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## YMATEB DRAFT I ADRODDIAD DRAFT IR CABINET YNGLYN A YSGOL ABERSOCH

Cynghorydd Dewi Roberts

### Ymateb ir Adroddaiad Draft

Yn gyntaf caf dtgan fy siom ynglyn ar amseren sydd wedi ei osod I fi ymateb ir adroddiad hyn cael derbyn yr adroddiad ar pnawn Dydd Gwener penwythnos y banc tra roeddwn I ffwrdd ar wyliau!

Felly rwyf wedi cael dau ddiwrnod Gwaith i paratoi ymateb ir adroddiad mae hyn wedi bod yn batrwm cyson yn ystod y broses ac rwyf wedi codi sylw ir fur amser anheg sydd yn cael ei gosod, ambell waith yn y gorfffenol.

Hefyd rwyf wedi cael trafferth gyd fy surface pro hwn yw y cyfrifiadur rwyf wedi cadw Gwaith arno yn cynnwys phob cyfathrebiad I wneud ar broses cau yr ysgol. Rhif cwyn i2106-0163.

Awdur yr Adroddiad yw Swyddog Addysg Dwyfor a Feirionydd Gwern Ap Rhisiart a bydd cyflwyno yr adroddiad ir Cabinet ar 15fed Mehefin 2021 gan Aelod Cabinet Cynghorydd Cemlyn Williams.

1 & 2 Yr Argymhelliad ar Penderfyniad a geisir yw cymeradwyo I gau yr Ysgol ar 31 Rhagfyr 2021 a darparu lle I ddisgyblion yn Ysgol Sarn Bach o Ionawr 2022 a fod hyn yn cael ei wneud wrth cyhoeddi rhybyddion statudol a pherthnasol ir broses.

3. Rhan y Cyflwyniad ir Adroddiad sydd yn son am y cyfardodydd dechreuol ir broses mae yna wedi bod oruder ar syt cafodd yr cfarfodydd yn ei chynnal a bydd derbyn ambell cwyn ynglyn a safon yr cyflwyniadau ar trfodaethau. Hefyd bydd pruder yngly ar opsiynnau oedd yn cael ei rhoi wrth law ar eglurhad syt oedd dilyn yr opsiynnau hyn I fynnu, engraifft o hyn oedd opsiwn ffreidreiddio gyda ysgol arall.

Mae y fater fod y Penderfyniad gan y Cabinet wedi cael ei alw I fewn gan y Pwyllgor Craffu Addysg ar argymhelliad gan y Pwyllgor Craffu Addysg Ir Cabinet ail ystyrio yr penderfyiad yn arwydd cryf fod pruderon dros y Penderfyniad Cabinet I parhau gydar broses ymgynghori.

### 4 Cefndir

#### Y Prif heriau

- i. Fel sydd wedi arddangos yn tablau yrt Adran Addysg mae rhif disgyblion yr Ysol yn gallu cynyddu yn yn sydyn yn ogystal a gostwng mae rhifau disgyblion yr Ysgol wedi aros yn debyg yn ddiweddar ond mae diddordeb wedi ei ddangos gan rhieni I gofrestur ei plant I fynychu ar ysgol yn y dyfodol hyn er yr cwmwl mawr sydd wedi bod dros yr ysgol y flwyddyn diethaf yma. Mae y Meithrinfa ar grwp Ti a Fi yn brysyr ac yn datblygu yn ffrwythlon ar profiad yn llefydd eraill yw fod hyn yn dilyn cynydd mewn rhifau disgyblion.

- ii. Rhan maint yr Dosbarthiadau mae pruder wedi ei ymddangos gan llwyodraeth cymru rhan maint dosbarthiadau gan ddweud fod well cael dosbarthiadau llai. Felly mae elfen positif I dosbarth bach.
- iii. Lle mae tystiolaeth rhan y rhagolygon cynydd o cynyddiad o ddim ond dau I 2023 fel sydd wedi ei ddangos yn y dyfodol mae cynyddiad rhifau disgyblion yn gallu digwydd yn sydyn ac yn anisgwyl fellu mae beth sydd yn yr adroddiad yn gamarweiniol.
- iv. Mae ddigon phosib i rhieni newid ei meddwl rhan pa ysgol mae nhw am anfon ei plant I mae debyg os bydd cadw yr ysgol bydd llawer o rhieni yn ail feddwl ac yn anfon ei plant ir ysgol agosach am ambell rheswm.
- v. Mae y swm sydd yn cael ei drodd yn dderbyniol ar rhifau disgyblion ac gyda edrych mewn ffordd uchalgaisiol ar hyn os bydd y rhifau yn codi fel mae rhywyn yn obeithiol o ddigwydd ni fydd y swm £52,582 yn perthnasol.
- vi. Cyfeiriaf at ymateb v. mae ddigon phosib ni fydd y gwhaniaeth yma yn bod os byddrhifau yn cynyddu.

4.2 Nid rwyf gyda dadl ynglyn a cyd Destyn Srtategol ond I ddweud fod colli adnodd ysgol yn yr Ardal am cael effaith niweddiol ar y gallu I rhoi addusg gorau I plant fy ward ac rhan hawl dewis I rhieni y plant.

4.3 Rwyf yn nodi yr opsiynau sydd gerllaw ond yn dal I pryderu rhan yr ymchwil I mewn ir opsiwnau yma y bennaf y broses o Ffedraeleiddio gyda Ysgol cyfagos a y phosib o cael plant o 3oed I 9oed nid rwyf yn derbyn fod hyn ddim yn cael effaith ar rhifau plant yn Abersoch a fod yr effaith o wneud hyn yn cael ddim effaith ar Ysgol Sarn Bach – nid rwyf yn teimlo fod hyn wedi ei trialu am cyfnod.

Yr adborth rwyf yn dderbyn yn lleol fod yna canfyddiad yma o anwybyddu ynrhyw sylwad ar unig opsiwn sydd yn dderbyniol yw cau yr ysgol.

4.3.2 – 4.8.5 Rwyf yn barod wedi ymateb I rhai or pwyntiau ac ddim am air ddwud ond mae capacity y ddau ysgol cyfagos Ysgol Llanbedrog a Ysgol Sarn Bach yn fy mhoeni. Mae eto son am capacity Ysgol Abersoch sef 32 nid yw yr ysgol erioed wedi cyrraedd y rhif yma?

5. Mae effaith difrifol am fod ar y ddiwylliant ar iaith Cymraeg wrth cau yr ysgol a ac er fod yna effaith cyllidol ar hyn o brud does dim mesyr or colled yma mewn ardal sydd ai iaith ai ddiwylliant od dan ffaswn her ac be fydd y costau I ynrhyw syniad neu project I ymateb I achub yr iaith ar diwylliant yma – berrig fydd arbed wrth gau a gwario mwy ar menterion llawer llai effeithiol yn y dyfodol.

6. Ymgynghoriad. Er rwyf or farn fod yn amhosib cael ymgynghoriad cyflawn a theg yn yr amgylchiadau COVID mae yr ymgynghoriad yn glir fod gwrthwynebiad clir I gau yr ysgol ac os bydd hyn yn mynd ymlaen mae hyn yn groes I awydd y gymdeithas yn cynnwys y plant y rhieni, y trigolion, Staff yr Ysgol, Cyngor Cymuned Aleod Lleol ar Aelod Seneddol.

**Mae yr ymgynghoriad hefyd yn dangos for pryder ynglyn a y broses or ymgynghoriad ei hyn.**

**Mewn canlyniad mae yn hawdd yn fan hyn cael canfyddiad fod y fater yn fait accompli sydd yn bechod fawr.**

**Hoffwn cadarnhau y byddaf yn cael ymuno ar Cyfarfod Cabinet a fod Cadeirydd ar Is gadeirydd hefyd yn cael gwahoddiad ir cyfarfod os dim ond rhan parch yw Gwaith ddi ben ir gorau yr Ysgol fach yma.**

**Dewi Roberts**

**Cynghorydd Abersoch**

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## **DRAFT RESPONSE TO CABINET'S DRAFT REPORT ON YSGOL ABERSOCH**

**Councillor Dewi Roberts**

### **Response to Draft Report**

**First of all I can express my disappointment at the timescale that has been set for me to respond to this report to receive the report on Friday afternoon on the bank weekend while I was away on holiday!**

**Therefore, I have had two Working Days to prepare a response to the report, this has been a consistent pattern throughout the process and I have drawn attention to the unfair timescales that are imposed, sometimes in the past.**

**Also I've had trouble with my surface pro this is the computer I've kept Work on including all the communications to do on the school closing process. Complaint number i2106-0163.**

**The Report is authored by Dwyfor and Meirionnydd Education Officer Gwern Ap Rhisiart and the report will be presented to Cabinet on 15th June 2021 by Cabinet Member Councilor Cemlyn Williams.**

**1 & 2 The Recommendation of Resolution sought is to approve the closure of the School on 31 December 2021 and to provide a place for pupils at Ysgol Sarn Bach from January 2022 and that this be done when issuing statutory and relevant notices to the process.**

**3. In relation to the Report Introduction which talks about the initial meetings of the process there has been concern about how the meetings were conducted and there will be some complaints about the standard of presentations and discussions. There was also concern regarding options that were being put to hand and the explanation of how to pursue these options. An example of this was a federalization option with another school.**

**The fact that the Cabinet Decision has been called in by the Education Scrutiny Committee on a recommendation from the Education Scrutiny Committee to the Cabinet to reconsider the decision is a strong indication that there are concerns over the Cabinet Decision to continue the consultation process.**

### **4 Background**

#### **Main challenges**

- i. As has been shown in the Education Department tables the School's pupil numbers can rise sharply as well as the School's pupil numbers have remained similar recently but parents have shown interest in registering their children to attend school future despite the big cloud that has been over the school this past year. The Nursery on the Ti a Fi group is busy and is developing fruitfully and experience elsewhere is that this is following an increase in pupil numbers.**

- ii. *With regard to Class sizes, concern has been expressed by the Welsh government over class sizes saying that smaller classes are better. So there is a positive element to small class.*
- iii. *Where is the evidence part of the forecasts of an increase of only two to 2023 as has been shown in the future the rise of pupil numbers can happen suddenly and unexpectedly so what is in the report is misleading.*
- iv. *It is quite possible for parents to change their mind about which school they want to send their children to if it is likely that keeping the school will result in many parents re-thinking and sending their children to the nearer school for a few reasons.*
- v. *The amount reported is acceptable on pupil numbers and with an ambitious look at this should the numbers rise as one hopes it will do so, the sum of £ 52,582 will not apply.*
- vi. *I refer to response v. this difference may well not exist if numbers increase.*

*4.2 I am not in a debate about a Strategic Theme but to say that the loss of a school resource in the Area has a detrimental effect on the ability to provide the best education for the children of my ward and the right of choice for the parents of the children.*

*4.3 I note the options that are nearby but I remain concerned about the part of the research into these options mainly the Federalization process with a nearby School and the possibility of educating children from 3 to 9 years of age I do not accept that this does not affect child numbers in Abersoch and the effect of doing this has no effect on Ysgol Sarn Bach - I don't feel this has been trialled for a period.*

*The feedback I receive locally is that there is a perception here of ignoring any comment and the only option that is acceptable is closing the school.*

*4.3.2 - 4.8.5 I have already responded to some of the points but the capacity of the two neighboring schools Ysgol Llanbedrog and Ysgol Sarn Bach worries me. The Abersoch capacity of 32 is again mentioned, the school has never reached this number?*

*5. There is a serious impact on culture on the Welsh Language when closing the school and although there is a financial impact on this at present there is no measure of this loss in an area which has a language and culture facing a challenge and what will be the costs of any idea or project to respond to saving the language and culture here - saving in closing and spending more on much less effective issues in the future is a risk.*

*6. Consultation. Although I think it is impossible to have a full and fair consultation in the COVID circumstances, the consultation is clear that there is a clear objection to closing the school and that if this goes ahead this is contrary to the desire of the society including the children parents, residents, School Staff, Community Council Local Member and Member of Parliament.*

*The consultation also indicates that there is concern about the consultation process itself.*

*As a result it is easy here to find that the issue is a fait accompli which is a great shame.*

*I would like to confirm that I will be able to join a Cabinet Meeting and that a Chair and Vice Chair will also be invited to the meeting if the respect for the best work of this small School is just a matter of respect.*

*Dewi Roberts*

*Abersoch Councillor*