

**THE EXPANSION OF PENTYRCH PRIMARY SCHOOL AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF NURSERY PROVISION AT THE SCHOOL**

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AGENDA ITEM: 9

Reason for this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet of the responses received following consultation on proposal regarding the expansion of Pentyrch Primary School and the establishment of nursery provision at the school. We would seek authorisation to proceed and where appropriate to publish proposals in accordance with section 48 of The Schools Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.

Background

2. At its meeting on 15 July 2021, the Council's Cabinet agreed a recommendation to hold public consultation on the proposals to:
 - Increase the number of primary school places at Pentyrch Primary School from 140 places to 210 places
 - Extend the age range of the school from 4 to 11, from 3 to 11 by establishing nursery provision at the school to allow for 48 part-time places

Issues

3. The consultation period ran from 14 December 2021 until 25 January 2022.
4. The consultation process involved:
 - Publication of a bilingual consultation document outlining background, rationale and implications to parents, Headteachers and Chairs of Governors of nearby schools, all Members of local wards, local residents and other stakeholders. A copy of the consultation document can be found in Appendix 1.
 - Publication of information in community languages upon request.
 - Consultation meetings via Microsoft Teams with Staff at Pentyrch Primary School. Notes from the meeting can be found in Appendix 2.

- Consultation meetings via Microsoft Teams with Governing Body at Pentyrch Primary School. Notes from the meeting can be found in Appendix 2.
 - Public consultation meeting via Microsoft Teams at which the proposal was explained and questions answered. Notes from this meeting can be found in Appendix 3.
 - Consultation meeting via Microsoft Teams with pupil representatives at Pentyrch Primary School. Notes from this meeting can be found in Appendix 4.
 - An online survey.
 - Drop-in sessions via Microsoft Teams where officers were available to answer questions. No requests made for these.
 - Letters setting out details of the proposal and where further information could be found were sent to local residents and businesses.
 - A consultation response slip for return by post or e-mail, attached to the consultation document.
 - An online response from at www.cardiff.gov.uk/pentyrchschoolproposals
5. In line with national Coronavirus restrictions that were in place during the consultation period all meetings took place virtually via Microsoft Teams.
6. For stakeholders who did not have access to digital platforms the opportunity to discuss the proposed changes via telephone was available.

Responses received regarding the proposal during the consultation period

7. The Council received 82 responses submitted through the online consultation form.
8. In addition, four formal responses were also submitted from:
- Estyn
 - Pentyrch Primary School Governing Body
 - Pentyrch Community Council
 - Proprietor, Pentyrch Nursery
9. The response from Estyn sets out its view that:
- the Council has considered the likely effect of local developments on school places carefully, and has considered the capacity, admission number, surplus capacity and projected demand for schools affected by the proposal. They predict the need to expand capacity at Pentyrch Primary School, despite the creation of new schools to address the increase in housing stock in the area.
 - the proposer sees the establishment of a nursery as a means of enhancing the opportunity to appropriately address individual developmental and cultural needs as well as establishing strong and effective parental links from the earliest opportunity.

- the Council considered other alternatives to the preferred proposal fairly.
10. The response from Estyn sets out its view that the proposal is likely to maintain the current standards in terms of education, provision, and leadership and management.
 11. Full copies of the formal responses can be seen at Appendix 5.
 12. Views were sought from interested stakeholders via an online survey and a hard copy version of the survey within the consultation document.
 13. Of the 82 responses received, over half (53.7%) were from local residents, followed by around two in five (42.7%) from a parent or guardian.
 14. Of those who provided their postcode when responding, the vast majority (89.9%) of respondents live within Pentyrch. A small proportion (3.4%) reside in the Creigiau/ St Fagans area and the remainder (6.8%) live in other electoral wards.
 15. Just over half (53.7%) of all the respondents supported the proposal to increase the capacity of Pentyrch Primary School from 140 to 210 places. About two out of five respondents did not agree with this part of the proposal.
 16. However, when considering the 24 responses submitted by those identifying themselves as affiliated to Pentyrch Primary School, agreement with the proposal rises to 87.5%.
 17. Around two in five (41.5%) of all respondents supported the proposal to establish nursery provision at the school, whilst over half (51.2%) stated they did not. When considering the 24 responses submitted by those identifying themselves as affiliated to Pentyrch Primary School, agreement with the proposal rises to 54.2%.
 18. The details presented in this report, represent the views expressed during the consultation process. These include the wider stakeholder survey, formal responses, views expressed at public meetings, drop-in sessions and pupil consultation meetings.

Views Expressed

19. Reasons for supporting the proposed changes included:
 - Expansion of the school would help retain a school within Pentyrch to serve the local community.
 - Nursery provision would support the growing needs of the community.
 - There is insufficient nursery provision for local residents.
 - The proposal allows children to enter the school environment earlier, which supports transition.
 - Continuity of provision in a school.

- Concerns around standards of current private nursery provision.
 - More convenient for parents wishing to attend a local nursery class.
 - Nursery place with wraparound care perceived as a positive for working families who currently need to travel outside Pentyrch to access this type of offer.
20. Whilst there was support for the development of the school there were a number of concerns raised related to the proposed increase in the capacity of the school from 140 to 210 school places:
- Traffic issues around the school site, including potential to exacerbate congestion, parking, pollution and danger to pedestrians
 - Lack of demand for additional primary school places
 - Disruption of construction period
21. A number of concerns were raised related to the proposal to establish nursery provision at the school:
- Traffic issues around the school site, including congestion, parking, pollution and danger to pedestrians
 - Lack of demand for nursery places
 - Stating support for the existing nursery provision in the village and the negative impact the proposal could have on this business
 - Potential job losses at private nursery
 - Part-time nursery places don't suit parents
22. A summary of the responses received from all stakeholders, and appraisal of views expressed, are attached at Appendix 6.
23. A summary analysis of the responses received are attached at Appendix 7.

Engagement with pupils at Pentyrch Primary School

24. Officers met virtually with pupils from years 3,4,5 and 6 from Pentyrch Primary School to discuss the proposals and gather their opinions.
25. The points raised by the pupils included the following:
- A school library would be of benefit to pupils as part of any changes to the school.
 - Would like a new hall for lunchtimes.
 - Where would the extension be built?
 - How would the build affect the play area/school yard; would not want to lose any of the playground or green space.
 - When would the building works be done; would this be while pupils were in school?
 - Would the old part of the school stay the same?
 - Would part of the school be knocked down?
 - What would happen to the existing nursery provision in the village?
 - What would happen to clubs if the village hall closed?

- How many extra pupils would come to the school?
- It would be good to have more children at the school.
- A bigger school and new friends would be a good thing.
- If there are more children, there will be more friends
- Would older children be able to mix the younger ones?
- The school is too small.

26. Notes of the meeting are attached at Appendix 4.

Response to views expressed

27. The Council sought to engage with local stakeholders and with the school community on changes at the formative stage of their development to ensure that any such changes are developed with their input, and any concerns identified could shape the proposals taken forward.
28. Responses to the proposed changes expressed support for the school and highlighted the importance of primary school and nursery provision to the community of Pentyrch.
29. The concerns expressed in respect of the proposals mainly related to the potential impact of increased traffic, the potential impact on the long-established private nursery in the village of Pentyrch of any changes, the wider impact on the village of Pentyrch and general concerns that any changes to available provision are unnecessary.
30. Responses from the school community highlighted the risk to the sustainability of the primary school should the outflow of pupils to other areas continue. Many other responses gave greater prominence to the risk to the local private nursery which would be affected by the proposed changes. However, it is notable that responses were not received from the high proportion of parents who have already taken the decision to commute to nursery and primary school provision outside of Pentyrch.
31. For children in the village of Pentyrch, the nearest nursery class facilities in a primary school setting are at Creigiau Primary School, Radyr Primary School and Danescourt Primary School. Whilst parents have been able to apply to, and gain admission to, those schools in recent years, the development of housing in North-West Cardiff is expected to impact the opportunity for families to take up of places at those schools in future.
32. The proposed changes would enable learners within the catchment area of Pentyrch Primary School to access English-medium education in a community school environment from the age of 3-11 and would reduce the number of families commuting to provision elsewhere.
33. An expansion of places at the school, and the establishment of nursery provision would increase the number of journeys taken to the school by families resident within the village. However, families within the village of Pentyrch are already commuting to the school or are commuting to schools elsewhere. These proposals would therefore provide the opportunity to

bring forward provision to better enable local pupils to walk, scoot and cycle to their local school with reduced reasons to drive.

34. The Council is currently funding a small number of children for non-maintained nursery education at the private nursery operating from the Pentyrch Village Hall. This funding stream would cease in the event that maintained places were offered in the village through establishment of a nursery class at the primary school. The private nursery also provides childcare to children who are not eligible for a funded place at the nursery. The places funded by the Council provide a source of income for the nursery.
35. The potential financial impact on the local private nursery of establishing nursery provision at Pentyrch Primary School is acknowledged by the Council and this was highlighted in the consultation information published by the Council.
36. The impact on the private nursery may be mitigated through a number of measures which have been discussed at length with the owner during the consultation period. These may include each setting offering alternate sessions (e.g. school nursery class sessions in morning or afternoon only) which would allow the nursery to operate as a wrap-around childcare setting, and potentially the sharing of the proposed nursery class accommodation on the school site. Such arrangements have operated successfully on other school sites, and the arrangements have allowed families to access the nursery education offer and wrap-around childcare.
37. 'The childcare offer for Wales' provides working parents with a mixture of childcare and early education for children aged three or four. This would allow parents to access a nursery class place in a school of up to 12.5 hours and to receive funding for wrap-around childcare for up to 17.5 hours.
38. It is clear from school census data, and from school admissions preference data, that many families in the catchment area of Pentyrch Primary School commute to other areas for English-medium nursery education in a community school. These families often proceed to apply for admission to primary education on the same school site where the relationship with the school, children and other families has been established. At present, a high number of families commute from the Pentyrch Primary School catchment area to access provision elsewhere by polluting modes of transport.
39. In the context of increasing demands on the wider road network in North-West Cardiff, it is beneficial that communities are able to access local school and childcare provision and that the length of journeys to access provision are reduced.
40. Taking the above information into account, it is recommended that the proposed expansion of Pentyrch Primary School from 140 places to 210 places is progressed. It is also recommended that the proposed increase in the age range of the school, to incorporate nursery provision, is

progressed. However, it is proposed that the number places offered is reduced from 48, as initially proposed, to 32 places.

41. Several discussions with the private nursery have been held during the consultation period. As reflected in the response received from the owner of the setting the first preference would be for the current model to be retained without implementation of the proposed changes. However, the response also sets out suggestions as to how if the proposal were to proceed, there is a willingness to further explore how to best deliver services for the benefit of the community in a way that would allow for both a maintained nursery and the childcare setting to operate from the Pentyrch Primary site.
42. The school has also been active in discussions with the private nursery regarding opportunities to expand their offer to provide for other groups should they be interested to do so to cater for the wider primary age group operating from the Pentyrch Primary School site in order to enhance the current offer available to families in the village and wider community.
43. Further work will be undertaken with Pentyrch Primary School and with Pentyrch Nursery to address the issues that informed the original proposal, to take account of the concerns raised during the consultation, and to enable a greater number of children in the community to benefit from nursery provision and childcare within Pentyrch.

Admission to Reception classes – September 2022

44. The cohort of applicants¹ for admission to Reception Year in September 2022 who are resident in the catchment area of Pentyrch Primary School totals 34 children.
45. Of this group of 34 applicants for Reception places who are resident in the Pentyrch Primary School catchment area:
 - Eight children in the catchment area have stated a first preference for admission Pentyrch Primary School.
 - Eight in the Pentyrch Primary School catchment have stated a first preference for admission to the Welsh-medium stream at Creigiau Primary School, which is the catchment area Welsh-medium provision for their address.
46. The remaining 18 applicants have expressed first preferences for other schools.
47. This group of 18 applicants includes those who have commuted to nursery provision in those schools and wish to continue with that provision for a number of stated reasons including proximity (although further away than Pentyrch Primary School), to maintain friendships established attending from nursery class together and establish childcare arrangements where they are able to benefit from wrap around care options aligned to these

¹ Source: Capita ONE live database, 28 January 2022.

schools. This indicates a correlation between the take up nursery places and the reasons stated by parents for Reception places at the time of application and affirms the reasons for proposing the establishment of nursery provision at Pentyrch Primary School.

Admissions arrangements

48. In accordance with the requirements of the Welsh Government's Admissions Code, the Council has consulted on Admissions arrangements for the 2023/2024 school year which include an increase in Published Admission Number, from 20 places to 30 places, subject to the proposed changes being implemented. This would apply to all year groups from Reception to Year 6 for admissions from September 2023.
49. The outcome of the consultation on Admission arrangements will be considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 10 March 2022.

School Governance

50. Pentyrch Primary School entered a formal collaboration with Llanishen Fach Primary School in 2017, with a leadership team working across both schools. Pentyrch Primary School has made great progress on its continuous improvement journey, working closely with Llanishen Fach Primary School on joint school improvement priorities.
51. The Council has supported the two schools and Governing Bodies in developing the collaboration model. Shared governance arrangements are in place to monitor and evaluate the development and success of the collaboration, and to advise on/consider issues that are relevant to both schools.

Community Impact

52. In a semi-rural area such as Pentyrch, the School Organisational Code recognises that schools may also be the main focal point for community activity, and any changes to provision could have implications beyond the issue of the provision of education.
53. The Cabinet Report of 15 July 2021 noted that there may be an increase in traffic for short periods of the school days, however this would be mitigated where possible by working with the school to promote the Council's Active Travel Plan.
54. A number of concerns have been raised during consultation in respect of the impact on the local community. These include increased traffic, the potential impact on a local business, and the potential reduced income for the village hall.
55. Should the proposals proceed to implementation, measures would be identified by a Transport Assessment to maximise active travel. Expected improvements would be in the provision for walking, scooting and cycling with appropriate road crossings in Pentyrch. These changes would be

expected to reduce the proportion travelling by car from within the village and mitigate the impact on the Pentyrch community.

56. The introduction of nursery provision and more primary school places in this area would be a benefit to many in the local community and would support the 21st Century Schools Programme vision for Cardiff which aims to have schools of the right size and in the right place. It seeks to place schools at the heart of their communities with a shared responsibility for all children and young people in the area. The addition of wrap around childcare will also benefit those families that need additional provision beyond the statutory school day meaning there is a comprehensive offer local to their home.
57. The Council has identified that existing local nursery provision could be impacted by the introduction of nursery provision on the school site. Options to involve the provider to enhance the current offer and thereby mitigate the impact have been offered and are supported by the school.
58. The Council must also take into consideration any detrimental impact that could be caused to the community if the proposals did not proceed. The proposals seek to establish nursery provision which would retain a greater number of learners in the school and would support the school's budget. If the proposals were not to proceed, Pentyrch Primary School would be the smallest primary school in Cardiff. Small schools can face greater challenges in balancing their budget and in turn attracting and maintaining high quality staff and leadership. This proposal would be expected to reduce outflow from the Pentyrch community to access neighbouring areas as they could benefit from a more comprehensive education and childcare offer locally.
59. The Council has, through the consultation process, engaged with the leadership of the school and with the local private nursery in order to consider mutually beneficial measures. The impact on the private nursery and village hall may be mitigated by the establishment of a nursery class of 32 places which would enable the private nursery to continue to operate a wrap-around model of childcare provision and potentially expand this provision.

Wellbeing of Future Generations

60. In line with the Well-being of Future Generations Act Cardiff's Band B programme is committed to providing Local Schools for Local Children, together with encouraging use of sustainable modes to travel to schools, such as walking and cycling. Each School project takes into account key transport issues when they are being designed and the firm need to provide safer routes to encourage walking, cycling and other active travel modes to schools.
61. With the current investments in ICT across the city, student movements may be further reduced as mobile technology develops further allowing for flexible teaching methods. These have the potential to result in a more

efficient Travel Plan and further contribute to the Council's targets to reduce its carbon emissions.

62. In order to maximise the long-term impact of this significant investment, any design taken forward for each school included in this proposal would be developed to ensure the delivery of high quality modern facilities that are able to respond to the current pupil populations needs and support the delivery of effective teaching and learning methods. They would also incorporate the flexibility to take account of changes depending on need as time progresses; such as changing demographics and pupil numbers, changing curriculum and changing types of pupil needs.
63. The project will consult with all statutory bodies when developing a planning application to ensure that environmental and biodiversity impacts are fully considered.

Local Member consultation

64. Local members were consulted as part of the consultation.

Scrutiny Consideration

65. The Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee will consider this report on 8 March 2022. Any comments received will be circulated at the Cabinet meeting.

Reason for Recommendations

66. To provide English-medium community primary school and nursery places to serve parts of Creigiau and St Fagans, Pentyrch, Radyr and Morganstown.

Financial Implications

67. This report recommends that the published admission number for Pentyrch Primary School be increased to a full form of entry (from 140 to 210 pupil places). As schools' revenue budgets are predominantly predicated on the basis of pupil numbers, any increase in pupil numbers would mean that the revenue budget for Pentyrch would increase in comparison to previous years. Current published admissions figures reflect present schools' intake, and the impact on surrounding primary and secondary schools has been shown to be limited. It is important that the impact on neighbouring schools, whose pupil numbers could reduce as a consequence of this expansion, is continued to be monitored closely and any financial impacts managed appropriately.
68. This recommendation does not, in itself result in any direct capital financial implications. However, any building works or adaptations required will need design/ cost development and will need to consider a range of financial aspects, including S.106 funding available alongside the affordability and prioritisation of this project against ongoing Education capital schemes.

69. In terms of revenue implications, the resources required to fund the additional places at Pentyrch Primary will need to be met from within the existing delegated schools budget, with additional consideration required for the new nursery provision and transport implications, once a final course has been determined.

Legal Implications

70. Under the Education Act 1996, the Council has a general statutory obligation to promote high standards of education and to provide sufficient school places for pupils of compulsory school age. Section 89 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 determines that the Admission Authorities must carry out consultation before determining the admission arrangements which are to apply. These consultations have taken place and the responses have been analysed.
71. A local authority can make school organisation proposals, including making 'regulated alterations' to a community school under sections 42-44 of the Schools Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013. The proposals set out in the report constitute 'regulated alterations' and must be considered having regard to the provisions of the 2013 Act and the School Organisation Code 2018, which sets out factors to be considered in respect of different proposals, the statutory procedures, legal requirements and guidance. Where an increase in a school's capacity is proposed, the Council must have regard to evidence of current or future need/demand in the area for additional places, with reference to the school's language category (and religious character / gender intake if applicable). The Code includes specific factors to be considered in relation to proposals to add nursery classes. Cabinet will need to be satisfied that all relevant factors are properly considered in relation to the proposals.
72. Taking into account the formal responses, the recommendation in the report is to proceed as per consultation although with a smaller nursery of 32 places, instead of 48.
73. The Council has complied with its requirements to publish its proposals, to undertake a consultation on its proposals in accordance with section 48 of that Act and the School Organisation Code 2018 set out below.
74. The recommendations seek authority to carry out that statutory consultation. Case law has established that the consultation process should:
- (i) be undertaken when proposals are still at a formative stage;
 - (ii) include sufficient reasons and information for particular proposals to enable intelligent consideration and response;
 - (iii) provide adequate time for consideration and response; and;
 - (iv) ensure that the product of consultation is conscientiously taken into account when the ultimate decision is taken.

75. Formal responses were received and reviewed which led to a change of recommendation demonstrates compliance with (i) – (iv) above.
76. The School Organisation Code sets out further detailed requirements and guidance in relation to the statutory consultation, including the requirement for publication of a consultation document (and the contents of that document), a minimum 42 days consultation period including at least 20 school days, and a list of statutory consultees, including parents, pupils, governing bodies, religious bodies, the Welsh Ministers and Estyn.
77. This has been fully complied with in the consultation.
78. The Council has secured financial contributions under a section 106 agreement for Education purposes. The agreement permits the spending of the contribution in improving provision of school places at Pentyrch Primary school and/or within three miles of the school.
79. If the proposals are taken forward, the admission arrangements, including admission numbers and catchment areas, will need to be determined, following consultation, in accordance with the School Admission Code and the Education (Determination of Admission Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2006.
80. The Council also has to satisfy its public sector duties and obligations under the Equality Act 2010 (including the specific Welsh public sector duties). Pursuant to these legal duties, Councils must in making decisions have due regard to the need to (1) eliminate unlawful Page 34 of 36 discrimination, (2) advance equality of opportunity and (3) foster good relations on the basis of protected characteristics. The Council must also not directly or indirectly discriminate against any pupil in its admission arrangements, this means that no pupil or group of pupils may be treated less favourably based on a protected characteristic. Protected characteristics are:
- Age
 - Gender reassignment
 - Sex
 - Race – including ethnic or national origin, colour or nationality
 - Disability
 - Pregnancy and maternity
 - Marriage and civil partnership
 - Sexual orientation
 - Religion or belief – including lack of belief.
81. The Equality Impact Assessment (see Appendix 8) specifically considers how the proposals may affect pupils with protected characteristics. The purpose of the Equality Impact Assessment is to ensure that the Council has understood the potential impacts of the proposal in terms of equality so that it can ensure that it is making proportionate and rational decisions having due regard to its public sector equality duty. The Council must have due regard to these obligations when this decision is taken to determine the admission arrangements.

82. In accordance with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language standards, the Council also has to consider the impact upon the Welsh language any decision that it makes and in accordance with the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan, the Council must consider how it can promote Welsh medium education. This report reflects those requirements.
83. The Council must also consider its legal obligations under the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 to think more about the long term, work better with people and communities and each other, look to prevent problems and take a more joined-up approach.
84. There are also legal obligations under the Education Act 1996 which require pupils with statements of special educational needs to be admitted to the school named in the statement and the Education (Admission of Looked After Children) (Wales) Regulation 2009 which requires the Council to admit children who are currently looked after (in accordance with the definition in section 74 of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014. The report and proposed admission arrangements reflect these obligations.

HR Implications

85. The proposed increase in pupil numbers at Pentyrch Primary School would require the Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team to plan for workforce requirements of additional staffing arising from the school expansion and introduction of a nursery.
86. The Council's HR People Services would provide advice, support and guidance to the Governing Body for this in line with the framework set out for any Schools Organisation and Planning proposal. HR People Services encourages the school to undertake a review of their current staff structure to consider how the recruitment of additional staff fits into this structure.
87. Further HR implications of the proposal would need to be determined as the project develops, particularly in relation to the potential sharing of the nursery accommodation with a local private nursery.

Property Implications

88. This report does not recommend any immediate property decisions but Strategic Estates note the potential consequences of the consultation which may in the future, result in the requirement to undertake land and property transactions.
89. Any decisions relating the development, acquisition or disposal of property in regards to this scheme will need to be undertaken in conjunction with Strategic Estates in accordance with the agreed asset management processes and delegated authorities.

Traffic and Transport Implications

90. The Council's Local Development Plan (2006-2026) includes a target of 50% of all journeys to be made by sustainable transport. Minimising the proportion of school journeys made by car and maximising opportunities for travel to school by active and sustainable modes can make an important contribution to achieving this target and reducing pressures on the transport network at peak times. Increasing travel to school by active modes will have a positive impact on children's health and wellbeing and will support the delivery of key actions and outcomes under Goal 5 the Council's Child Friendly City Strategy (2018), which relates to ensuring access to safe outdoor environments for formal and informal play, walking, cycling and scooting and active travel to school.
91. The Council's current Corporate Plan includes a commitment to every school in Cardiff developing an Active Travel Plan by 2022. Such a plan will identify actions by the school to support and encourage active travel to school and also inform any improvements to on-site and off-site infrastructure required to facilitate active journeys.
92. It is also anticipated that with the introduction of a nursery, take up of school places by those that reside in areas close to the school will increase. This should provide more scope for increased numbers of people to benefit from an appropriate Active Travel Plan. Additionally, the need to travel outside the village to reach available nursery provision would also decrease, further reducing vehicle trips.
93. The development proposals will also require a Transport Assessment which will identify measures to be included as part of the application to maximise travel by sustainable modes. These would be expected to include appropriate improved facilities for walking, scooting and cycling, for example, road crossings. On-site parking would be in line with the council's Parking Standards to encourage use of sustainable and active modes of travel.
94. As it has been identified that there is no safe walking route between the Goitre Fach Farm development and any school, nor any plans for one ahead of 2023/24, children residing on the development would be eligible for free home to school transport to their nearest appropriate school with places available at the time of applying.
95. Suitable provision for the Learner Transport drop-off and pick-up may be required at Pentyrch Primary School to accommodate this. If so, this would be likely to be a designated area immediately outside the school to create clear space for the required numbers of minibuses and /or taxis. We anticipate this would be only one or two vehicles. Parking restrictions would be required to enforce such a space at the school, situated on the main through route between Creigiau and Gwaelod y Garth.
96. Other parking restrictions would also be likely to be required to discourage short distance car travel by those within walking distance and to maximise levels of active travel to school.

97. A Hands Up Survey undertaken last school year (2020/21) shows that of the five classes (146 pupils) that took part, modes of travel were walk 43%, car 48%, car share 1%, park and stride 7% and taxi 1%.
98. Where it is identified that there is a need to manage parking for those who need to drive from further afield, consideration would be given to identify a suitable provision for a Park and Stride facility.
99. These proposals will provide the opportunity to bring forward provision to better enable local pupils to walk, scoot and cycle to their local school with reduced reasons to drive.

Equality Impact Assessment

100. An Equality Impact Assessment on this proposal has been carried out. The assessment concluded that this proposal would not adversely affect a particular group in society (details of the Equality Impact Assessment can be seen at Appendix 8).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Authorise officers to issue a statutory notice to:
 - Increase the number of primary school places at Pentyrch Primary School from 140 places to 210 places
 - Extend the age range of the school from 4 to 11, from 3 to 11 by establishing nursery provision at the school to allow for 32 part-time places
2. Note that prior to implementation of the proposals a further report will be provided to the Cabinet providing details of any objections received, the proposed responses to those objections and recommendations for implementation or otherwise of the proposals.

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	4 March 2022

The following appendices are attached:

Appendix 1 – Consultation Document

Appendix 2 – Notes of meetings with Pentyrch Primary School Staff and Governing Body

Appendix 3 – Notes of public consultation meeting

Appendix 4 – Notes of pupil meeting

Appendix 5 – Formal responses received

Appendix 6 – Summary of consultation responses

Appendix 7 – Summary analysis of consultation responses

Appendix 8 – Equality Impact Assessment