

Dear Sir / Madam

Review of Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion Services in Monmouthshire

Monmouthshire County Council wishes to consult formally with key stakeholders and interested parties on its proposals to implement a new delivery model across the county to meet the needs of children and young people with additional learning needs (ALN) as well as those presenting with challenging behaviour. The decision to formally engage in these statutory consultation processes arises from the decision made by Monmouthshire County Council's Cabinet on 7th March 2018.

Within the new delivery model, the council proposes to establish a new special school that will deliver the full range of provision required to meet the needs of children and young people aged 3-19 with ASD, SEBD, PMLD and severe learning difficulties within the County. The existing Mounton House Special School will close as a result of the proposal and form the site of the new special school.

The new special school will offer provision for a wide range of Additional Learning and behavioural needs delivered through multiple satellite settings placed across the County. The existing Pupil Referral Service (PRS) will also be enhanced to provide a greater range of outreach support and provision for children and young people at risk of exclusion.

The review of ALN and Inclusion services has been focussed on enhancing our existing provision and enabling more of our children and young people to access the provision and support that they require locally. The Council believes that this can be delivered through proposed new model, however, your input into this review is key to ensuring that any changes implemented achieve the desired outcome.

Formal consultation on the proposals will commence on **Monday 16th April 2018** and will last a total of 42 days, concluding on **27th May 2018**. The Council has developed a formal consultation document which can be accessed via the Monmouthshire County Council website, and specifically via the following link www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/statutoryconsultation. A hard copy of the consultation document can be provided on request by emailing strategicreview@monmouthshire.gov.uk

You are encouraged to take some time to study the consultation document and submit any comments, observations and / or concerns in relation to the proposals. All views expressed throughout the consultation period will be considered in deciding next steps, so it is imperative that you take some time to share your views by:

- Emailing strategicreview@monmouthshire.gov.uk
- Completing the appendix 1 response proforma located within the consultation document

In addition to the above, the Council will be facilitating consultation meetings with staff, governors, parents and pupils of the Schools within the County that are likely to be affected by the proposals which will provide a further opportunity to share any views. Details of these events will be shared with the affected parties in due course.

Following on from the conclusion of the formal consultation process on **27th May 2018**, Monmouthshire County Council's Cabinet will receive a further report and decide on the next steps to be taken. Should the Cabinet undertake a decision to proceed with proposals, statutory notices will be published providing a 28 day notice period for formal objections to be made.

I look forward to receiving your observations. Please remember that all responses must be received by the Council in writing no later than **27th May 2018**.

Yours Sincerely

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Will McLean

Chief Officer for Children and Young People