

Councillor Terry Hennegan
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Dear Councillor Hennegan

With reference to your letter dated 20 March 2019 please find response below.

- 1. We would like to see a process developed were all future reports to Cabinet include an assessment on the impact that decisions may have in respect of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. Reports should then reference to the council's corporate priority on biodiversity and the preservation of green spaces.**

The report did consider the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act, (see sections 7.9-7.16), however a corporate process would be most welcome and this has been referred to the Chief Legal Officer.

- 2. Concern was raised about the increase in the cost of the construction of the new school and how the figure was obtained. An explanation from the officers was given but it was not clear in the report. A learning point from this is that clear understanding of the figures should be written into future reports.**

The report was seeking approval for the capital project, subject to entering into a contract with the Welsh Government. The revisions to the costs of the capital project since February 2015 were set out in the report, and the updated cost plan for which approval was sought was set out in detail with a breakdown of the total cost.

The previous tender sums which were included in the previously reported total project costs were not included in the report, but referred to in the Background Papers.

The concerns are noted and future reports will set this information out in full rather than with reference to Background Papers.

- 3. We would like to reinforce the need for as much 'greening' of the site as possible.**

The project team will be working with all stakeholders and community groups to help develop the school site and Parc y Werin to encourage greater usage and participation in healthy activities, as well as a wider range of opportunities for wider community use. It is anticipated that pupils will become involved in the development of the school grounds and work with community groups to help with environmental enhancements to Parc y Werin; Gorseinon Primary School is an Eco School and this will also support its activities as part of this programme.

The project plan also includes as set out in the report £50,000 for the enhancement of community facilities; this sum was intended to support the enhancement of the remaining facilities and/or other facilities in the locality, and may be used as appropriate to further support this aim.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Raynor', written in a cursive style.

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