

CYDBWYLLGOR ERW 30 MAWRTH 2021

Consortiwm ERW- 2021/22 Darparu Gwasanaethau i Gyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Castell-nedd Port Talbot

Y PWRPAS: I ystyried llythyr gan Gyngorydd Rob Jones, Arweinydd
Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot, dyddiedig 25^{ain} o Chwefror 2021.

YR ARGYMHELLION / PENDERFYNIADAU ALLWEDDOL SYDD EU HANGEN:

I ystyried y cais gan Gyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Castell-nedd Port Talbot:

1. I ymestyn y trefniadau presennol gan roi mynediad i ysgolion Castell-nedd Port Talbot (CNPT) at wasanaethau y cytunwyd arnynt tan 31ain o Fawrth 2022 (neu ar ddiidymu'r consortiwm presennol, os yn gynharach) ar y telerau presennol ac yn amodol ar gytundeb contractiol ffurfiol.
2. I sefydlu llinellau cyfathrebu clir gyda'r consortiwm dros y cyfnod nesaf. Yn benodol mewn perthynas â'u hatebolrwydd ariannol sy'n gysylltiedig â diddymu'r trefniadau presennol.

Y RHESYMAU: Sicrhau eglurder i bartneriaid a staff presennol ERW o ran darparu gwasanaethau ar gyfer ysgolion Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Castell-nedd Port Talbot.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ERW JOINT COMMITTEE

30 MARCH 2021

ERW Consortium- 2021/22 Provision of Services to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

Neath Port Talbot left ERW on 31/3/20. From 1/4/20 to date, NPT schools have been receiving services from ERW including:

- Innovation & QI Schools Quality Improvement
- Engaging Non Pioneers
- Professional Learning - Pioneer Schools
- Initial Teacher Education Partnership Pilots
- Initial Teacher Education Part time & work based
- Non-pioneer Cluster funding
- Higher Education Institutions Accreditation Manager funding
- Higher Level Teaching Assistants
- National Professional Qualification for Headship programme
- Newly Qualified Teachers programme
- Emerging Leader Programmes e.g. Middle Leaders

The Joint Committee agreed on 13/11/20:

1. the proposed changes to the Legal Agreement to enable ERW to provide Neath Port Talbot schools with access to agreed services as detailed within the variation report, subject to the assurance of no costs falling on ERW (save for legal costs incurred in amending the Legal Agreement).
2. to the preparation of a separate legal agreement between ERW and NPT.

It is understood that to date, neither the Deed of Variation deed (clause 1 above), nor the preparation of a separate legal agreement (clause 2 above) have been completed. Reminders have been sent to partner authorities regarding Clause 1.

On the 25th February 2021 a letter was received from Councillor Rob Jones, Leader of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

The letter outlined their position in regard to regional working in regard to school improvement and their focus for 2021/22. The letter refers to the

There was a request to extend the current arrangements until 31st March 2022 (or on the dissolution of the existing consortium, if earlier) on the current terms and subject to a formal contractual agreement.



In addition there was a request to establish clear lines of communication with the consortium over the next period in particular in regard to NPT's financial liability attached to the dissolution of the current arrangements.

There is also the following request- *'Officers have already asked for details of these potential costs and associated legal and HR advice, however, to date we have not received the information requested. I therefore formally request such information together with the plans that the ERW Joint Committee has approved to minimise the risk of these costs materialising.'*

I have been advised that the information requested (underlined) has now been provided.

In regard to minimising the risks of the costs the fact that NPT and other partners have left ERW could result in redundancies as the current core team was set up to service the whole region. We are not currently in a position to provide any partner with information in regard to liabilities.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES- NPT Letter
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IMPLICATIONS

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities NONE	Legal YES	Finance YES	Risk Management Issues YES	Staffing Implications YES
<p>Legal In regard to providing services to anyone outside the current partnership agreement needs to be entered into to clarify what is to be delivered and any associated matters.</p>				
<p>Finance The full allocations for the element of provision to be recouped (<i>namely the national leadership programmes</i>) and any additional costs associated with delivering and managing the programmes.</p>				
<p>Risk Management An identified risk is the capacity of the core team to provide services to others outside the current partnership agreement. Their priority should be the current partners.</p>				
<p>Staffing Implications Linked to the above risk we need to ensure we have the staff capacity to deliver for the partnership's schools and any others outside the current partnership.</p>				

CONSULTATIONS

NONE

<p>Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW</p>		
Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
N/A	N/A	N/A

