



**DECISION NOTICE FOR THE PROPOSAL AMALGAMATE CEFN AND CRAIG YR HESG PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO CREATE A NEW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Council's Cabinet, at their meeting held on 22 June 2022, resolved to approve the above proposal to be implemented no later than September 2026.

One objection was received during the Statutory Notice period and as such, in accordance with the School Organisation Code, an Objection Report was written, a copy of which can be viewed on the Council website at the link below. Hard copies are available on request.

The rationale behind the proposal and the reasons underpinning the decision to implement it were fully outlined and explained within the consultation document that was widely circulated earlier this year. As well as the robust rationale, it should be noted that there was significant support for this project during the consultation stage.

The conclusion therefore reached by Cabinet when making their final decision was that the benefits that can be achieved through delivering this proposal were overwhelmingly positive. The proposal will deliver:

- Modern, flexible learning environments for all pupils with fully accessible facilities.
- Internal and external areas available for use by the local community.
- Enhanced outdoor spaces to support the full range of curriculum activities, including an outdoor classroom and a 'forest schools' area.
- Improved on site traffic management.
- A Net Zero Carbon in operation building, supporting the Council's Tackling Climate Change Strategy for 2021-2025 and the ambitious goal of being a carbon neutral Council by 2030, as well as Welsh Government's Delivery Plan for a Low Carbon Wales and its 'Route Map' to decarbonise the public sector in Wales.

The principal change will be an improvement in the quality of both current educational settings, with the expectation that this should have a significant impact on the educational experience of all pupils.

Based on these outcomes, Cabinet resigned to approve the implementation of this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

**Director of Education and Inclusion Services**