecting all service areas, including the schools' sector. There are significant variations in the budget share per pupil across Powys schools, ranging from £3,276 to £11,912 in the primary sector.

**vi) Inequality in access to Welsh-medium education**

In contrast to other areas of Wales, there has been no growth in Welsh-medium pupil numbers in Powys over recent years. Significant changes are needed to the Welsh-medium offer in Powys to reverse the trend of the

last few years and ensure that all Powys learners can access comprehensive Welsh-medium provision throughout n

**vii) Limited post-14 and post-16 offer**

In September 2019, the Council's Cabinet considered a report on post-16 provision, which outlined a number of challenges facing the sector, including decreasing learner numbers, financial challenges and sustainability of the curriculum offer, including Welsh-medium provision.

**viii) Inequality in access to SEN provision**

Within Powys, pupils with special education needs (SEN) attend a range of settings, including special schools, specialist centres, the pupil referral unit (PRU) as well as mainstream schools.

Currently, not all pupils are educated in the setting that meets their needs best, and depending on where pupils live, they have access to a different quality and type of provision.

**ix) Historical lack of political decision making**

Although there have been some developments in terms of the schools' infrastructure over recent years, the Council's failure to implement a number of high-profile proposals in the last few years has left a legacy in Powys, and there has been a reluctance to embark on large scale reorganisation of education provision since then.



<b>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</b>	<b>Distance from schools by road (miles)</b>
Llangedwyn C. in W. School	3.60
Trefonen CofE Primary School	4.26
Woodside Primary School	5.15
Selattyn CofE Primary School	5.30
Ysgol Llanarmon DC	6.13
Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant	6.23
Llansantffraid C. in W. School	6.41
Llanfechain C. in W. School	6.93
Ysgol Llanfyllin	8.34
Ysgol Gynradd Pennant	8.53
Bryn Offa Primary School	8.55
Carreghofa C.P. School	9.76

<b>Ysgol Gynradd Pennant</b>	<b>Distance from schools by road (miles)</b>
Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant	2.99
Llangedwyn C. in W. School	6.45
Ysgol Llanfyllin	6.80
Llanfechain C. in W. School	8.10
Ysgol Bro Cynllaith	8.53
Ysgol Llanarmon DC	8.75

<b>Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</b>	<b>Distance from schools by road (miles)</b>
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Ysgol Pennant	2.99
Llangedwyn C. in W. School	3.71
Ysgol Llanfyllin	5.70
Ysgol Bro Cynllaith	6.23
Ysgol Llanarmon DC	6.58
Llanfechain C. in W. School	6.69
Llansantffraid C. in W. School	8.20
Trefonen CofE Primary School	9.66

The following is a summary of key data relating to the three schools:

	<b>School Type</b>	<b>Language Category</b>	<b>Admission Number<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Rural School?<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</b>	Community Primary School building owned by Powys County Council	English Medium	7	Yes
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Pennant</b>	Community Primary School building owned by Powys County Council	Welsh Medium	12	Yes
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</b>	Community Primary School building owned by Powys County Council	Dual Stream	15	Yes

## **Pupil Numbers**

### **i) Current pupil numbers<sup>5</sup>**

<sup>3</sup> Powys Admissions Information and Arrangements 2021-22

<sup>4</sup> Annex F of the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code (2018)

(<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-10/school-organisation-code-second-edition.pdf>)

includes a list of 'rural schools', to which the 'Presumption against the closure of rural schools' applies.

<sup>5</sup> Finance NOR – 2020 Pupil Count Day (6<sup>th</sup> November 2020)

	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
<b>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</b>	4	1	3	4	5	3	4	24
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Pennant</b>	17	10	8	12	11	11	13	82
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</b>	<b>English</b>	7	5	5	6	3	6	34
	<b>Welsh</b>	5	5	11	3	3	7	39
	<b>Total</b>	12	10	16	9	6	13	73

ii) **Historical pupil numbers<sup>6</sup>**

	Jan. 2014	Jan. 2015	Jan. 2016	Jan. 2017	Jan. 2018	Jan. 2019	Jan. 2020
<b>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</b>	42	38	38	32	29	30	28
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Pennant</b>	65	67	68	70	70	70	70
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</b>	80	87	80	85	75	71	75
<b>TOTAL</b>	187	192	186	187	174	171	173

iii) **Projected pupil numbers (Birth rate)<sup>7</sup>**

	Jan. 2021	Jan. 2022	Jan. 2023	Jan. 2024	Jan. 2025
<b>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</b>	26	27	28	27	25
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Pennant</b>	77	73	71	71	69
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</b>	74	79	79	87	80

<sup>6</sup> PLASC

<sup>7</sup> Powys Schools Service Projections (R – Yr6) based on PLASC 2020 & Birth Rates

<b>TOTAL</b>	177	17	178	185	174
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iv) **Projected pupil numbers (Finance projections)<sup>8</sup>**

	<b>Jan. 2022</b>	<b>Jan. 2023</b>	<b>Jan. 2024</b>	<b>Jan. 2025</b>
<b>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</b>	24	25	27	N/A
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Pennant</b>	82	85	90	N/A
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</b>	73	78	78	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	179	188	195	N/A

**Building Capacity and Condition**

i) **Capacity**

The following table provides information about the current capacities of school and the capacity:

	<b>Current Capacity<sup>9</sup></b>	<b>Currently Filled</b>	<b>Surplus Capacity</b>
<b>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</b>	48	24 (50%)	24 (50%)
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Pennant</b>	88	82 (93.2%)	6 (6.8%)
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</b>	108	73 (67.6%)	35 (32.4%)

ii) **Building condition**

In 2009, Welsh Government carried out condition and suitability assessments of the schools.

<sup>8</sup> Powys Finance Projections based on actual pupil numbers – November 2020

<sup>9</sup> Welsh Government School Places Return – August 2020

	Condition	Suitability	Access to hall on site
Ysgol Bro Cynllaith	B	B	Yes
Ysgol Gynradd Pennant	B	B/C	Yes
Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant	A	A	Yes

### Standards of Education

#### i) Estyn

	Ysgol Bro Cynllaith
Date of Inspection	June 2015
Standards	Good
Wellbeing	Good
Learning Experiences	Adequate
Teaching	Good
Care, support and guidance	Good
Learning Environment	Good
Leadership	Good
Improving Quality	Adequate
Partnership Working	Good
Resource Management	Good
Follow Up	The school will draw up an action plan, which shows how it is going to address the

	recommendations. Estyn will monitor the school's progress.
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	<b>Ysgol Gynradd Pennant</b>
<b>Date of Inspection</b>	March 2018
<b>Standards</b>	Good
<b>Wellbeing and attitudes to learning</b>	Good
<b>Teaching and learning experiences</b>	Good
<b>Care, support, and guidance</b>	Good
<b>Leadership and management</b>	Good
<b>Follow Up</b>	The school will produce an action plan to address the recommendations from the inspection.

	<b>Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</b>
<b>Date of Inspection</b>	January 2013
<b>Standards</b>	Good
<b>Wellbeing</b>	Good
<b>Learning experiences</b>	Adequate
<b>Teaching</b>	Adequate
<b>Care, support, and guidance</b>	Adequate
<b>Learning environment</b>	Good
<b>Leadership</b>	Good
<b>Improving quality</b>	Good

<b>Partnership working</b>	Good
<b>Resource management</b>	Good
<b>Follow Up</b>	The school will draw up an action plan which shows how it will address the recommendations. Estyn will monitor the school's progress.

ii) **School Categorisation<sup>10</sup>**

	<b>Standards Group</b>	<b>Improvement Capacity</b>	<b>Support Capacity</b>
<b>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</b>	N/A	B	Yellow
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Pennant</b>	N/A	B	Yellow
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</b>	N/A	C	Amber

**Financial information**

**Cost per pupil<sup>11</sup>**

	<b>Budget share per school</b>	<b>Budget share per pupil</b>	<b>Notional SEN budget</b>	<b>Non ISB funds devolved to the school</b>
<b>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</b>	£197,000	£7,295	£14,000	£3,000
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Pennant</b>	£303,000	£4,335	£15,000	£0
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</b>	£434,000	£5,860	£16,000	£4,000

<sup>10</sup> 2019

<sup>11</sup> Section 52 Budget Statement, 2020/21

<b>Powys average (Primary)</b>	N/A	£4,264	N/A	N/A
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### Equalities Information

#### i) Free School Meals<sup>12</sup>

	<b>Percentage of pupils who had a free school meal on Census day</b>
<b>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</b>	7.7%
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Pennant</b>	4.3%
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</b>	6.7%

#### ii) Pupils in care<sup>13</sup>

	<b>Percentage of pupils in care</b>
<b>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</b>	3.7%
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Pennant</b>	1.4%
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</b>	0%

#### iii) English as an Additional Language<sup>14</sup>

	<b>Percentage of EAL pupils</b>
<b>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</b>	0%
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Pennant</b>	0%
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</b>	0%

#### iv) SEN/ALN<sup>15</sup>

<sup>12</sup> PLASC 2020

<sup>13</sup> PLASC 2020

<sup>14</sup> PLASC 2020

<sup>15</sup> PLASC 2020

	<b>School Action</b>	<b>School Action Plus</b>	<b>Statement</b>
<b>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</b>	7.7%	0%	3.8%
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Pennant</b>	15.7%	2.9%	0%
<b>Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</b>	21.3%	1.3%	1.3%

### **Early Years**

The following maintained early years providers operate in the three schools:

Ysgol Bro Cynllaith – No provision

Ysgol Pennant – Cylch Meithrin Penybontfawr

Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant – Cylch Meithrin Llanrhaeadr

### **Travel Assessments**

#### **i) Closest school**

An analysis of pupil travel patterns has been carried out, based on the pupils that were attending the three schools on the 2020 PLASC date.

The closest provider for the pupils at each school was as follows:

	<b>Pupils attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</b>
Ysgol Bro Cynllaith	88.5%
Trefonen CofE Primary School	3.8%
Llangedwyn C. in W. School	3.8%
Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant	3.8%

Based on this information, Ysgol Bro Cynllaith is the closest school for 88.5% of the school's pupils on roll in January 2020.

	<b>Pupils attending Ysgol Gynradd Pennant</b>
Ysgol Gynradd Pennant	85.7%

Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant	8.6%
Ysgol Pontrobert	2.9%
Ysgol Cwm Banwy	1.4%
Ysgol Llanfyllin	1.4%

Based on this information, Ysgol Gynradd Pennant is the closest school for 85.7% of the school's pupils on roll in January 2020.

	<b>Pupils attending Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</b>
Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant	86.3%
Ysgol Gynradd Pennant	5.5%
Llansantffraid C. in W. School	2.7%
Llangedwyn C. in W. School	2.7%
Ysgol Llanfyllin	2.7%

Based on this information, Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant is the closest school for 86.3% of the school's pupils on roll in January 2020.

## **ii) Average travel distance**

The average travel distance for all pupils on roll in January 2020 at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith is 1.77 miles.

The average travel distance for all pupils on roll in January 2020 at Ysgol Gynradd Pennant is 2.98 miles.

The average travel distance for all pupils on roll in January 2020 at Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant is 3.01 miles.

## **iii) Furthest travel distance**

Of the pupils that attended Ysgol Bro Cynllaith in January 2020, the furthest travel distance to the school for those pupils for whom Ysgol Bro Cynllaith is the closest provider is 3.4 miles.

Of the pupils that attended Ysgol Gynradd Pennant in January 2020, the furthest travel distance to the school for those pupils for whom Ysgol Gynradd Pennant is the closest provider is 8.4 miles.

Of the pupils that attended Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant in January 2020, the furthest travel distance to the school for those pupils for whom Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant is the closest provider is 12.5 miles.

### **3.2 WHY CHANGE IS NEEDED AT YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH, YSGOL GYNRADD PENNANT AND YSGOL GYNRADD LLANRHAEDR-YM-MOCHNANT**

The Programme Business Case for the Llanfyllin / North Welshpool catchment which was considered by Cabinet in September 2020 identified four significant issues in respect of the catchment area:

- i) The catchment includes a number of small schools, which fall below the Welsh Government’s definition of a small school (schools below 91 pupils), and there is a trend of falling school rolls in these schools
- ii) There are currently 341 surplus places in the catchment
- iii) A number of schools in the catchment area means have an average budget share pupil which is significantly higher than the Powys average
- iv) Four of the ten schools in the catchment have a school building which is condition C. Only one school in the catchment is assessed as condition A.

In addition, the Programme Business Case outlines the Council’s aim to improve access to Welsh-medium provision across all key stages.

The following is a summary of the challenges facing each of the three schools.

#### **3.2.1 YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH**

##### **i) Low pupil numbers**

Current pupil numbers<sup>16</sup> at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith are as follows:

	<b>R</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</b>	4	1	3	4	5	3	4	24

The Welsh Government defines a ‘small school’ as a school with fewer than 91 pupils, and are expected to remain below 30 for the foreseeable future.

<sup>16</sup> Finance NOR – 2020 Pupil Count Day (6<sup>th</sup> November 2020)

The school's low pupil numbers have also resulted in a high number of surplus places at the school. Based on current pupil numbers, there is currently 50% surplus capacity at the school.

#### **ii) High budget share per pupil**

Based on the Council's Section 52 Budget Statement for 2020-21, the school's budget share per pupil during 2020-21 was £7,295. This is significantly higher than the Powys average of £4,264. Ysgol Bro Cynllaith is ranked the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest school in Powys by budget share per pupil.

#### **iii) Issues with the building**

A Welsh Government condition survey carried out in 2009 judged that the condition of the building was 'B – Good' and its suitability was 'B – Good'. In 2020, the Council commissioned a new condition survey which concluded that the condition grading of the school was C+. The school is run from within a building thought to have been constructed circa 1960's. The original building is constructed from cavity walls and laid in a stretcher bond formation, with one timber framed building used as an additional teaching area. The cabin known as 'Block B' is approaching the end of its life expectancy and is showing signs of deterioration.

#### **iv) Leadership**

Whilst there is permanent leadership in place in Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, the headteacher has a significant teaching commitment, which limits the time available to focus on leadership of the school.

### **3.2.2 YSGOL PENNANT**

#### **i) Relatively small school**

The Welsh Government defines a 'small school' as a school with fewer than 91 pupils.

Current pupil numbers at Ysgol Pennant are 82, and pupil numbers at Ysgol Pennant are expected to fall to 69 by 2025, therefore the school meets the Welsh Government's definition of a 'small school'.

#### **i) Issues with the building**

The findings of the Welsh Government's condition survey carried out in 2009 found that the condition of the building was 'B – Good', however its suitability was assessed as 'B/C – Good/Poor'. The school has a mobile classroom that is in a poor condition.

### **3.2.3 YSGOL LLANRHAEADR-YM-MOCHNANT**

#### **i) Relatively small school**

The Welsh Government defines a 'small school' as a school with fewer than 91 pupils. Ysgol Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant currently has 73 pupils, therefore meets the Welsh Government's definition of a small school.

Pupil projections show a growth in pupil numbers by 2025, from 73 to 89. Even with the projected growth in pupil numbers, the school would continue to come within the Welsh Government's definition of a 'small school'.

Based on current pupil numbers, the school has 35 (32.4%) surplus places.

#### **ii) Budget share per pupil**

Based on the Council's Section 52 Budget Statement for 2020-21, the school's budget share per pupil during 2020-21 was £5,860. This is higher than the Powys average of £4,264. Ysgol Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant is ranked the 11<sup>th</sup> highest school in Powys by budget share per pupil.

#### **iii) Dual stream model**

Ysgol Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant is a dual-stream school, with pupils taught in either the Welsh or English language. However, pupil numbers at the school are relatively small, and the number of pupils taught in each stream is also small. There are currently 39 pupils in the Welsh stream, and 34 pupils in the English stream.

This is a challenge for the school as educational provision and resources are duplicated. It also means that pupils are taught in classes with a high number of year groups in each class.

## PART B – OPTIONS FOR YSGOL BRO CYNLLAITH, YSGOL GYNRADD PENNANT, AND YSGOL GYNRADD LLANRHAEDR YM MOCHANT

### 4. AVAILABLE OPTIONS

The following options have been identified in respect of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, Ysgol Gynradd Pennant and Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant.

Option	Description
1	Status quo – the three schools continue as standalone schools.
<b><u>2 – Federation options</u></b>	
2a	Federate Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr. Pennant continues as standalone school.
2b	Federate Llanrhaeadr and Pennant. Bro Cynllaith continues as standalone school.
2c	Federate Bro Cynllaith and Pennant. Llanrhaeadr continues as standalone school.
2d	Federate Bro Cynllaith, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant.
<b><u>3 – Federation and closure</u></b>	
3a	Federate Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr. Close Pennant.
3b	Federate Llanrhaeadr and Pennant. Close Bro Cynllaith.
3c	Federate Bro Cynllaith and Pennant. Close Llanrhaeadr.
<b><u>4 – 2 sited school options</u></b>	
4a	Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on two sites. Pennant continues as standalone school.
4b	Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites. Bro C continues as standalone school.
4c	Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites. Llanrhaeadr continues as standalone school.
<b><u>5 – 2 sited school options and closure</u></b>	

5a	Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on two sites. Close Pennant.
5b	Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites. Close Bro C.
5c	Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites. Close Llanrhaeadr.
<b><u>6 – 3 sited school option</u></b>	
6	Merge Bro C, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on three sites.
<b><u>7 – 2 school merger on 1 site</u></b>	
7a	Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on one site – Bro C. Pennant continues as standalone school.
7b	Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on one site – Llanrhaeadr. Pennant continues as standalone school.
7c	Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on one site - Llanrhaeadr. Bro C continues as standalone school.
7d	Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on one site - Pennant. Bro C continues as standalone school.
7e	Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on one site – Bro C. Llanrhaeadr continues as a standalone school.
7f	Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on one site – Pennant. Llanrhaeadr continues as a standalone school.
<b><u>8 – 2 school merger on 1 site and closure</u></b>	
8a	Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on one site – Bro C. Close Pennant.
8b	Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on one site – Llanrhaeadr. Close Pennant.
8c	Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on one site - Llanrhaeadr. Close Bro C.
8d	Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on one site - Pennant. Close Bro C.

8e	Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on one site – Bro C. Close Llanrhaeadr.
8f	Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on one site – Pennant. Close Llanrhaeadr.
<b><u>9 – 3 school merger on 2 sites</u></b>	
9a	Merge Bro C, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites – Bro C and Llanrhaeadr.
9b	Merge Bro C, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites – Bro C and Pennant.
9c	Merge Bro C, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites – Llanrhaeadr and Pennant.
<b><u>10 – Close 1 school</u></b>	
10a	Close Ysgol Bro C. Retain Llanrhaeadr and Pennant as standalone schools.
10b	Close Pennant. Retain Ysgol Bro C and Llanrhaeadr as standalone schools.
10c	Close Llanrhaeadr. Retain Ysgol Bro C and Pennant as standalone schools.
<b><u>11 – Close 2 schools</u></b>	
11a	Close Ysgol Bro C and Pennant. Retain Llanrhaeadr.
11b	Close Ysgol Bro C and Llanrhaeadr. Retain Pennant.
11c	Close Pennant and Llanrhaeadr. Retain Ysgol Bro C.
<b><u>12 – Close all 3 schools</u></b>	
12	Close Ysgol Bro C, Pennant and Llanrhaeadr.

## 5. SWOT ANALYSIS OF EACH OPTION

SWOT analyses for all of the four options are provided below.

**Option 1:** Status quo – the three schools continue as standalone schools

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin, Pennant and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</li> <li>- There would be no additional home to school transport costs</li> <li>- No requirement for a reorganisation process</li> <li>- No change for staff</li> <li>- No impact on pupils</li> <li>- Would provide continued access to Welsh-medium, dual stream and English-medium provision in the area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All three schools would continue to meet the Welsh Government definition of a 'small school'</li> <li>- Pupil numbers at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would remain below 30</li> <li>- Would not lead to a rationalisation of primary provision</li> <li>- Would still be running three buildings</li> <li>- Would not reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would not lead to a financial saving</li> <li>- Would not address issues with suitability and condition of school buildings</li> <li>- Would not address the high budget per pupil</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration between the three schools to provide increased opportunities for pupils</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum could be a challenge at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith due to small pupil numbers</li> </ul>

**Option 2a:** Federate Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr. Pennant continues as standalone school

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin, Pennant and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</li> <li>- There would be no additional home to school transport costs</li> <li>- No change for staff</li> <li>- Would provide continued access to Welsh-medium, dual stream and English-medium provision in the area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All three schools would continue to meet the Welsh Government definition of a 'small school'</li> <li>- Pupil numbers at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would remain below 30</li> <li>- Would not lead to a rationalisation of primary provision</li> <li>- Pupils at the three schools would still be taught separately</li> <li>- Would still be running three buildings</li> <li>- Would not reduce surplus places</li> <li>- Would not lead to a financial saving to the Council</li> <li>- Would not address issues with the condition and suitability of the school buildings</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would not address the high budget per pupil</li> <li>- Ysgol Bro Cynllaith is an English-medium school whilst Ysgol Llanrhaeadr is a dual stream school</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration between Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr to provide increased opportunities for pupils</li> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between staff at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Opportunities to introduce shared leadership across the Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr sites.</li> <li>- Opportunity for Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr to operate more efficiently as part of a federation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site</li> </ul>

**Option 2b:** Federate Llanrhaeadr and Pennant. Bro C continues as standalone school

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin, Pennant and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</li> <li>- There would be no additional home to school transport costs</li> <li>- No change for staff</li> <li>- Would provide continued access to Welsh-medium, dual stream and English-medium provision in the area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All three schools would continue to meet the Welsh Government definition of a 'small school'</li> <li>- Pupil numbers at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would remain below 30</li> <li>- Would not lead to a rationalisation of primary provision</li> <li>- Pupils at the three schools would still be taught separately</li> <li>- Would still be running three buildings</li> <li>- Would not reduce surplus places</li> <li>- Would not lead to a financial saving to the Council</li> <li>- Would not address issues with the condition and suitability of the school buildings</li> <li>- Would not address the high budget per pupil</li> <li>- Ysgol Pennant is a Welsh-medium school whilst Ysgol Llanrhaeadr is a dual stream school</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Does not introduce any change to the smallest of the three schools</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration between Pennant and Llanrhaeadr to provide increased opportunities for pupils</li> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between staff at Pennant and Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Opportunities to introduce shared leadership across the Pennant and Llanrhaeadr sites.</li> <li>- Opportunity for Pennant and Llanrhaeadr to operate more efficiently as part of a federation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site</li> </ul>

**Option 2c:** Federate Bro Cynllaith and Pennant. Llanrhaeadr continues as standalone school

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin, Pennant and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</li> <li>- There would be no additional home to school transport costs</li> <li>- No change for staff</li> <li>- Would provide continued access to Welsh-medium, dual stream and English-medium provision in the area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All three schools would continue to meet the Welsh Government definition of a 'small school'</li> <li>- Pupil numbers at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would remain below 30</li> <li>- Would not lead to a rationalisation of primary provision</li> <li>- Pupils at the three schools would still be taught separately</li> <li>- Would still be running three buildings</li> <li>- Would not reduce surplus places</li> <li>- Would not lead to a financial saving to the Council</li> <li>- Would not address issues with the condition and suitability of the school buildings</li> <li>- Would not address the high budget per pupil</li> <li>- Ysgol Bro Cynllaith is an English-medium school whilst Ysgol Pennant is a Welsh-medium school</li> <li>- Doesn't make geographical sense – Llanrhaeadr is located in between Bro Cynllaith and Pennant</li> </ul>

<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration between Bro Cynllaith and Pennant to provide increased opportunities for pupils</li> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between staff at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant</li> <li>- Opportunities to introduce shared leadership across the Bro Cynllaith and Pennant sites.</li> <li>- Opportunity for Bro Cynllaith and Pennant to operate more efficiently as part of a federation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site</li> <li>- Possible impact on Welsh language ethos of Ysgol Pennant</li> </ul>

**Option 2d: Federate Bro Cynllaith, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant.**

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin, Pennant and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</li> <li>- There would be no additional home to school transport costs</li> <li>- Minimal change for staff</li> <li>- Would provide continued access to Welsh-medium, dual stream and English-medium provision in the area</li> <li>- Improved governance arrangements through the establishment of one governing body to oversee all three schools.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All three schools would continue to meet the Welsh Government definition of a ‘small school’</li> <li>- Pupil numbers at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would remain below 30</li> <li>- Would not lead to a rationalisation of primary provision</li> <li>- Pupils at the three schools would still be taught separately</li> <li>- Would still be running three buildings</li> <li>- Would not reduce surplus places</li> <li>- Would not lead to a financial saving to the Council</li> <li>- Would not address issues with the condition and suitability of the school buildings</li> <li>- Would not address the high budget per pupil</li> <li>- All three schools are different language categories</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration between the three schools to provide increased opportunities for pupils</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between staff at the three schools</li> <li>- Opportunities to introduce shared leadership across the three schools.</li> <li>- Opportunity for the three schools to operate more efficiently as part of a federation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>curriculum on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site</li> <li>- Possible impact on Welsh language ethos of Ysgol Pennant</li> </ul>
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**Option 3a: Federate Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr. Close Pennant**

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to an increase in pupil numbers at Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- Minimal impact on staff at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupil numbers at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would remain below 30</li> <li>- Pupils at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr would still be taught separately.</li> <li>- Loss of provision from Penybontfawr</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Pennant from Penybontfawr</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Impact on staff at Pennant</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the largest school of the three</li> <li>- Would not be capacity at Llanrhaeadr to accommodate all pupils currently attending Pennant</li> <li>- Investment would be needed at Llanrhaeadr to provide additional places</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the only designated Welsh-medium school in the Llanfyllin catchment</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration between Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr to provide increased opportunities for pupils</li> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site</li> </ul>

<p>staff at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities to introduce shared leadership across the Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr sites.</li> <li>- Opportunity for Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr to operate more efficiently as part of a federation.</li> <li>- Opportunity to strengthen the Welsh ethos of Llanrhaeadr should Pennant pupils transfer to the school.</li> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Pennant site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupils currently attending a Welsh-medium school would need to transfer to a dual stream school.</li> </ul>
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**Option 3b: Federate Llanrhaeadr and Pennant. Close Bro Cynllaith**

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Pennant and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would address the high budget per pupil</li> <li>- Would lead to an increase in pupil numbers at Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- Minimal impact on staff at Llanrhaeadr and Pennant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupils at Pennant and Llanrhaeadr would still be taught separately.</li> <li>- Loss of provision from Llansilin</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Bro Cynllaith from Llansilin</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol bro Cynllaith would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Some pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith may live closer to schools outside Powys</li> <li>- Impact on staff at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Ysgol Pennant is a Welsh-medium school whilst Ysgol Llanrhaeadr is a dual stream school</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration between Pennant and Llanrhaeadr to provide increased opportunities for pupils</li> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between staff at Pennant and Llanrhaeadr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities to introduce shared leadership across the Pennant and Llanrhaeadr sites.</li> <li>- Opportunity for Pennant and Llanrhaeadr to operate more efficiently as part of a federation.</li> <li>- Opportunity to strengthen the Welsh ethos of Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Bro Cynllaith site.</li> </ul>	
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**Option 3c: Federate Bro Cynllaith and Pennant. Close Llanrhaeadr.**

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Pennant and Llansilin</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- Minimal impact on staff at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupil numbers at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would remain below 30</li> <li>- Pupils at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant would still be taught separately.</li> <li>- Loss of provision from Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Llanrhaeadr from the village</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Impact on staff at Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the building which is in the best condition of the three</li> <li>- May not be capacity at other schools to accommodate all pupils currently attending Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Ysgol Bro Cynllaith is an English-medium school whilst Ysgol Pennant is a Welsh-medium school</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration between Bro Cynllaith and Pennant to provide increased opportunities for pupils</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between staff at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant</li> <li>- Opportunities to introduce shared leadership across the Bro Cynllaith and Pennant sites.</li> <li>- Opportunity for Bro Cynllaith and Pennant to operate more efficiently as part of a federation.</li> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Llanrhaeadr site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possible impact on Welsh language ethos of Ysgol Pennant</li> </ul>
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**Option 4a:** Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on two sites. Pennant continues as a standalone school

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin, Pennant and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</li> <li>- There would be no additional home to school transport costs</li> <li>- Would provide continued access to a designated Welsh-medium school in the area</li> <li>- Opportunity to realise a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- Minimal impact on pupils</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupil numbers on the Llansilin site would remain below 30</li> <li>- Would not lead to a rationalisation of primary provision</li> <li>- Pupils on the three sites would still be taught separately</li> <li>- Would still be running three buildings</li> <li>- Would not reduce surplus places</li> <li>- Would not address issues with the condition and suitability of the school buildings</li> <li>- Ysgol Bro Cynllaith is an English-medium school whilst Ysgol Llanrhaeadr is a dual stream school</li> <li>- Staff at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr would have to undergo a restructure process</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration across the Llansilin and Llanrhaeadr sites to provide increased opportunities for pupils</li> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between staff at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Opportunity for Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr to operate more</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Llansilin site</li> </ul>

efficiently as part of a dual sited school.	
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**Option 4b:** Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites. Bro C continues as standalone school

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin, Pennant and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</li> <li>- There would be no additional home to school transport costs</li> <li>- Opportunity to realise a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- Minimal impact on pupils</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupil numbers at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would remain below 30</li> <li>- Would not lead to a rationalisation of primary provision</li> <li>- Pupils on the three sites would still be taught separately</li> <li>- Would still be running three buildings</li> <li>- Would not reduce surplus places</li> <li>- Would not address issues with the condition and suitability of the school buildings</li> <li>- Would not address the high budget per pupil at Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Ysgol Pennant is currently a Welsh-medium school whilst Ysgol Llanrhaeadr is a dual stream school</li> <li>- Does not introduce any change to the smallest of the three schools</li> <li>- Staff at Pennant and Llanrhaeadr would have to undergo a restructure process</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration across the Pennant and Llanrhaeadr sites to provide increased opportunities for pupils</li> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between staff at the Pennant and Llanrhaeadr sites</li> <li>- Opportunity for Pennant and Llanrhaeadr to operate more efficiently as part of a dual sited school.</li> <li>- Opportunity to strengthen the Welsh language ethos on the Llanrhaeadr site</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site</li> <li>- Possible threat to the Welsh language ethos of Ysgol Pennant</li> </ul>

**Option 4c:** Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites.  
Llanrhaeadr continues as a standalone school

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin, Pennant and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</li> <li>- There would be no additional home to school transport costs</li> <li>- Opportunity to realise a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- Minimal impact on pupils</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupil numbers on the Llansilin site would remain below 30</li> <li>- Would not lead to a rationalisation of primary provision</li> <li>- Pupils on the three sites would still be taught separately</li> <li>- Would still be running three buildings</li> <li>- Would not reduce surplus places</li> <li>- Would not address issues with the condition and suitability of the school buildings</li> <li>- Would not address the high budget per pupil at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Ysgol Bro Cynllaith is an English-medium school whilst Ysgol Pennant is a Welsh-medium school</li> <li>- Doesn't make geographical sense – Llanrhaeadr is located in between Bro Cynllaith and Pennant</li> <li>- Staff at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant would have to undergo a restructure process</li> </ul>
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration across the Bro Cynllaith and Pennant sites to provide increased opportunities for pupils</li> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between staff at the Bro Cynllaith and Pennant sites</li> <li>- Opportunity for Bro Cynllaith and Pennant to operate more efficiently as part of a dual sited school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Llansilin site</li> <li>- Possible threat to the Welsh language ethos of Ysgol Pennant</li> </ul>

**Option 5a:** Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on two sites.  
Close Pennant

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to an increase in pupil numbers on the Llanrhaeadr site</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- Minimal impact on pupils at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupil numbers on the Llansilin site would remain below 30</li> <li>- Pupils at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr would still be taught separately.</li> <li>- Loss of provision from Penybontfawr</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Pennant from Penybontfawr</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Impact on staff at Pennant</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the largest school of the three</li> <li>- Would not be capacity at Llanrhaeadr to accommodate all pupils currently attending Pennant</li> <li>- Investment would be needed at Llanrhaeadr to provide additional places</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the only designated Welsh-medium school in the Llanfyllin catchment</li> <li>- Staff at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr would have to undergo a restructure process.</li> <li>- Bro Cynllaith is an English-medium school whilst Llanrhaeadr is dual stream.</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration across the Llansilin and Llanrhaeadr sites to provide increased opportunities for pupils</li> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between staff at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Opportunity for Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr to operate more efficiently as part of a dual sited school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending a Welsh-medium school would need to transfer to a dual stream school.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to strengthen the Welsh ethos on the Llanrhaeadr site should Pennant pupils transfer to the school.</li> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Pennant site.</li> </ul>	
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**Option 5b:** Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites. Close Bro C

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Pennant and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would address the high budget per pupil at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Would lead to an increase in pupil numbers at Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- Minimal impact on pupils at Llanrhaeadr and Pennant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupils at Pennant and Llanrhaeadr would still be taught separately.</li> <li>- Loss of provision from Llansilin</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Bro Cynllaith from Llansilin</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Some pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith may live closer to schools outside Powys</li> <li>- Impact on staff at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Staff at Llanrhaeadr and Pennant would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- Ysgol Pennant is a Welsh-medium school whilst Ysgol Llanrhaeadr is a dual stream school</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration across the Pennant and Llanrhaeadr sites to provide increased opportunities for pupils</li> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between staff at the Pennant and Llanrhaeadr sites</li> <li>- Opportunity for Pennant and Llanrhaeadr to operate more</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Llansilin site.</li> <li>- Possible threat to the Welsh language ethos of Pennant.</li> </ul>

<p>efficiently as part of a dual sited school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to strengthen the Welsh ethos of Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Bro Cynllaith site.</li> </ul>	
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**Option 5c:** Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites. Close Llanrhaeadr

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Pennant and Llansilin</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- Minimal impact on pupils at Pennant and Llansilin.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupils at Llansilin and Pennant would still be taught separately.</li> <li>- Loss of provision from Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Llanrhaeadr from the village</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Impact on staff at Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the building which is in the best condition of the three</li> <li>- May not be capacity at other schools to accommodate all pupils currently attending Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Staff at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- Ysgol Bro Cynllaith is an English-medium school whilst Ysgol Pennant is a Welsh-medium school</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration between the Llansilin and Pennant sites to provide increased opportunities for pupils</li> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Llansilin site</li> <li>- Possible impact on Welsh language ethos of Ysgol Pennant</li> </ul>

<p>staff on the Llansilin and Pennant sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity for Bro Cynllaith and Pennant to operate more efficiently as part of a dual sited school.</li> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Llanrhaeadr site.</li> </ul>	
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**Option 6:** Merge Bro C, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on three sites

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin, Llanrhaeadr-ym-mochnant and Pennant</li> <li>- Pupils at all three schools would continue to attend school on their current site</li> <li>- There would be no additional home to school transport costs</li> <li>- More opportunities could be provided to pupils at all current schools</li> <li>- Could provide a financial saving to the Council</li> <li>- All staff would have the opportunity to apply for positions at the new school</li> <li>- Improved opportunities for staff from working in one larger school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Small numbers would remain on the Llansilin site in particular</li> <li>- Pupils would continue to be taught separately</li> <li>- Would still need to maintain three buildings</li> <li>- Would not address school building suitability and condition issues</li> <li>- Would not reduce surplus places</li> <li>- All schools would lose their identities</li> <li>- Possible additional transport costs during the school day to enable pupils to access joint activities</li> <li>- Would impact on staff at all three current schools</li> <li>- Possible reduction in job opportunities</li> <li>- The new school would have one very small site</li> <li>- Need to restructure leadership across all of the schools</li> <li>- All three schools have different language categories</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration across the sites</li> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between staff at the three sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Llansilin site</li> <li>- Possible impact on the Welsh language ethos of Ysgol Pennant</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for the three schools to operate more efficiently as part of a multi sited school.</li> </ul>	
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**Option 7a:** Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on one site – Bro C. Pennant continues as standalone school

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin and Pennant</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would provide continued access to a designated Welsh-medium school in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- No impact on pupils at Pennant</li> <li>- No impact on staff at Pennant</li> <li>- All staff at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr would have the opportunity to secure posts in the new school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Llanrhaeadr from the village</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Staff at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- Possible reduction in staffing requirements</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the building which is in the best condition of the three</li> <li>- May not be capacity at other schools to accommodate all pupils currently attending Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Investment would be needed to provide additional capacity</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Llanrhaeadr site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Llansilin site</li> </ul>

**Option 7b:** Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on one site – Llanrhaeadr. Pennant continues as standalone school

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llanrhaeadr and Pennant</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would provide continued access to a designated Welsh-medium school in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- No impact on pupils at Pennant</li> <li>- No impact on staff at Pennant</li> <li>- All staff at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr would have the opportunity to secure posts in the new school</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would attend a building which is in better condition should they transfer to Llanrhaeadr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Llansilin</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Bro Cynllaith from the village</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Some pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith may live closer to schools outside Powys</li> <li>- Staff at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- Possible reduction in staffing requirements</li> </ul>
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site</li> </ul>	

**Option 7c:** Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on one site - Llanrhaeadr. Bro C continues as standalone school

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llanrhaeadr and Llansilin</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- No impact on pupils at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Pennant</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Pennant from the village</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant would need to transfer to other schools</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No impact on staff at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- All staff at Llanrhaeadr and Pennant would have the opportunity to secure posts in the new school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff at Llanrhaeadr and Pennant would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- Possible reduction in staffing requirements</li> <li>- Some investment would be needed to provide additional capacity</li> <li>- Ysgol Pennant is a Welsh-medium stream whilst Llanrhaeadr is a dual stream</li> <li>- Pupil numbers at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would remain below 30</li> <li>- Would not address the high budget per pupil at Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Does not introduce any change to the smallest of the three schools</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Pennant site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.</li> <li>- Possible threat to the Welsh language ethos at Pennant</li> </ul>

**Option 7d:** Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on one site - Pennant. Bro C continues as standalone school

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Pennant and Llansilin</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- No impact on pupils at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- No impact on staff at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- All staff at Llanrhaeadr and Pennant would have the opportunity to secure posts in the new school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Llanrhaeadr from the village</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Staff at Llanrhaeadr and Pennant would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- Possible reduction in staffing requirements</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some investment would be needed to provide additional capacity</li> <li>- Ysgol Pennant is a Welsh-medium stream whilst Llanrhaeadr is a dual stream</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the building which is in the best condition of the three</li> <li>- Pupil numbers at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would remain below 30</li> <li>- Would not address the high budget per pupil at Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Does not introduce any change to the smallest of the three schools</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Llanrhaeadr site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.</li> <li>- Possible threat to the Welsh language ethos at Pennant</li> </ul>

**Option 7e:** Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on one site – Bro C. Llanrhaeadr continues as a standalone school

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin and Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- No impact on pupils at Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- No impact on staff at Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- All staff at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant would have the opportunity to secure posts in the new school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Pennant</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Pennant from the village</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Staff at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- Possible reduction in staffing requirements</li> <li>- Would lead to retention of the smallest of the three sites</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May not be capacity at other schools to accommodate all pupils currently attending Pennant</li> <li>- Investment would be needed to provide additional capacity</li> <li>- Pennant is a Welsh-medium school whilst Bro Cynllaith is an English-medium school</li> <li>- Unlikely that Pennant pupils would transfer to the Llansilin site</li> <li>- Doesn't make geographical sense – Llanrhaeadr is located in between Bro Cynllaith and Pennant</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Pennant site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Llansilin site</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending a Welsh-medium school would need to transfer to a dual stream school.</li> </ul>

**Option 7f:** Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on one site – Pennant. Llanrhaeadr continues as a standalone school.

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Pennant and Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the smallest site of the three</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- No impact on pupils at Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- No impact on staff at Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- All staff at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant would have the opportunity to secure posts in the new school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Llansilin</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Bro Cynllaith from the village</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Some pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith may live closer to schools outside Powys</li> <li>- Staff at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- Possible reduction in staffing requirements</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pennant is a Welsh-medium school whilst Bro Cynllaith is an English-medium school</li> <li>- Doesn't make geographical sense – Llanrhaeadr is located in between Bro Cynllaith and Pennant</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possible threat to the Welsh language ethos of Ysgol Pennant.</li> </ul>

**Option 8a:** Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on one site – Bro C. Close Pennant

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- All staff at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr would have the opportunity to secure posts in the new school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Llanrhaeadr and Pennant</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant from the villages</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Staff at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- Staff at Ysgol Pennant would face a redundancy process</li> <li>- Unfair to staff at Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Would lead to retention of the smallest site of the three</li> <li>- Would not be capacity at other schools to accommodate all pupils currently attending Llanrhaeadr and Pennant</li> <li>- Significant investment would be needed to provide additional capacity</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the building which is in the best condition of the three</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would lead to closure of the only Welsh-medium school in the catchment area</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Llanrhaeadr and Pennant sites.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Llansilin site</li> <li>- Significant capital investment would be needed – unlikely that this would be funded by WG</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the only Welsh-medium school in the catchment area</li> </ul>

**Option 8b:** Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on one site – Llanrhaeadr. Close Pennant

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- All staff at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr would have the opportunity to secure posts in the new school</li> <li>- Would address the high budget per pupil at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Llansilin and Pennant</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant from the villages</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Some pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith may live closer to schools outside Powys</li> <li>- Staff at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- Staff at Ysgol Pennant would face a redundancy process</li> <li>- Unfair to staff at Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Some investment would be needed to provide additional capacity at Llanrhaeadr</li> </ul>

	- Would lead to closure of the only Welsh-medium school in the catchment area
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Bro Cynllaith and Pennant sites.	- Would lead to closure of the only Welsh-medium school in the catchment area

**Option 8c:** Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on one site - Llanrhaeadr. Close Bro C

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would retain the building which is in the best condition of the three</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- All staff at Llanrhaeadr and Pennant would have the opportunity to secure posts in the new school</li> <li>- Would address the high budget per pupil at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Llansilin and Pennant</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant from the villages</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Some pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith may live closer to schools outside Powys</li> <li>- Staff at Llanrhaeadr and Pennant would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- Staff at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would face a redundancy process</li> <li>- Unfair to staff at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Some investment would be needed to provide additional capacity at Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Ysgol Pennant is a Welsh-medium school whilst Llanrhaeadr is dual stream</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Bro Cynllaith and Pennant sites.	- Possible threat to the Welsh-medium ethos of Ysgol Pennant

- Opportunity to strengthen the Welsh ethos at Llanrhaeadr	
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**Option 8d:** Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on one site - Pennant. Close Bro C

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Pennant</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- All staff at Llanrhaeadr and Pennant would have the opportunity to secure posts in the new school</li> <li>- Would address the high budget per pupil at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Llansilin and Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr from the villages</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Some pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith may live closer to schools outside Powys</li> <li>- Staff at Llanrhaeadr and Pennant would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- Staff at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would face a redundancy process</li> <li>- Unfair to staff at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Investment would be needed to provide additional capacity at Pennant</li> <li>- Ysgol Pennant is a Welsh-medium school whilst Llanrhaeadr is dual stream</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the building which is in the best condition of the three</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr sites.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possible threat to the Welsh-medium ethos of Ysgol Pennant</li> </ul>

**Option 8e:** Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on one site – Bro C. Close Llanrhaeadr

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- All staff at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant would have the opportunity to secure posts in the new school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Llanrhaeadr and Pennant</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant from the villages</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Staff at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- Staff at Llanrhaeadr would face a redundancy process</li> <li>- Unfair to staff at Ysgol Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would lead to retention of the smallest site of the three</li> <li>- Would not be capacity at other schools to accommodate all pupils currently attending Llanrhaeadr and Pennant</li> <li>- Significant investment would be needed to provide additional capacity</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the building which is in the best condition of the three</li> <li>- Ysgol Pennant is a Welsh-medium school whilst Ysgol Bro Cynllaith is an English-medium school</li> <li>- Doesn't make geographical sense – Llanrhaeadr is located in between Ysgol Pennant and Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Llanrhaeadr and Pennant sites.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the new curriculum – would be difficult to provide educational opportunities which</li> </ul>

	<p>meet the requirements of the new curriculum on the Llansilin site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Significant capital investment would be needed – unlikely that this would be funded by WG</li> <li>- Threat to the Welsh ethos of Ysgol Pennant</li> </ul>
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**Option 8f:** Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on one site – Pennant. Close Llanrhaeadr.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Pennant</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- All staff at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant would have the opportunity to secure posts in the new school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Llanrhaeadr and Llansilin</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Bro Cynllaith from the villages</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Some pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith may live closer to schools outside Powys</li> <li>- Staff at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- Staff at Llanrhaeadr would face a redundancy process</li> <li>- Unfair to staff at Ysgol Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would not be capacity at other schools to accommodate all pupils currently attending Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Investment would be needed to provide additional capacity</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the building which is in the best condition of the three</li> <li>- Ysgol Pennant is a Welsh-medium school whilst Ysgol Bro Cynllaith is an English-medium school</li> <li>- Doesn't make geographical sense – Llanrhaeadr is located in between</li> </ul>

	Ysgol Pennant and Ysgol Bro Cynllaith
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Bro Cynllaith sites.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capital investment would be needed – unlikely that this would be funded by WG</li> <li>- Threat to the Welsh ethos of Ysgol Pennant</li> </ul>

**Option 9a:** Merge Bro C, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites – Bro C and Llanrhaeadr

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of the Pennant site</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- Would retain provision in Llanrhaeadr and Llansilin</li> <li>- Fairer for staff – all staff at the three schools would have the opportunity to apply for positions in the new school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Pennant</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Pennant from the village</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Pennant would have to transfer to a different location</li> <li>- Would not address issues with the suitability and condition of Bro Cynllaith building</li> <li>- All staff would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- May be a reduction in staffing requirements</li> <li>- There might not be sufficient capacity at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr for all of Pennant pupils</li> <li>- All three schools have different language categories</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration across the two sites</li> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between staff at the two sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Threat to the Welsh ethos of Ysgol Pennant</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for the schools to operate more efficiently as part of a multi sited school.</li> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Pennant site.</li> </ul>	
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**Option 9b:** Merge Bro C, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites – Bro C and Pennant

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of the Llanrhaeadr site</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- Would retain provision in Pennant and Llansilin</li> <li>- Fairer for staff – all staff at the three schools would have the opportunity to apply for positions in the new school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Llanrhaeadr from the village</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Llanrhaeadr would have to transfer to a different location</li> <li>- Would not address issues with the suitability and condition of Bro Cynllaith building</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the building which is in the best condition</li> <li>- All staff would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- May be a reduction in staffing requirements</li> <li>- There might not be sufficient capacity at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant for all of the Llanrhaeadr pupils</li> <li>- All three schools have different language categories</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration across the two sites</li> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between staff at the two sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Threat to the Welsh ethos of Ysgol Pennant</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for the schools to operate more efficiently as part of a multi sited school.</li> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Llanrhaeadr site.</li> </ul>	
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**Option 9c:** Merge Bro C, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites – Llanrhaeadr and Pennant

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of the Bro Cynllaith site</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> <li>- Would retain provision in Pennant and Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the smallest of three sites</li> <li>- Fairer for staff – all staff at the three schools would have the opportunity to apply for positions in the new school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Llansilin</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Bro Cynllaith from the village</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would have to transfer to a different location</li> <li>- Some pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith may live closer to schools outside Powys</li> <li>- All staff would have to undergo a restructure process</li> <li>- May be a reduction in staffing requirements</li> <li>- All three schools have different language categories</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for further collaboration across the two sites</li> <li>- More opportunities for networking and sharing good practice between staff at the two sites</li> <li>- Opportunities for the schools to operate more efficiently as part of a multi sited school.</li> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Llanrhaeadr site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Threat to the Welsh ethos of Ysgol Pennant</li> </ul>

**Option 10a:** Close Ysgol Bro C. Retain Llanrhaeadr and Pennant as standalone schools

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llanrhaeadr and Pennant</li> <li>- Would address the issue of low pupil numbers at Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Would reduce the Council's overall surplus capacity in primary schools</li> <li>- The Council would no longer need to maintain the Bro Cynllaith building</li> <li>- Revenue saving to the Council</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the smallest of the three schools</li> <li>- Minimal impact on the other schools</li> <li>- Pupils would attend larger schools, which would be better equipped to meet the requirements of the new curriculum</li> <li>- Pupils would attend larger schools, which could provide a wider range of educational and extra-curricular opportunities</li> <li>- Would retain access to Welsh-medium provision at Pennant and Llanrhaeadr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Llansilin</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Bro Cynllaith from the village</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Some pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith may live closer to schools outside Powys County Council Staff at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would face a redundancy process</li> </ul>
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Bro Cynllaith site</li> </ul>	

**Option 10b:** Close Pennant. Retain Ysgol Bro C and Llanrhaeadr as standalone schools

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin and Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would reduce the Council's overall surplus capacity in primary schools</li> <li>- The Council would no longer need to maintain the Pennant building</li> <li>- Revenue saving to the Council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Pennant</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Pennant from the village</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant</li> </ul>

- Minimal impact on any other schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Staff at Ysgol Pennant would face a redundancy process</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the only Welsh-medium school in the catchment area</li> <li>- Would lead to retention of the smallest of the three schools</li> <li>- There may not be sufficient capacity at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr for all Pennant pupils</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May not be sufficient available capacity in nearby schools</li> <li>-</li> </ul>

**Option 10c:** Close Llanrhaeadr. Retain Ysgol Bro C and Pennant as standalone schools

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llansilin and Pennant</li> <li>- Would reduce the Council's overall surplus capacity in primary schools</li> <li>- The Council would no longer need to maintain the Llanrhaeadr building</li> <li>- Revenue saving to the Council</li> <li>- Minimal impact on any other schools</li> <li>- Would retain access to a designated Welsh-medium school in the area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Llanrhaeadr from the village</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Staff at Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would face a redundancy process</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the building which is in the best condition of the three</li> <li>- Would lead to retention of the smallest of the three schools</li> <li>- There may not be sufficient capacity at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant for all Llanrhaeadr pupils</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>

- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Llanrhaeadr site	- May not be sufficient available capacity in nearby schools - Unlikely that capital investment would be funded by WG
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**Option 11a:** Close Ysgol Bro C and Pennant. Retain Llanrhaeadr

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would retain the building which is in the best condition of the three</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- The Council would no longer need to maintain the Bro Cynllaith and Pennant buildings</li> <li>- Revenue saving to the Council</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would attend larger schools, which would be better equipped to meet the requirements of the new curriculum</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would attend larger schools, which could provide a wider range of educational and extra-curricular opportunities</li> <li>- Llanrhaeadr School is located in a central area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Llansilin and Pennant</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol pennant from the villages</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Some pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith may live closer to schools outside Powys</li> <li>- Staff at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant would face a redundancy process</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the only designated Welsh-medium school in the area</li> <li>- May not be sufficient capacity at Llanrhaeadr to accommodate all pupils</li> <li>- Investment would be needed to provide additional capacity</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Pennant site</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupils currently attending a Welsh-medium school would be expected to transfer to a dual stream school</li> </ul>

**Option 11b:** Close Ysgol Bro C and Llanrhaeadr. Retain Pennant

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Pennant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Llansilin and Llanrhaeadr</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain access to a designated Welsh-medium school in the area</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- The Council would no longer need to maintain the Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr buildings</li> <li>- Revenue saving to the Council</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would attend larger schools, which would be better equipped to meet the requirements of the new curriculum</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would attend larger schools, which could provide a wider range of educational and extra-curricular opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr from the villages</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Some pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith may live closer to schools outside Powys</li> <li>- Staff at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would face a redundancy process</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the building which is in the best condition of the three</li> <li>- Would not be sufficient capacity at Pennant to accommodate all pupils</li> <li>- Investment would be needed to provide additional capacity</li> <li>- Pennant is not in the most central location to serve the area</li> <li>- Would be no access to English-medium provision in the area</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Llanrhaeadr and Bro Cynllaith sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupils may transfer to different schools</li> <li>- Additional capacity would be required – unlikely that capital investment would be funded by WG</li> </ul>

**Option 11c:** Close Pennant and Llanrhaeadr. Retain Ysgol Bro C

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would retain provision in Lansilin</li> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of Ysgol Pennant and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Would reduce surplus places in the area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from Pennant and Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with Ysgol Pennant and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr from the villages</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Staff at Ysgol Pennant and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would face a redundancy process</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the building which is in the best condition of the three</li> <li>- Would not be sufficient capacity at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith to accommodate all pupils</li> <li>- Significant investment would be needed to provide additional capacity</li> <li>- Llansilin is not in the most central location to serve the area</li> <li>- Would be no access to Welsh-medium provision in the area</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to realise a capital receipt from sale of the Llanrhaeadr and Pennant sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capital investment would be needed – unlikely that this would be funded by WG</li> <li>- Significant impact on access to Welsh-medium provision in the area</li> </ul>

**Option 12: Close Ysgol Bro C, Pennant and Llanrhaeadr**

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would lead to rationalisation of primary provision in the area through the closure of all three schools</li> <li>- Would reduce the Council's overall surplus capacity in primary schools</li> <li>- The Council would no longer need to maintain the Bro Cynllaith, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant buildings</li> <li>- Would lead to a financial saving to the authority</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of provision from all three communities</li> <li>- Loss of community facilities associated with the schools from the three villages</li> <li>- Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending all three schools</li> <li>- Pupils currently attending the three schools would need to transfer to other schools</li> <li>- Some pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith may live closer</li> </ul>

	<p>to schools outside Powys County Council Staff at all three schools would have to undergo a restructure process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would not be capacity at other schools to accommodate all pupils currently attending the three schools</li> <li>- Investment would be needed to provide additional capacity</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the Llanrhaeadr building which is a relatively new building</li> <li>- Would lead to closure of the only designated Welsh-medium school in the catchment</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>	<b>Threats</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity to realise capital receipts from sale of the three sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capital investment would be needed – unlikely that this would be funded by WG</li> <li>- Significant impact on access to Welsh-medium provision in the area</li> </ul>

## 6. IMPACT OF EACH OPTION

The likely impact of each option on quality and standards, the community and travelling arrangements is considered below:

Option	Likely impact on quality and standards	Likely impact on the community	Likely impact of different travelling arrangements
<b>Option 1</b> – Status quo – the three schools continue as standalone schools	Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, Ysgol Pennant and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would continue to operate as standalone schools, therefore there would be no impact on quality and standards.	There would be no impact on the community – provision would continue to be available in all three current locations.	There would be no impact on travel arrangements – pupils would continue in all three current locations.
<b>Option 2a</b> - Federate Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr. Pennant continues as standalone school	<p>The impact on quality and standards would be minimal. Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr would continue to operate as standalone schools. However, federation would mean that one joint governing body would be responsible for both schools. There would also be the potential for shared leadership across the two schools.</p> <p>Establishment of a federation could lead to opportunities to share staff / resources across the federation, which would have a positive impact on quality and standards.</p>	<p>The impact on the community would be minimal – provision would continue to be available in all three current locations.</p> <p>However, one new governing body would be responsible for Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr, therefore there could be a perceived reduction in community involvement in management of the school, depending on the make up of the federated governing body.</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available on all three current sites, therefore it is not anticipated that any additional home to school travel would be required.</p> <p>However, some additional travel may be required between Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr in order to access joint activities and events.</p>

	There would be no impact on Pennant.		
<b>Option 2b</b> - Federate Llanrhaeadr and Pennant. Bro Cynllaith continues as standalone school	<p>The impact on quality and standards would be minimal. Llanrhaeadr and Pennant would continue to operate as standalone schools. However, federation would mean that one joint governing body would be responsible for both schools. There would also be the potential for shared leadership across the two schools.</p> <p>Establishment of a federation could lead to opportunities to share staff / resources across the federation, which would have a positive impact on quality and standards.</p> <p>There would be no impact on Bro Cynllaith.</p>	<p>The impact on the community would be minimal – provision would continue to be available in all three current locations.</p> <p>However, one new governing body would be responsible for Llanrhaeadr and Pennant, therefore there could be a perceived reduction in community involvement in management of the school, depending on the make up of the federated governing body.</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available on all three current sites, therefore it is not anticipated that any additional home to school travel would be required.</p> <p>However, some additional travel may be required between Llanrhaeadr and Pennant in order to access joint activities and events.</p>
<b>Option 2c</b> – Federate Bro Cynllaith and Pennant. Llanrhaeadr continues as a standalone school	<p>The impact on quality and standards would be minimal. Bro Cynllaith and Pennant would continue to operate as standalone schools. However, federation would mean that one joint governing body would be responsible for both schools. There</p>	<p>The impact on the community would be minimal – provision would continue to be available in all three current locations.</p> <p>However, one new governing body would be responsible for Bro Cynllaith and Pennant, therefore</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available on all three current sites, therefore it is not anticipated that any additional home to school travel would be required.</p> <p>However, some additional travel may be required between Bro</p>

	<p>would also be the potential for shared leadership across the two schools.</p> <p>Establishment of a federation could lead to opportunities to share staff / resources across the federation, which would have a positive impact on quality and standards.</p> <p>There would be no impact on Llanrhaeadr.</p>	<p>there could be a perceived reduction in community involvement in management of the school, depending on the make up of the federated governing body.</p>	<p>Cynllaith and Pennant in order to access joint activities and events.</p>
<p><b>Option 2d - Federate Bro Cynllaith, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant</b></p>	<p>The impact on quality and standards would be minimal. Bro Cynllaith, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant would continue to operate as standalone schools. However, federation would mean that one joint governing body would be responsible for all three schools. There would also be the potential for shared leadership across the three schools.</p> <p>Establishment of a federation could lead to opportunities to share staff / resources across the federation, which would have a positive impact on quality and standards.</p>	<p>The impact on the community would be minimal – provision would continue to be available in all three current locations.</p> <p>However, one new governing body would be responsible for the three sites, therefore there could be a perceived reduction in community involvement in management of the school, depending on the make up of the federated governing body.</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available on all three current sites, therefore it is not anticipated that any additional home to school travel would be required.</p> <p>However, some additional travel may be required between the three sites in order to access joint activities and events.</p>

<p><b>Option 3a - Federate Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr. Close Pennant.</b></p>	<p>The impact on quality and standards would be minimal. Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr would continue to operate as standalone schools. However, federation would mean that one joint governing body would be responsible for the two schools. There would also be the potential for shared leadership across the two schools.</p> <p>Establishment of a federation could lead to opportunities to share staff / resources across the federation, which would have a positive impact on quality and standards.</p> <p>Pennant would close and pupils would transfer to their closest alternative schools. For many pupils, this would be the Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr federation. The Council's view is that this would not have a significant impact on quality and standard of provision available for pupils. However, Welsh-medium pupils would be required to transfer to a dual stream school.</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available in Llansilin and Llanrhaeadr, however one new governing body would be responsible for the sites, therefore there could be a perceived reduction in community involvement in management of the school, depending on the make up of the federated governing body.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Pennant, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Penybontfawr. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Penybontfawr.</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr, therefore it is not anticipated that any additional home to school travel would be required. However, some additional travel may be required between the two schools in order to access joint activities and events.</p> <p>Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
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<p><b>Option 3b</b> - Federate Llanrhaeadr and Pennant. Close Bro Cynllaith</p>	<p>The impact on quality and standards would be minimal. Llanrhaeadr and Pennant would continue to operate as standalone schools. However, federation would mean that one joint governing body would be responsible for the two schools. There would also be the potential for shared leadership across the two schools.</p> <p>Establishment of a federation could lead to opportunities to share staff / resources across the federation, which would have a positive impact on quality and standards.</p> <p>Bro Cynllaith would close and pupils would transfer to their closest alternative schools. For many pupils, this would be the Llanrhaeadr and Pennant federation. The Council's view is that this would not have a significant impact on quality and standard of provision available for pupils.</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available in Llanrhaeadr and Pennant, however one new governing body would be responsible for the sites, therefore there could be a perceived reduction in community involvement in management of the school, depending on the make up of the federated governing body.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llansilin. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llansilin.</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available at Llanrhaeadr and Pennant, therefore it is not anticipated that any additional home to school travel would be required. However, some additional travel may be required between the two schools in order to access joint activities and events.</p> <p>Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 3c</b> – Federate Bro Cynllaith and</p>	<p>The impact on quality and standards would be minimal. Bro Cynllaith and Pennant would</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available in Llansilin and Pennant, however one new</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant,</p>

<p>Pennant. Close Llanrhaeadr.</p>	<p>continue to operate as standalone schools. However, federation would mean that one joint governing body would be responsible for the two schools. There would also be the potential for shared leadership across the two schools.</p> <p>Llanrhaeadr would close and pupils would transfer to their closest alternative schools. For many pupils, this would be the Bro Cynllaith and Pennant federation. The Council's view is that this would not have a significant impact on quality and standard of provision available for pupils.</p>	<p>governing body would be responsible for the sites, therefore there could be a perceived reduction in community involvement in management of the school, depending on the make up of the federated governing body.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Llanrhaeadr, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llanrhaeadr. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llanrhaeadr.</p>	<p>therefore it is not anticipated that any additional home to school travel would be required. However, some additional travel may be required between the two schools in order to access joint activities and events.</p> <p>Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Llanrhaeadr. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 4a</b> - Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on two sites. Pennant continues as standalone school</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith is currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p>	<p>The impact on the community would be minimal – provision would continue to be available in all three current locations.</p> <p>However, one new governing body would be responsible for Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr, therefore there could be a</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available on all three current sites, therefore it is not anticipated that any additional home to school travel would be required.</p> <p>However, some additional travel may be required between Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr in order</p>

	<p>Merging the two schools would provide opportunities to improve the provision at Llanrhaeadr through bringing the strengths of each school together.</p> <p>Whilst pupils would be on separate sites, there would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p> <p>There would be no change to quality and standards at Pennant.</p>	<p>perceived reduction in community involvement in management of the school, depending on the make up of the governing body.</p>	<p>to access joint activities and events.</p>
<p><b>Option 4b</b> - Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites. Bro C continues as standalone school</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support category with an improvement capacity of C. Pennant is currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Merging the two schools would provide opportunities to improve the provision at Llanrhaeadr through bringing the strengths of each school together.</p> <p>Whilst pupils would be on separate sites, there would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p>	<p>The impact on the community would be minimal – provision would continue to be available in all three current locations.</p> <p>However, one new governing body would be responsible for Llanrhaeadr and Pennant, therefore there could be a perceived reduction in community involvement in management of the school, depending on the make up of the governing body.</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available on all three current sites, therefore it is not anticipated that any additional home to school travel would be required.</p> <p>However, some additional travel may be required between Llanrhaeadr and Pennant in order to access joint activities and events.</p>

	There would be no change to quality and standards at Bro Cynllaith.		
<b>Option 4c – Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites. Llanrhaeadr continues as a standalone school</b>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, both Bro Cynllaith and Pennant are currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B.</p> <p>Merging the two schools would provide opportunities to improve the provision through bringing the strengths of each school together.</p> <p>Whilst pupils would be on separate sites, there would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p> <p>There would be no change to quality and standards at Llanrhaeadr.</p>	<p>The impact on the community would be minimal – provision would continue to be available in all three current locations.</p> <p>However, one new governing body would be responsible for Bro Cynllaith and Pennant, therefore there could be a perceived reduction in community involvement in management of the school, depending on the make up of the governing body.</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available on all three current sites, therefore it is not anticipated that any additional home to school travel would be required.</p> <p>However, some additional travel may be required between Bro Cynllaith and Pennant in order to access joint activities and events.</p>
<b>Option 5a – Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on two sites. Close Pennant</b>	Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith is currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber	Primary provision would continue to be available in Llansilin and Llanrhaeadr, however one new governing body would be responsible for the sites, therefore there could be a perceived	Primary provision would continue to be available at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr, therefore it is not anticipated that any additional home to school travel would be required. However,

	<p>support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Merging the two schools would provide opportunities to improve the provision at Llanrhaeadr through bringing the strengths of each school together.</p> <p>Whilst pupils would be on separate sites, there would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p> <p>This options would lead to closure of Ysgol Pennant. Primary provision for pupils at Pennant pupils would be available at Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr. Whilst Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C, it would be reasonable to expect that standards at the merged school would be at least the same standard as that currently provided in Pennant.</p> <p>Welsh-medium provision in the area would be lost.</p>	<p>reduction in community involvement in management of the school, depending on the make up of the governing body.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Pennant, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Penybontfawr. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Penybontfawr.</p>	<p>some additional travel may be required between the two schools in order to access joint activities and events.</p> <p>Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
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<p><b>Option 5b – Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites. Close Bro C</b></p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Pennant is currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Merging the two schools would provide opportunities to improve the provision at Llanrhaeadr through bringing the strengths of each school together.</p> <p>Whilst pupils would be on separate sites, there would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p> <p>This options would lead to closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith. Primary provision for pupils at Bro Cynllaith would be available at Llanrhaeadr and Pennant. Whilst Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C, it would be reasonable to expect that standards at the merged school would be at least the same standard as that currently provided in Bro Cynllaith.</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available in Llanrhaeadr and Pennant, however one new governing body would be responsible for the sites, therefore there could be a perceived reduction in community involvement in management of the school, depending on the make up of the governing body.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llansilin. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llansilin.</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available at Llanrhaeadr and Pennant, therefore it is not anticipated that any additional home to school travel would be required. However, some additional travel may be required between the two schools in order to access joint activities and events.</p> <p>Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
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<p><b>Option 5c</b> – Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites. Close Llanrhaeadr</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, both Bro Cynllaith and Pennant are currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B.</p> <p>Whilst pupils would be on separate sites, there would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Llanrhaeadr. Primary provision for pupils at Llanrhaeadr pupils would be available at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant.</p> <p>It would be expected that the impact on provision and educational standards would be positive.</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available in Llansilin and Pennant, however one new governing body would be responsible for the sites, therefore there could be a perceived reduction in community involvement in management of the school, depending on the make up of the governing body.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Llanrhaeadr, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llanrhaeadr. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school’s facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llanrhaeadr.</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant, therefore it is not anticipated that any additional home to school travel would be required. However, some additional travel may be required between the two schools in order to access joint activities and events.</p> <p>Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Llanrhaeadr. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council’s Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 6</b> – Merge Bro C, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on three sites</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith and Pennant are currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement</p>	<p>The impact on the community would be minimal – provision would continue to be available in all three current locations.</p>	<p>Primary provision would continue to be available on all three current sites, therefore it is not anticipated that any additional home to school travel would be required.</p>

	<p>capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Merging the three schools would provide opportunities to improve the provision at Llanrhaeadr by bringing the strengths of each school together.</p> <p>Whilst pupils would be on separate sites, there would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p>	<p>However, one new governing body would be responsible for the three sites, therefore there could be a perceived reduction in community involvement in management of the school, depending on the make up of the governing body.</p>	<p>However, some additional travel may be required between the three sites in order to access joint activities and events.</p>
<p><b>Option 7a</b> – Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on one site – Bro C. Pennant continues as standalone school</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith is currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Merging the two schools and establishing a new school on the Bro Cynllaith site would provide opportunities to improve the provision at Llanrhaeadr through bringing the strengths of each school together.</p>	<p>Ysgol Pennant would continue to operate as a standalone school, therefore there would be no impact on the community in the Pennant area.</p> <p>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would merge to establish one new school on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site. This would mean that there would be no provision in Llanrhaeadr, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of</p>	<p>Ysgol Pennant would continue to operate as a standalone school, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Pennant.</p> <p>Provision would continue on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.</p> <p>There would no longer be provision at Llanrhaeadr, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr. Whilst free home to</p>

	<p>There would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p> <p>However, the Llanrhaeadr building is in better condition than the Bro Cynllaith building. Locating the new school in the Bro Cynllaith building could impact on the opportunities available to learners by requiring them to attend a building which is in poorer condition.</p> <p>There would be no impact on the provision in Pennant.</p>	<p>the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant.</p>	<p>school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 7b</b> - Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on one site – Llanrhaeadr. Pennant continues as standalone school</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith is currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Merging the two schools and establishing a new school on the Llanrhaeadr site would provide opportunities to improve the provision at Llanrhaeadr by</p>	<p>Ysgol Pennant would continue to operate as a standalone school, therefore there would be no impact on the community in the Pennant area.</p> <p>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would merge to establish one new school on the Llanrhaeadr site. This would mean that there would be no provision on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llansilin. Should the</p>	<p>Ysgol Pennant would continue to operate as a standalone school, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Pennant.</p> <p>Provision would continue on the Llanrhaeadr site, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr.</p> <p>There would no longer be provision at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, therefore additional travel would be required</p>

	<p>bringing the strengths of each school together.</p> <p>There would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p> <p>The Llanrhaeadr building is in better condition than the Bro Cynllaith building. Locating the new school in the Llanrhaeadr building would have a positive impact on learners currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith as they would attend school in a better quality building.</p> <p>There would be no impact on the provision in Pennant.</p>	<p>school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llansilin.</p>	<p>for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 7c - Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on one site - Llanrhaeadr. Bro C continues as standalone school</b></p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Llanrhaeadr is currently in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C. Pennant is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of B.</p> <p>Merging the two schools and establishing a new school on the Llanrhaeadr site would provide</p>	<p>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would continue to operate as a standalone school, therefore there would be no impact on the community in the Llansilin area.</p> <p>Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant would merge to establish one new school on the Llanrhaeadr site. This would mean that there would be no provision on the Pennant site, therefore there would</p>	<p>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would continue to operate as a standalone school, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.</p> <p>Provision would continue on the Ysgol Llanrhaeadr site, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr.</p>

	<p>opportunities to improve the provision at Llanrhaeadr by bringing the strengths of each school together.</p> <p>There would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p> <p>The Llanrhaeadr building is in better condition than the Pennant building. Locating the new school in the Llanrhaeadr building would have a positive impact on learners currently attending Ysgol Pennant as they would attend school in a better quality building.</p> <p>There would be no impact on the provision in Bro Cynllaith.</p>	<p>be a significant impact on the local community in Penybontfawr. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Penybontfawr.</p>	<p>There would no longer be provision at Pennant, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 7d - Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on one site - Pennant. Bro C continues as standalone school</b></p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Llanrhaeadr is currently in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C. Pennant is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of B.</p> <p>Merging the two schools and establishing a new school on the</p>	<p>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would continue to operate as a standalone school, therefore there would be no impact on the community in the Llansilin area.</p> <p>Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant would merge to establish one new school on the Pennant site. This would mean that there would be no provision on the</p>	<p>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith would continue to operate as a standalone school, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.</p> <p>Provision would continue on the Ysgol Pennant site, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Pennant.</p>

	<p>Pennant site would provide opportunities to improve the provision at Llanrhaeadr by bringing the strengths of each school together.</p> <p>There would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p> <p>However, the Llanrhaeadr building is in better condition than the Pennant building. Locating the new school in the Pennant building could impact on the opportunities available to learners by requiring them to attend a building which is in poorer condition.</p> <p>There would be no impact on the provision in Bro Cynllaith.</p>	<p>Llanrhaeadr site, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant.</p>	<p>There would no longer be provision at Llanrhaeadr, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanraeadr. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 7e</b> – Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on one site – Bro C. Llanrhaeadr continues as a standalone school</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith is currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Pennant is in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B.</p>	<p>Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would continue to operate as a standalone school, therefore there would be no impact on the community in the Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant area.</p> <p>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant would merge to establish one new school on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site. This would mean</p>	<p>Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would continue to operate as a standalone school, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr.</p> <p>Provision would continue on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site, therefore no additional travel would be</p>

	<p>Merging the two schools and establishing a new school on the Bro Cynllaith site would provide opportunities to improve the provision at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant by bringing the strengths of each school together.</p> <p>There would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils on one site.</p> <p>There would be no impact on the provision in Llanrhaeadr.</p>	<p>that there would be no provision on the Pennant site, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Penybontfawr. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Penybontfawr.</p>	<p>required for pupils attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.</p> <p>There would no longer be provision at Pennant, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 7f</b> – Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on one site – Pennant. Llanrhaeadr continues as a standalone school.</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith is currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Pennant is in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B.</p> <p>Merging the two schools and establishing a new school on the Pennant site would provide opportunities to improve the provision at Bro Cynllaith and Pennant by bringing the strengths of each school together.</p>	<p>Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would continue to operate as a standalone school, therefore there would be no impact on the community in the Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant area.</p> <p>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant would merge to establish one new school on the Pennant site. This would mean that there would be no provision on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llansilin. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine</p>	<p>Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would continue to operate as a standalone school, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr.</p> <p>Provision would continue on the Pennant site, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Pennant.</p> <p>There would no longer be provision at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith. Whilst free home to</p>

	<p>There would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils on one site.</p> <p>There would be no impact on the provision in Llanrhaeadr.</p>	<p>the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llansilin.</p>	<p>school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 8a</b> - Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on one site – Bro C. Close Pennant</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith is currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Merging the two schools and establishing a new school on the Bro Cynllaith site would provide opportunities to improve the provision at Llanrhaeadr through bringing the strengths of each school together.</p> <p>There would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p> <p>However, the Llanrhaeadr building is in better condition than the Bro</p>	<p>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would merge to establish one new school on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site, therefore there would be no impact on the community in Llansilin.</p> <p>However, this would mean that there would be no provision in Llanrhaeadr, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant.</p>	<p>Provision would continue on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.</p> <p>There would no longer be provision at Llanrhaeadr, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p> <p>Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided</p>

	<p>Cynllaith building. Locating the new school in the Bro Cynllaith building could impact on the opportunities available to learners by requiring them to attend a building which is in poorer condition.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Pennant. Pennant pupils would be likely to transfer to the new school, where it is expected that the educational provision would be of at least the same quality as that currently provided in Pennant.</p> <p>Welsh-medium provision in the area would be lost.</p>	<p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Pennant, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Penybontfawr. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Penybontfawr.</p>	<p>to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 8b</b> - Merge Bro C and Llanrhaeadr to establish a new school on one site – Llanrhaeadr. Close Pennant</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith is currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Merging the two schools and establishing a new school on the Llanrhaeadr site would provide</p>	<p>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would merge to establish one new school on the Llanrhaeadr site, therefore there would be no impact on the community in Llanrhaeadr.</p> <p>However, this would mean that there would be no provision on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llansilin.</p>	<p>Provision would continue on the Llanrhaeadr site, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr.</p> <p>There would no longer be provision at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided</p>

	<p>opportunities to improve the provision at Llanrhaeadr by bringing the strengths of each school together.</p> <p>There would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p> <p>The Llanrhaeadr building is in better condition than the Bro Cynllaith building. Locating the new school in the Llanrhaeadr building would have a positive impact on learners currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith as they would attend school in a better quality building.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Pennant. Pennant pupils would be likely to transfer to the new school, where it is expected that the educational provision would be of at least the same quality as that currently provided in Pennant.</p> <p>Welsh-medium provision would be lost.</p>	<p>Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llansilin.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Pennant, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Penybontfawr. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Penybontfawr.</p>	<p>to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p> <p>Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
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<p><b>Option 8c</b> - Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on one site - Llanrhaeadr. Close Bro C</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C. Pennant is in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B.</p> <p>Merging the two schools and establishing a new school on the Llanrhaeadr site would provide opportunities to improve the provision at Llanrhaeadr by bringing the strengths of each school together.</p> <p>There would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p> <p>The Llanrhaeadr building is in better condition than the Pennant building. Locating the new school in the Llanrhaeadr building would have a positive impact on learners currently attending Ysgol Pennant as they would attend school in a better quality building.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith pupils would</p>	<p>Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant would merge to establish one new school on the Llanrhaeadr site, therefore there would be no impact on the community in Llanrhaeadr.</p> <p>However, this would mean that there would be no provision on the Ysgol Pennant site, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Penybontfawr. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Penybontfawr.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llansilin. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to</p>	<p>Provision would continue on the Llanrhaeadr site, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr.</p> <p>There would no longer be provision at Ysgol Pennant, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p> <p>Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
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	<p>be likely to transfer to the new school, where it is expected that the educational provision would be of at least the same quality as that currently provided in Bro Cynllaith.</p>	<p>requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llansilin.</p>	
<p><b>Option 8d - Merge Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on one site – Pennant. Close Bro C</b></p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C. Pennant is in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B.</p> <p>Merging the two schools and establishing a new school on the Pennant site would provide opportunities to improve the provision at Llanrhaeadr by bringing the strengths of each school together.</p> <p>There would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p> <p>However, the Llanrhaeadr building is in better condition than the Pennant building. Locating the new school in the Pennant building could impact on the opportunities</p>	<p>Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant would merge to establish one new school on the Pennant site, therefore there would be no impact on the community in Penybontfawr.</p> <p>However, this would mean that there would be no provision on the Ysgol Llanrhaeadr site, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, therefore</p>	<p>Provision would continue on the Pennant site, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Pennant.</p> <p>There would no longer be provision at Ysgol Llanrhaeadr, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p> <p>Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel</p>

	<p>available to learners by requiring them to attend a building which is in poorer condition.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith. Bro Cynllaith pupils would be likely to transfer to the new school, where it is expected that the educational provision would be of at least the same quality as that currently provided in Bro Cynllaith.</p>	<p>there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llansilin. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llansilin.</p>	<p>requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 8e</b> – Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on one site – Bro C. Close Llanrhaeadr</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith and Pennant are both in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Merging the two schools and establishing a new school on the Pennant site would provide opportunities to improve the provision of both schools by bringing the strengths of each school together.</p>	<p>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant would merge to establish one new school on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site, therefore there would be no impact on the community in Llansilin.</p> <p>However, this would mean that there would be no provision on the Ysgol Pennant site, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Penybontfawr. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that</p>	<p>Provision would continue on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.</p> <p>There would no longer be provision at Ysgol Pennant, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>

	<p>There would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Llanrhaeadr. Llanrhaeadr pupils would be likely to transfer to the new school, where it is expected that the educational provision would be better than that currently provided in Llanrhaeadr. However, the Llanrhaeadr building is in better condition than the bro Cynllaith. Should pupils transfer to the new school, they would be required to attend a building which is in poorer condition.</p>	<p>the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Penybontfawr.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Llanrhaeadr, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant.</p>	<p>Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 8f</b> – Merge Bro C and Pennant to establish a new school on one site – Pennant. Close Llanrhaeadr</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith and Pennant are both in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Merging the two schools and establishing a new school on the Pennant site would provide</p>	<p>Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant would merge to establish one new school on the Ysgol Pennant site, therefore there would be no impact on the community in Penybontfawr.</p> <p>However, this would mean that there would be no provision on the Ysgol Bro Cynllaith site, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llansilin.</p>	<p>Provision would continue on the Ysgol Pennant site, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Pennant.</p> <p>There would no longer be provision at Bro Cynllaith, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance</p>

	<p>opportunities to improve the provision of both schools by bringing the strengths of each school together.</p> <p>There would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Llanrhaeadr. Llanrhaeadr pupils would be likely to transfer to the new school, where it is expected that the educational provision would be better than that currently provided in Llanrhaeadr. However, the Llanrhaeadr building is in better condition than the bro Cynllaith. Should pupils transfer to the new school, they would be required to attend a building which is in poorer condition.</p>	<p>Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llansilin.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Llanrhaeadr, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant.</p>	<p>with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p> <p>Additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 9a</b> – Merge Bro C, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites –</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith and Pennant are currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement</p>	<p>Provision would continue to be available at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr, therefore there would be no impact on these communities.</p>	<p>Provision would continue to be available at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr, therefore there would be no additional travel</p>

<p>Bro C and Llanrhaeadr</p>	<p>capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Merging the three schools and establishing a new school on the Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr site would provide opportunities to improve the educational provision by bringing the strengths of three schools together.</p> <p>There would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p>	<p>There would be no provision at Pennant, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Penybontfawr. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Penybontfawr.</p>	<p>for pupils attending these two schools.</p> <p>There would be no provision at Pennant, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 9b</b> - Merge Bro C, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites – Bro C and Pennant</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith and Pennant are currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Merging the three schools and establishing a new school on the Bro Cynllaith and Pennant site would provide opportunities to improve the educational provision</p>	<p>Provision would continue to be available at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant, therefore there would be no impact on these communities.</p> <p>There would be no provision at Llanrhaeadr, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus</p>	<p>Provision would continue to be available at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant, therefore there would be no additional travel for pupils attending these two schools.</p> <p>There would be no provision at Llanrhaeadr, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also</p>

	<p>by bringing the strengths of the three schools together.</p> <p>There would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.</p> <p>However, the Llanrhaeadr building is in better condition than the Bro Cynllaith and Pennant buildings. Pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr would be required to attend a building which is in poorer condition.</p>	<p>to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant.</p>	<p>be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 9c</b> - Merge Bro C, Llanrhaeadr and Pennant to establish a new school on two sites – Llanrhaeadr and Pennant</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith and Pennant are currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Merging the three schools and establishing a new school on the Llanrhaeadr and Pennant site would provide opportunities to improve the educational provision by bringing the strengths of the three schools together.</p>	<p>Provision would continue to be available at Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant, therefore there would be no impact on these communities.</p> <p>There would be no provision at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llansilin. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the</p>	<p>Provision would continue to be available at Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant, therefore there would be no additional travel for pupils attending these two schools.</p> <p>There would be no provision at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel</p>

	There would be better opportunities for pupils by being part of a larger cohort of pupils.	school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llansilin.	requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.
<b>Option 10a</b> - Close Ysgol Bro C. Retain Llanrhaeadr and Pennant as standalone schools	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith and Pennant are currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Closing Bro Cynllaith would mean that pupils would need to transfer to alternative schools. For many pupils would be Llangedwyn and Llanrhaeadr. Llangedwyn is in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B.</p> <p>Therefore if pupils transferred to Llangedwyn it is not expected that there would be an impact on the educational provision. However, there might be impact on pupils transferring to Llanrhaeadr.</p>	<p>Provision would continue to be available at Llanrhaeadr and Pennant, therefore there would be no impact on these communities.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llansilin. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llansilin.</p>	<p>Provision would continue to be available at Llanrhaeadr and Pennant, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending these schools.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<b>Option 10b</b> - Close Pennant. Retain Ysgol Bro C and	Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith and Pennant are currently in the yellow support	Provision would continue to be available at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr, therefore there	Provision would continue to be available at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr, therefore no

<p>Llanrhaeadr as standalone schools</p>	<p>capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Closing Pennant would mean that pupils would need to transfer to alternative schools. For most pupils this would be Llanrhaeadr, and therefore it is possible that there might be an impact on the educational provision. Closing Pennant would also lead to the loss of designated Welsh-medium provision in the area.</p>	<p>would be no impact on these communities.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Pennant, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Penybontfawr. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Penybontfawr.</p>	<p>additional travel would be required for pupils attending these schools.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Pennant, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Pennant. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 10c</b> - Close Llanrhaeadr. Retain Ysgol Bro C and Pennant as standalone schools</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith and Pennant are currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Closing Llanrhaeadr would mean that pupils would need to transfer to alternative schools. For most pupils this would be Pennant, Bro Cynllaith and Llangedwyn. As all</p>	<p>Provision would continue to be available at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant, therefore there would be no impact on these communities.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Llanrhaeadr, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local community in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant. Should the school close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the building. Should the Council</p>	<p>Provision would continue to be available at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending these schools.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Llanrhaeadr, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School</p>

	<p>these schools are in a higher school improvement category than Llanrhaeadr, it is not expected that there would be any negative impact on the educational provision of pupils.</p>	<p>declare the building to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the community in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant.</p>	<p>Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 11a</b> - Close Ysgol Bro C and Pennant. Retain Llanrhaeadr</p>	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith and Pennant are currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Closing Bro Cynllaith and Pennant would mean that pupils would need to transfer to alternative schools. For most pupils, the nearest alternative school would be Llanrhaeadr or Llangedwyn. Llangedwyn is in the same school improvement category as Bro Cynllaith and Pennant. Therefore, if pupils transferred to Llangedwyn there would be no impact on education quality. If pupils moved to Llanrhaeadr there could be an impact on educational quality.</p>	<p>Provision would continue to be available at Llanrhaeadr, therefore there would be no impact on the Llanrhaeadr community.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local communities in Llansilin and Penybontfawr. Should the schools close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the buildings. Should the Council declare the buildings to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the communities in Llansilin and Penybontfawr.</p>	<p>Provision would continue to be available at Llanrhaeadr, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Llanrhaeadr.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Pennant, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending these two schools. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>

	Closing Pennant would also lead to the loss of designated Welsh-medium provision in the area.		
<b>Option 11b</b> – Close Ysgol Bro C and Llanrhaeadr. Retain Pennant	<p>Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith and Pennant are currently in the yellow support capacity with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Closing Bro Cynllaith and Llanrhaeadr would mean that pupils would need to transfer to alternative schools. For most pupils, the nearest school would be Pennant or Llangedwyn. Llangedwyn is in the same school improvement category as Bro Cynllaith and Pennant. Therefore, if pupils transferred to Pennant or Llangedwyn there would be no impact on the quality of education.</p>	<p>Provision would continue to be available at Pennant, therefore there would be no impact on the Penybontfawr community.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local communities in Llansilin and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant. Should the schools close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the buildings. Should the Council declare the buildings to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the communities in Llansilin and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant.</p>	<p>Provision would continue to be available at Pennant, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Pennant.</p> <p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending these two schools. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<b>Option 11c</b> – Close Pennant and Llanrhaeadr. Retain Ysgol Bro C	Based on the latest school categorisations, carried out in 2019, Bro Cynllaith and Pennant are currently in the yellow support category with an improvement capacity of B. Llanrhaeadr is in the	Provision would continue to be available at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, therefore there would be no impact on the Llansilin community.	Provision would continue to be available at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, therefore no additional travel would be required for pupils attending Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.

	<p>amber support capacity with an improvement capacity of C.</p> <p>Closing Pennant and Llanrhaeadr would mean that pupils would need to transfer to alternative schools. For most pupils, the nearest alternative school would be Bro Cynllaith or Llangedwyn. Llangedwyn is in the same school improvement category as Bro Cynllaith and Pennant. Therefore, if pupils transferred to Bro Cynllaith or Llangedwyn there would be no impact on education quality.</p> <p>Closing Pennant would also lead to the loss of designated Welsh-medium provision in the area.</p>	<p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Pennant and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr, therefore there would be a significant impact on the local communities in Penybontfawr and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant. Should the schools close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the buildings. Should the Council declare the buildings to be surplus to requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the communities in Penybontfawr and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant.</p>	<p>This option would lead to closure of Ysgol Pennant and Ysgol Llanrhaeadr, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending these two schools. Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be an additional travel requirements for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
<p><b>Option 12 – Close Ysgol Bro C, Pennant and Llanrhaeadr</b></p>	<p>Implementation of this option would mean that pupils would transfer to their nearest alternative schools.</p> <p>Whilst the Council's view is that the alternative schools pupils may transfer to would provide education for pupils which is of at least equivalent quality as that currently provided at Bro Cynllaith, Pennant and Rhaeadr, it is unlikely that</p>	<p>This option would result in closure of all three schools, therefore there would be a significant impact on the community in Llansilin, Penybontfawr and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant.</p> <p>Should the schools close, the Council would need to determine the future use of the buildings. Should the Council declare the buildings to be surplus to</p>	<p>This option would lead to closure of all three school, therefore additional travel would be required for pupils currently attending the three schools.</p> <p>Whilst free home to school transport would be provided to eligible pupils in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy, there would also be additional travel requirements</p>

	<p>there would be capacity in schools in the local area to accommodate all pupils attending these three schools without compromising the quality of provision, therefore this option would have a significant impact on the quality of provision.</p>	<p>requirements and seek to sell the building, this would mean that the school's facilities would no longer be available to the communities in Llansilin, Penybontfawr and Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant.</p>	<p>for parents in order to access school activities / events.</p>
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## 7. CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

The options have also been assessed against the following Critical Success Factors:

Critical Success Factor	Description
1 – Strategic fit and business needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The option must align with the Council’s Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys 2020-2030, to include the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Address the challenges facing education in Powys, as outlined in the Council’s Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys 2020-2030</li> <li>- Align with the Vision and Guiding Principles outlined in the Council’s Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys 2020-2030</li> <li>- Align with the Strategic Aims and Objectives outlined in the Council’s Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys 2020-2030</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The option must optimise the benefits of the Council’s Transforming Education Programme</li> </ul>
2 – Value for money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The option must optimise the resources available for the delivery of learning</li> <li>• The option must provide value for money in the delivery of learning</li> </ul>
3 – Potential achievability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The option must be achievable within current legislation</li> <li>• The option must be operationally achievable</li> <li>• The option must be physically achievable</li> </ul>
4 – Potential affordability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The extent to which the option is affordable within the Council’s forecasted revenue</li> <li>• The extent to which the option is affordable within the forecasted capital funding available to the Council</li> </ul>

Each option has been assessed against the Critical Success Factors based on the following criteria:

✓ – Meets    ? – Could meet    x – Does not meet

The assessment for each option is as follows:

	Status Quo	Federation				Federation + closure		
	Option 1	Option 2a	Option 2b	Option 2c	Option 2d	Option 3a	Option 3b	Option 3c
1 – Strategic fit and business needs	x	x	x	x	x	?	✓	✓
2 – Value for money	x	x	x	x	x	?	✓	?
3 – Potential achievability	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	?
5 – Potential affordability	x	x	x	x	x	?	✓	?
<b>Total ✓</b>	1	1	1	1	1	0	4	1
<b>Total x</b>	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0
<b>Outcome</b>	Discount	Discount	Discount	Discount	Discount	Discount	<b>Possible</b>	Discount

	2 sited school			2 sited school + closure			3 sited school
	Option 4a	Option 4b	Option 4c	Option 5a	Option 5b	Option 5c	Option 6
1 – Strategic fit and business needs	x	x	x	x	✓	?	x
2 – Value for money	?	x	x	?	?	x	x
3 – Potential achievability	✓	?	?	?	?	?	?
5 – Potential affordability	?	x	?	?	✓	?	x
<b>Total ✓</b>	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
<b>Total x</b>	1	3	2	1	0	1	3
<b>Outcome</b>	Discount	Discount	Discount	Discount	<b>Possible</b>	Discount	Discount

	2 school merger on one site						2 school merger on one site + closure					
	Option 7a	Option 7b	Option 7c	Option 7d	Option 7e	Option 7f	Option 8a	Option 8b	Option 8c	Option 8d	Option 8e	Option 8f
1 – Strategic fit and business needs	x	✓	x	x	x	?	x	x	?	?	?	?
2 – Value for money	x	X	x	x	x	x	x	?	✓	x	x	x
3 – Potential achievability	x	✓	?	?	x	?	x	?	✓	?	x	x
5 – Potential affordability	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	?	?	x	x	x
<b>Total ✓</b>	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
<b>Total x</b>	4	1	3	3	4	1	4	1	0	2	3	3
<b>Outcome</b>	Disc out	Disc out	Disc out	Disc out	Disc out	Disc out	Disc out	Disc out	Pos sible	Disc out	Disc out	Disc out

	3 school merger on 2 sites			Close 1 school			Close 2 schools			Close 3 schools
	Option 9a	Option 9b	Option 9c	Option 10a	Option 10b	Option 10c	Option 11a	Option 11b	Option 11c	Option 12
1 – Strategic fit and business needs	?	?	?	✓	x	x	?	?	x	?
2 – Value for money	x	x	x	✓	?	?	?	?	x	?
3 – Potential achievability	?	?	✓	✓	?	x	?	?	x	x
5 – Potential affordability	?	?	✓	✓	?	x	?	?	x	?
<b>Total ✓</b>	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total x</b>	1	1	1	0	1	3	0	0	4	1
<b>Outcome</b>	Disco unt	Disco unt	Disco unt	Possi ble	Disco unt	Disco unt	Disco unt	Disco unt	Disco unt	Discount

## 8. EMERGING PREFERRED OPTION

Based on the assessments outlined above, two of the options identified for Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, Ysgol Gynradd Pennant and Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant met all of the critical success criteria. These two options are as follows:

- **Option 3B:** Federate Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant. Close Ysgol Bro Cynllaith
- **Option 10B:** Close Ysgol Bro Cynllaith. Retain Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant as standalone schools

In addition, a number of other options were identified as 'possible' options as they did not fail to meet any of the critical success factors. These options are as follows:

- **Option 5B:** Merge Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant to establish a new school on two sites. Close Ysgol Bro Cynllaith
- **Option 8C:** Merge Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant to establish a new school on one site – Llanrhaeadr. Close Ysgol Bro Cynllaith

## 9. NEXT STEPS

### 9.1 Ysgol Bro Cynllaith

All of the options identified as possible options for Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, Ysgol Gynradd Pennant and Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant include the closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.

It is therefore recommended that the Council develops a further options appraisal paper relating to the potential closure of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith, to be considered by Cabinet in due course.

### 9.2 Ysgol Gynradd Pennant and Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant

There are a number of options which have been identified as 'possible' options in respect of Ysgol Llanrhaeadr and Ysgol Pennant.

However, as indicated in section 3.2 above, the most significant challenges affecting schools in this area of the Llanfyllin catchment relate to Ysgol Bro Cynllaith not Ysgol Gynradd Pennant or Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant. It is therefore recommended that the Council does not proceed with any of these options for Ysgol Gynradd Pennant or Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant at this time.

The Council will continue to monitor the situation at the two schools, and should there be a significant change in pupil numbers and/or leadership arrangements at either school, the Council will reconsider options relating to the two schools.

The dual stream model at Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant continues to be a concern, due to the small number of pupils attending each stream. In accordance with Strategic Objective 3.1 of the Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys – ‘Move schools along the language continuum’ – it is recommended that Workstream 3 (Welsh-medium) of the Transforming Education is asked to develop a plan to support Ysgol Gynradd Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant to increase the proportion of pupils accessing Welsh-medium provision at the school, with the aim of moving the school along the language continuum.