Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) Report

This form should be completed for each Equality Impact Assessment on a new or existing function, a reduction or closure of service, any policy, procedure, strategy, plan or project which has been screened and found relevant to equality.

Please refer to the 'EIA Report Form Guidance' while completing this form. If you need further support please contact accesstoservices@swansea.gov.uk.

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(e) Lead Officer

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Name: Claire Lewis Name: Brian Roles

Job title: School Project Business Case

Development Officer Date: 15/05/2018

Date: 15/05/2018

UPDATED FOLLOWING THE CONSULTATION on 27th November 2018 UPDATED FOLLOWING THE STATUTORY NOTICE on 25th February 2019

Section 1 - Aims (See guidance):

Briefly describe the aims of the initiative:

What are the aims?

The aim of this proposal is to provide increased Welsh-medium provision for learners to meet increasing demand, in a newly built school that will meet the needs of 21st Century learning.

Raising standards

Our vision is that every child will have access to high quality teaching that helps them to make the most of their talents

Better use of resources

The decision is in line with the QEd vision that budgets should be spent on pupils and not wasted on empty places

Quality of learning environment

Quality learning environments have been shown to lead to improved performance by pupils

Who has responsibility?

Following a statutory consultation process, if approved by the council's Cabinet, the Welsh Government (pending approval of a successful Final Business Case) and Swansea Council would jointly fund the project. The overall responsibility would be with Swansea Council.

Who are the stakeholders?

Each stakeholder group requires a specific method of communication to promote key messages during the project. A broad approach for communications methods is outlined below. It draws on corporate methods of communicating to staff in general as well as some established meeting structures within the project.

Audience	Methods
Parents	Letters, media, social media, website
Governors	Face to face briefing, emails
Head and Management Team	Face to face briefing, emails,
Pupils	Face to face school visits, social media
Neighbouring schools' Heads	Face to face, letter, email, newsletter
Neighbouring schools' parents	Letter, website, parents' evenings, local
	media, social media
CMT	Face to face briefing, newsletter, email
Cabinet	Face to face briefing, newsletter, email
Group Leaders	Face to face briefing, newsletter, email
Ward Members	Email, phone call
Trade Unions	Face to face briefing, email

Evening Post	Face to face briefing, press release	
Welsh Government	Letter, local media, email	
Estyn	email	
AMs/MPs	letter, email	
School staff	Face to face, letter, Newsletter, media,	
	social media, website	
Rhieni dros Addysg Gymraeg	Termly meeting, email, website	
(RhAG)		
Partneriaeth Addysg Gymraeg	Termly meeting, email, website	
Abertawe (PACA)		
Swansea Bay Radio,	Press release	
Wave/Swansea Sound, BBC,		
ITV, Western Mail, BBC Cymru,		
Golwg 360		
Education SLB/EDSLT/DMT	email, newsletter, face to face	
O and S Chairs and V Chairs	Email, letter	
Catering and cleaning staff	letter, face to face	
Community groups	Letter and liaison with Community Regen,	
	social media, website	
All Council staff	Staffnet, website, social media	
Swansea residents	Media, website, social media	
 Local businesses	Media, letters, website, social media	

Section 2 - Information about Service Users (See guidance): Please tick which areas you have information on, in terms of service users:

Children/young people (0-18)	\boxtimes	Sexual orientation	
Older people (50+)		Gender reassignment	
Any other age group		Welsh language	\boxtimes
Disability		Poverty/social exclusion	\boxtimes
Race (including refugees)	\boxtimes	Carers (including young carers)	
Asylum seekers		Community cohesion	\boxtimes
Gypsies & Travellers		Marriage & civil partnership	
Religion or (non-)belief		Pregnancy and maternity	
Sex	\boxtimes		

Please provide a snapshot of the information you hold in relation to the protected groups above.

The following information is collated as part of the annual pupil census that is carried out in January of each year. The below is from the January 2018 PLASC

Number of pupils on roll:

School	N1	N2	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
YGG Tan-y-lan	12	18	25	23	26	25	20	14	7	170

	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Percentage of total pupils on roll living in areas classed in Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) as being in the most deprived 30% of all areas	64.3%	62.2%	61.2%
Percentage claiming Free School Meals	19.5%	16.3%	15.7%
Percentage with Special Educational Needs (SEN)	20.0%	21.8%	17.6%

In January 2018 the breakdown for SEN was as follows:

Need	School Action	School Action Plus	Statement	Total
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	0	0	0	0
Autistic Spectrum Disorders	0	0	1	1
Behavioural, Emotional & Social Difficulties	3	2	1	6
Dyscalculia	0	0	0	0
Dyslexia	0	0	0	0
Dyspraxia	0	0	0	0
General Learning Difficulties	7	1	0	8
Hearing Impairment	1	0	0	1
Moderate Learning Difficulties	8	2	0	10
Multi-Sensory Impairment	0	0	0	0
Physical and Medical Difficulties	0	0	0	0
Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulties	0	0	0	0
Severe Learning Difficulties	0	0	0	0
Speech, Language and Communication Difficulties	7	2	0	9
Visual Impairment	1	0	0	1
Total	27	7	2	36

	Stage A-C	Stage A-D	Stage A-E
Percentage with English	0%	0%	1.2%

as an Additional		
Language (EAL)		

Ethnic	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Background							
Non White British	12.0%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%	15.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Staffing

Total Teaching staff – 6.2 full-time equivalent (FTE) consisting of 4 full-time females, 2 part-time females for 3 days a week and 1 full-time male

- 1 male full-time headteacher
- 1 female full-time admin. officer
- 8 female teaching assistants (contracts ranging between 27 hours and 32.5 hours per week)

We do not hold any other protected characteristic information for the staff.

Any actions required, e.g. to fill information gaps?

Map use of the school by community groups in the community impact assessment. This is available here: https://www.swansea.gov.uk/yggtanylanconsultation.

Impact Assessment – YGG Tan-y-lan

Community Aspect	Current	Impact Assessment
Community Services	YGG Tan-y-lan currently run a	It is envisaged that the
Provided by the school (e.g.	breakfast club and after school	breakfast club and after school
after school clubs, community	club.	club provision will continue on
library etc.)		the new site.
Facilities Accommodated by	YGG Tan-y-lan run the	It is envisaged that these clubs
the school (e.g. youth club,	following school clubs, Urdd	will continue on the new site.
play group etc.)	and Fun Club.	

Would establishing a multi-school site be considered as a way of retaining buildings?

Establishing a multi-school site would not achieve the objectives of this proposal (see consultation paper). There is very limited use of the school out of school hours. The local authority will work with the school on access to out-of-school hours clubs.

Would alternatives to closure, such as clustering, collaboration or federation with other schools, be considered (taking account of the scope for use of ICT links between school sites)?

These alternatives would not achieve the objectives of the proposal (see consultation paper). There is very limited used of the school out of hours.

Have possibilities of making fuller use of the existing buildings as a community or an educational resource been explored (would it be feasible and economical to co-locate local services within the school to offset the costs of maintaining the school)

These alternatives would not achieve the objectives of the proposal (see consultation paper). There is very limited used of the school out of hours.

What is the overall effect of closure on the local community (including the loss of school based facilities which are used by the local community), particularly in rural areas or those receiving funding as part of regeneration activity?

There is very limited used of the school out of hours. There is no funding from regeneration activity for this school.

Section 3 - Impact on Protected Characteristics (See guidance): Please consider the possible impact on the different protected characteristics.

	Positive	Negative	Neutral	Needs further investigation
Children/young people (0-18	\Longrightarrow			
Older people (50+)	$\longrightarrow \overline{\boxtimes}$			
Any other age group	\longrightarrow			
Disability	$\longrightarrow \overline{\boxtimes}$			
Race (including refugees)	$\rightarrow \Box$		$\overline{\boxtimes}$	
Asylum seekers	\longrightarrow		\boxtimes	
Gypsies & travellers	\longrightarrow		\boxtimes	
Religion or (non-)belief	\longrightarrow			
Sex	\longrightarrow			
Sexual Orientation	\longrightarrow			
Gender reassignment	\longrightarrow			
Welsh Language	\longrightarrow			
Poverty/social exclusion	\longrightarrow			
Carers (inc. young carers)	\longrightarrow			
Community cohesion	\longrightarrow			
Marriage & civil partnership				
Pregnancy and maternity	\longrightarrow			

Thinking about your answers above, please explain in detail why this is the case.

(0-18) – YGG Tan-y-lan is a Welsh-medium primary school. This project will have a very positive impact on the Education of all the children who attend the school in the future. As we are looking to build the school on a new site this should avoid any disruption to those currently attending the school.

(Older People 50+/Any other age group) – The staff, parents, carers and wider school community will benefit greatly from improved facilities to deliver education to all pupils and increase the opportunities for the wider school community to experience and use the Welsh language.

Disability – The design, delivery and implementation of this project will take 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 design of any new building, the re-modelling and the running of the school in the future will ensure that ALL the pupils and staff can make the most of their improved environment.

Welsh – YGG Tan-y-lan is a Welsh medium primary school and as a result this project will have a positive impact on the Welsh language. The project is part of the wider Welsh in Education Strategic Plan that is looking to increase the number of places available in Swansea's Welsh-medium schools.

Poverty/social exclusion – There are high levels of deprivation in this area and providing the children and the community with this improved facility could give access to courses for adults and access to additional extra-curricular activities. Due to the possible changes in catchment areas it is important to consider the impact this could have on learners and their families. The extra distance to travel to the new site was mentioned by a couple of individuals during the consultation process. Some pupils will inevitably live further away from the new site and this would increase their travel time, however, the sites are only 0.6 miles apart by available walking route and any pupils more than 2 miles away, or where there is no available walking route, would be offered home to school transport.

Community Cohesion – It is possible that the improved facilities will provide increased opportunities for the community to make the most of the school's facilities. However, due to the possible changes in catchment areas it is important to consider the impact this could have on community cohesion as the schools moves (0.6 miles) from one community to another. If the proposal goes ahead the school will work with all communities to ensure that the schools continue with its inclusive ethos that brings communities together for the benefit of all.

Staff - As the proposal is to move all existing staff to the new school there will not be any redundancies as a result of this proposal. Impacts on staff with be minimal as a result of moving staff to a new working environment with improved facilities.

Section 4 - Engagement:

Please consider all of your engagement activities here, e.g. participation, consultation, involvement, co-productive approaches, etc.

What engagement has been undertaken to support your view? How did you ensure this was accessible to all?

Due to the nature of this proposal a full statutory consultation was required. Cabinet approved the proposal to consult and this provided an opportunity for people to share their views and opinions before a final decision is taken. Cabinet subsequently approved publication of a Statutory Notice to provide a further opportunity for any objections to be made. During this period no objections were received and Cabinet are now determining if the project can go ahead. If the project does go ahead, there will be on-going engagement with all stakeholders (as listed) as the project develops and is implemented. This will include meetings, newsletters and online material.

The formal consultation processes ran from the 5 September to the 18 October 2018. Survey response forms could be completed on-line, or by hard copy, along with an invitation to respond directly.

Consultation took place as is required in the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code with the specified list of consultees, including:

- pupils, staff, governors and parents at YGG Tan-y-lan
- schools and parents affected by the catchment review
- Welsh ministers, AMs and MPs in the area, and local councillors
- Estyn
- Trade unions

Consultation meetings and drop-in sessions were held for the YGG Tan-y-lan proposal as follows:

Meeting for:	Venue	Date	Time	Attendance
Learners (School	Tan-y-lan	27/09/18	14:30 –	10
Council)	School		15:30	
Staff	Tan-y-lan	27/09/18	15:30 -	28
	School		16:15	
Governors	Tan-y-lan	27/09/18	16:15 –	6
	School		17:00	
Drop-in for	Tan-y-lan	27/09/18	17:00 –	9
parents/public	School		19:00	

A drop-in session was also held for all proposals and the wider catchment review on 2 October 2018 in the Civic Centre and was attended by 9 people.

A joint meeting was held for the school councils of the schools affected by the wider catchment review on 5 October 2018 and was attended by 10 school council members.

The following responses were received for the YGG Tan-y-lan proposal:

- 30 responses to an online survey
- 23 responses to an online pupil survey
- 3 written/emailed responses

If the proposal was to proceed YGG Tan-y-lan pupils and staff would be asked to complete a questionnaire informing the project what they would like to see in the new school. These would be collated and used by the project team as part of the design workshops with the school.

A school council update would be arranged where the outcomes can be discussed with them and discuss how they can/have been used in the design process. Further updates with the School Council would continue throughout the project and updated as part of any ongoing web updates.

What did your engagement activities tell you? What feedback have you received?

There was broad support for the proposal from those responding, particularly recognising the need for a larger site and facilities. Some specific facilities were suggested and can be considered as part of the detailed design for the new school, which will reflect Building Bulletin guidelines as well as the available funding for the scheme.

Of the total responses received, 29 support the proposal, 2 object and 5 are undecided/unclear. 20 of the learner responses support the proposal, none object and 1 was undecided/unclear.

Concerns have been raised regarding the size of the new build if it cannot be 2 Form Entry (FE) from the outset, which was dependent on access to specific Welsh Government Welsh-medium capital grant. Sadly, our bids have so far been unsuccessful and this opportunity may consequently have been lost. Therefore, the proposal remains for 315 places to serve YGG Tan-y-lan (1.5FE), consistent with the rigorous pupil modelling underpinning the Welsh Government business case, and future proofed for a further 0.5FE in the future as demand continues to grow.

No proposed location to provide a less constrained site will be considered ideal by everyone. Responses have suggested that the Council should be looking to also build a new Welsh-medium school for the Morriston area and possibly consider the use of the current YGG Tan-y-lan site to develop nursery education to feed into any such additional school. This view isn't currently under consideration.

Concerns were raised about traffic around the area of the proposed new site and also the transport arrangements to the new site. If the proposal is approved all routes to the school would be assessed and traffic measures introduced where necessary. Some pupils will inevitably live further away from the new site and this would increase their travel time, however, the sites are only 0.6 miles apart by available walking route and any pupils more than 2 miles away, or where there is no available walking route, would be offered home to school transport.

One response raised concern about perceived larger classes. Class sizes are currently between 25 and 33 and infant classes cannot exceed 30 (unless there are permitted exceptions) and we would not expect junior classes to be any larger in future.

How have you changed your initiative as a result?

The pupils at the school have shared numerous ideas of what they would like to see included in their proposed new school building. These will be considered by the projects team and used to develop the proposed design of the school.

We have been successful in accessing additional Welsh Government funding to build the new school as a 2 Form Entry school.

Any actions required (e.g. further engagement activities, mitigation to address any adverse impact, etc.):

- Report back to Cabinet on the statutory notice period
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Section 5 - Other impacts:

Please consider how the initiative might address the following issues - see the specific Section 5 Guidance

Foster good relations between different groups	Advance equality of opportunity between different groups
Elimination of discrimination, harassment and victimisation	Reduction of social exclusion and poverty

Please explain any possible impact on each of the above.

Impact on...

Foster good relations between different groups

A new build school would look to create opportunities for the community to make use of the facilities and provide an increased number of Welsh-medium places.

Advance equality of opportunity between different groups

Access for all pupils/teachers to an improved learning environment.

Increased opportunities for community use

Elimination of discrimination, harassment and victimisation

Secure by design – reducing the number of secluded settings within the school site that would allow opportunities for bullying etc.

Reduction of social exclusion and poverty

Modern learning environment encourages attendance and this leads to better outcomes for individual pupils and gives every child/young person a better start in life.

What work have you already done to improve any of the above?

The school already has links with the community and this project will look to further enhance this work.

Is the initiative likely to impact on Community Cohesion? Please provide details.

Yes. The school already has a positive impact on its community. The improvements proposed will provide an opportunity for the school to build on this through greater use of its facilities by the community. However, as mentioned previously, due to the possible changes in catchment areas it is important to consider the impact this could have on community cohesion as the schools moves (0.6 miles) from one community to another. If the proposal goes ahead the school will work with all communities to ensure that the schools continue with its inclusive ethos that brings communities together for the benefit of all.

How does the initiative support Welsh speakers and encourage use of Welsh?

YGG Tan-y-lan is a Welsh-medium primary school. Welsh-medium education provides opportunities for children and young people to achieve fluency in the Welsh language through studying a broad range of subjects and disciplines in Welsh. The proposal to provide a new larger facility on a new site will provide excellent facilities for the school and community as a whole as well as increasing the opportunities for children and the wider community to experience and use the Welsh language.

Actions (to mitigate adverse impact or to address identified gaps in knowledge).

Section 6 - United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC):

Many initiatives have an indirect impact on children and you need to consider whether the impact is positive or negative in relation to both children's rights and their best interests. Please read the UNCRC guidance before completing this section.

Will the initiative have any impact (direct or indirect) on children and young people (think about this age group holistically e.g. disabled children, those living in poverty or from BME communities)? If not, please briefly explain your answer here and proceed to Section 7.

The initiative will have a direct impact on children and young people.

All initiatives must be designed / planned in the best interests of children and young people.

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.

Please explain how you meet this requirement:

The initiative is planned to improve pupils' school environment thus giving them the best opportunity of achieving to their full potential. The proposal relates to the following articles:

Article 3 - All organisations concerned with children should work towards what is best for each child.

Article 12 - Respect for the views of the child

Article 18 - Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their children. We should help parents by providing services to support them.

Article 28 - Children have a right to an education. Discipline in schools should respect children's human dignity.

Article 29 - Education should develop each child's personality and talents to the full.

Article 30 - Children have a right to learn and use the language and customs of their families.

Actions (to mitigate adverse impact or to address identified gaps in knowledge).

Section 7 - Monitoring arrangements:

Please explain the monitoring arrangements for this initiative:

Monitoring arrangements: All projects within the 21st Century Schools Programme
have a clear monitoring process in place. Regular progress meetings are held with the
school and the contractors, a formal Project Board is held monthly to discuss key issues
and make key decisions, any issues can them be escalated to the Programme Board
with the Strategic Programme Board (Corporate) having an overarching view of all
Swansea Council projects.

Actions:
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Section 8 - Outcomes:

Having completed sections 1-5, please indicate which of the outcomes listed below applies to your initiative (refer to the guidance for further information on this section).

Outcome 1: Continue the initiative – no concern	
Outcome 2: Adjust the initiative – low level of concern	
Outcome 3:Justify the initiative – moderate level of concern	
Outcome 4: Stop and refer the initiative – high level of concern.	
For outcome 3, please provide the justification below: For outcome 4, detail the next steps / areas of concern below and refer to your Head / Director for further advice:	of Service

Section 9 - Publication arrangements:

On completion, please follow this 3-step procedure:

- Send this EIA report and action plan to the Access to Services Team for feedback and approval – <u>accesstoservices@swansea.gov.uk</u>
- 2. Make any necessary amendments/additions.
- 3. Provide the final version of this report to the team for publication, including email approval of the EIA from your Head of Service. The EIA will be published on the Council's website this is a legal requirement.

EIA Action Plan:

Objective - What are we going to do and why?	Who will be responsible for seeing it is done?	When will it be done by?	Outcome - How will we know we have achieved our objective?	Progress
Map use of the school by community groups	Project Manager	31st August 2018	Current us of the school facilities by community groups mapped out	This has been done via the community impact assessment that was published alongside the consultation papers.
Report to Cabinet to decide if a statutory consultation will take place	Head of Service Programme Manager Project Manager	21 st June 2018	Cabinet approval to consult	Cabinet approved the statutory consultation
Statutory consultation – to give all interested parties an opportunity to share their views	Head of Service Programme Manager Project Manager	18 th October 2018	Consultation completed	Report prepared for Cabinet
Report to Cabinet to decide if to go out to Statutory Notice	Head of Service Programme Manager Project Manager	20 th December 2018	Statutory Notice publication approved	Completed
Report to Cabinet following the statutory notice period	Head of Service Programme Manager Project Manager	21 st March 2019	Cabinet approval to proceed with the project	
Provide templates to school council to assist them with the ongoing engagement process with the wider school community	Project Team	December 2020	Increased communication with the wider school community	
As the project continues to develop include more detailed information on accessibility	Project Manager	September 2019	Details on the accessibility of the new build	

^{*} Please remember to be 'SMART' when completing your action plan (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely).