

## Report of the Cabinet Member for Education

Cabinet – 16 July 2015

### 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME – PENTRE'R GRAIG PRIMARY – CURRICULUM LED REMODELLING SCHEME

<b>Purpose:</b>	To seek authorisation to proceed with the Curriculum Led Remodelling scheme at Pentre'r Graig Primary School and to appoint Corporate Property and Building Services to undertake the work.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	One Swansea Plan The Revenue and Capital Budget as reported to and approved by Council on the 10th February 2015. QEd 2020 programme Corporate Priority to review the overall provision of schools. Corporate Priority to improve opportunities for children and young people. Corporate Priority improving school performance. Corporate Priority effective corporate and strategic management of assets.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To comply with Financial Procedure Rule 7-to approve and include new Capital schemes in the Capital Programme.
<b>Consultation:</b>	Education, Poverty, Corporate Building and Services, Finance and Legal were consulted.
<b>Recommendation(s): that Cabinet :-</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Authorise the scheme as detailed at Pentre'r Graig Primary, together with financial implications, be included in the Capital Programme.</li><li>2. Corporate Building and Property Services are authorised to proceed with the scheme as the principle contractor</li></ol>
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## **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 The Strategic Outline Programme (SOP) detailing the re-organisation and investment need for Schools across Swansea was submitted to the Welsh Government in 2010.
- 1.2 In December 2011 further approval in principle was granted by the Welsh Government to proceed with the schemes outlined within “Band A” of the programme subject to contract and a Local Authority contribution of 50% towards the overall costs.
- 1.3 In line with Welsh Government programme requirements the Capital Budget and Programme 2013/14 to 2016/17 provides an outline spending profile for the early priority schemes, totalling £21m. Included within this phase of projects is the Curriculum Led Remodelling at Pentre’r Graig Primary School

## **2.0 Summary of Design Brief**

- 2.1 The scheme aims to provide the pupils and staff of Pentre’r Graig Primary School with a safe, sound and fit for purpose 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning environment; designed to reduce disruption to learning and create appropriate and flexible learning spaces.
- 2.2 The phased programme of works will include the refurbishment of existing buildings, curriculum remodelling and a small scale extension to link the two existing buildings. Accessibility and safeguarding will be improved, whilst addressing priority areas of backlog maintenance.
- 2.3 The remaining demountable (which is no longer fit for purpose) will be demolished and removed.

## **3.0 Start and Completion Dates**

- 3.1 Welsh Government approved the Business Justification Case for Pentre’r Graig Primary Curriculum Led Remodelling scheme on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015.
- 3.2 It is anticipated that works will commence on site during the Summer holiday period 2015 in order to minimise disruption to the school pupils and staff and to maximise spend within the current financial year . The scheme is programmed as an 18 month programme and will be ready for occupation by the school at the start of the calendar year January 2017.
- 3.3 The works will take place on a live school site, therefore the work will be split into distinct phases, to enable the school to operate successfully during the works.

## **4.0 Financial Implications**

### **Capital**

- 4.1 In line with the WG Programme requirements the Capital Budget and Programme 2013/2014 to 2016/17 provides an outline spending profile for schemes totalling £21m. Included within this phase of projects is the curriculum led remodelling scheme (including a small scale extension) at Pentre'r Graig Primary School
- 4.2 The scheme at Pentre'r Graig Primary School has been costed at £2.724million. This includes construction costs, fees, surveys and applications as outlined in Appendix A

### **Revenue**

- 4.3 There are no revenue implications linked to this scheme of works at Pentre'r Graig Primary.

## **5.0 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 Statutory Requirements

A Planning Application will be submitted.

The initial feasibility and design has been carried out by Corporate Building and Property Services. CB&PS will act in the capacity of principal contractor for all construction related activity.

An Equality Impact Assessment screening form has been completed and a full Equality Impact Assessment carried out.

## **6.0 Equality and Engagement Implications**

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment Screening Form has been completed for the project with the outcome that a full EIA Report was required. This has now been completed and shows that the project will have a positive impact on;

Age – Pentre'r Graig school is a 3-11 school. This project will have a very positive impact on the Education of all 3-11 year olds who attend the school in the future.

Disability – The design, delivery and implementation of this project has taken full consideration of the social model of disability, which recognises that people are disabled by the barriers of society (e.g. physical, environmental, organisational, and attitudinal, communication, etc.) rather than by any physical condition. The re-modelling will ensure

that ALL the pupils and staff (as well as parents / carers) can make the most of their improved environment.

Children's Rights - In line with the Council's commitment to the UNCRC the initiative will have a direct impact on children and young people and is designed in the best interest of children as stated in guiding principal

*Article 3. Best interests of the child (Article 3): The best interests of children must be the primary concern in making decisions that may affect them. All adults should do what is best for children. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children. This particularly applies to budget, policy and law makers*

- 6.2 All key stakeholders will be communicated with throughout the projects' delivery.

## **7.0 Procurement**

- 7.1 It is proposed that associated works will be delivered by Corporate Building and Property Services. This approach has previously been approved with external auditors, therefore will fulfil stipulated grant criteria and attain best value throughout the process.

- 7.2 As part of any procurement process, the internal contractor will ensure:

- Purchases of works, goods or services will be made through open competition
- Decisions to purchase goods, services or works will be made with the aim of obtaining value for money
- Sufficient time will be allowed to undertake a proper tendering exercise
- Suppliers and contractors will be treated fairly and in an even handed manner
- A clear and concise documentary audit trail will be kept so the reasoning behind the procurement decision reached is open and transparent.
- That all Community Benefits requirements will be fulfilled as per the grant conditions

Background papers:

Equality Impact Assessment can be viewed at <http://www.swansea.gov.uk/eia>

### **Appendices:**

Appendix A Financial Implications Summary

Appendix B Design of Pentre'r Graig Curriculum Remodelling Scheme