

APPENDIX A



POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Proposal to close the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School from the 31st August 2016

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1. THE PROPOSAL

Powys County Council is proposing to close the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School, Penlan, Brecon, Powys, LD3 9SR from the 31st August 2016, with Brecon High School becoming an English medium school with effect from the 1st September 2016.

The proposal is that there will be no Welsh-medium provision in Brecon High School for pupils in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 from the 1st September 2016. Provision will continue at Brecon High School for Welsh-medium pupils that will be entering year 11 in September 2016, to enable them to complete their GCSE subjects at the school.

From the 1st September 2016, Welsh-medium provision for pupils in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 who live in the Brecon catchment will be provided at Builth Wells High School, College Road, Builth Wells, Powys, LD2 3BW. This will also be the case for pupils in year 11 from the 1st September 2017. Free transport will be provided for qualifying¹ pupils.

Pupils living in parts of the Brecon catchment that live closer to alternative Welsh-medium secondary provision outside Powys will have the opportunity to transfer to these schools. Free transport will be provided for qualifying pupils.

1.1 Background to the Proposal

In January 2015, Powys County Council commenced a Secondary School Reorganisation Programme, which intends to transform the secondary and post-16 sector across the county. The main aims of the Programme are:

- Reconfiguration of secondary and post-16 education to create a sustainable infrastructure of schools and sixth forms across Powys, enabling a broader range of subjects to be provided from each school site, whilst minimising the need for inter-school travel and transport
- Reconfiguration of Welsh-medium education with the aim of establishing at least one Welsh-medium secondary school in the county, and the consolidation of other Welsh-medium streams into larger units. This will enable schools to provide the appropriate curriculum offer and progression routes for Welsh-medium learners.

This reflects the Authority's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) for 2014-2017. One of the Strategic Aims stated in the WESP is 'to provide robust linguistic continuity of Welsh-medium provision across all key phases of education'.

¹ Secondary pupils are entitled to free home to school transport if they live more than 3 miles from the nearest school providing education in the language of their choice.

Welsh-medium secondary provision in Powys is currently provided at 6 dual stream secondary schools, where the curriculum is delivered through separate Welsh-medium and English-medium streams. 4 of these schools provide opportunities to study subjects through the medium of Welsh at post-16.

In south Powys, there are currently 2 Welsh-medium secondary streams:

- The Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School provides Welsh-medium subjects in years 7 – 11
- The Welsh-medium stream at Builth Wells High School provides Welsh-medium subjects in years 7 – 13.

In some areas of Powys, pupils transfer out of county to receive Welsh-medium secondary provision provided by another authority, most notably from the Ystradgynlais area to Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera, located within Neath Port Talbot County Borough. Although historically it is mainly pupils from the Ystradgynlais catchment area that have transferred out of county to Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera, in recent years there has been an increase in the number of pupils from the Welsh-medium stream at Sennybridge C.P. School who have transferred to Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera rather than the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School, due to parental preference.

In March 2015, the Council's Cabinet considered and approved a report which identified four priorities to be taken forward in respect of the Secondary School Reorganisation programme, which were as follows:

- Priority 1 – Beacons Learning Campus
- Priority 2 – To review Secondary Education in Mid Powys
- Priority 3 – To review Post-16 Provision in Ystradgynlais
- Priority 4 – To review Secondary Education in North Powys

Cabinet also approved a recommendation to commence formal consultation to withdraw Welsh-medium provision from Brecon High School from September 2016.

1.2 Reasons for the Proposal

The reasons why the Authority is proposing to close the Welsh stream at Brecon High School are listed below.

1.2.1 To provide robust linguistic continuity for Welsh-medium pupils

One of the Strategic Aims stated in the Authority's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) is 'to provide robust linguistic continuity of Welsh-medium provision across all key phases of education', to enable all children and young people across Powys to experience the cultural and cognitive benefits of bilingualism. The Council aims to ensure that all Powys learners have the opportunity to become confident bilingual citizens. Supporting learners to achieve fluency in Welsh and English through Welsh-medium

education from the early years onwards is a key focus of the Authority's WESP.

In its Welsh-medium Education Strategy (2010), the Welsh Government states that 'Bilingual / dual stream settings should aim to provide as much provision through the medium of Welsh as is necessary for learners to achieve fluency in two languages.'

The Authority's current policy is to aim that all dual stream schools become category 2B² bilingual schools by 2020, to ensure that at least 80% of subjects are available through the medium of Welsh to pupils transferring to Welsh-medium secondary provision. However, progress towards this target has been limited.

During the current academic year, the Welsh-medium provision at Brecon High School and Builth Wells High School in years 7 to 11 was as follows³:

Brecon High School

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Number of Welsh-medium subjects	9	9	9	3	3
Number of English-medium subjects	14	14	14	16	19
% Welsh-medium subjects	64%	64%	64%	19%	16%
Language category	2C	2C	2C	4	4

Builth Wells High School

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Number of Welsh-medium subjects	12	12	12	10	10
Number of English-medium subjects	15	15	15	20	23
Number of bilingual subjects	0	0	0	2	2

² As stated in the Welsh Government document, 'Defining Schools according to Welsh-medium Provision', published in 2007. The categories are also summarised in Appendix A.

³ More detailed information about the subjects provided at each school is provided in Appendix B.

Total number of subjects	15	15	15	22	25
% Welsh-medium subjects	80%	80%	80%	46%	40%
Language category	2B	2B	2B	3	3

Based on this information, the current language category of each school is as follows:

	KS3	KS4	Overall
Brecon High School	2C	4	3
Builth Wells High School	2B	3	2C

As the current position at both schools does not fully meet the aspirations of the Authority's WESP for linguistic continuity, the Authority has identified the need to centralise provision in south Powys, in order to ensure that a greater level of provision can be offered to pupils. In particular, the Authority is concerned that the Welsh-medium provision available at Brecon High School is limited, and does not provide sound linguistic progression from one phase of education to the next.

The Authority is also concerned about the limited post-16 opportunities currently available to Welsh-medium learners in South Powys. Currently, there is no Welsh-medium post-16 provision at Brecon High School, and only a limited number of subjects are offered at Builth Wells High School. During the current academic year, the following Welsh-medium post-16 subjects are provided at Builth Wells High School:

Welsh-medium	Bilingual
Biology	Art
Cymraeg	
DT	
Geography	
History	
Music	
PSE	
Welsh Baccalaureate	

In order to increase the Welsh-medium post-16 opportunities available for learners in south Powys, the Authority is proposing centralising provision at Key Stage 3. This will create a larger group of learners, which will enable a wider range of subjects to be provided in Key Stage 4 and at post-16.

1.2.2 To ensure a greater critical mass of Welsh-medium secondary learners in one location

i) Current secondary pupil numbers

In September 2014, there were only 57 pupils in the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School, representing 10% of year 7 to 11 pupils in the school. In Builth Wells High School, there were 107 pupils, which is 26% of year 7 to 11 pupils. The number of Welsh-medium pupils in each year group is small in both schools, and this causes particular difficulties in Key Stage 4 when pupils choose options.

In September 2014, the number of pupils in each stream in years 7 to 11 in the two schools was as follows:

Brecon High School

Year	Number of Welsh-medium pupils	Number of English-medium pupils	Total number of pupils
7	14	93	107
8	13	93	106
9	9	92	101
10	8	125	133
11	13	108	121
Total	57	511	568

Builth Wells High School

Year	Number of Welsh-medium pupils	Number of English-medium pupils	Total number of pupils
7	18	54	72
8	23	64	87
9	28	60	88
10	21	70	91
11	17	63	80
Total	107	311	418

In addition, there are 13 Year 12 pupils and 9 Year 13 pupils studying subjects through the medium of Welsh at Builth Wells High School.

Centralising the provision at one school would create a larger Welsh-medium stream of approximately 150 pupils in years 7 – 11, which would enable the school to provide increased Welsh-medium opportunities to learners, and move towards becoming a category 2B school, in line with the Authority's aspiration as stated in the WESP.

ii) Current primary pupil numbers

Currently, the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School has only 2 feeder primary schools. These are Ysgol y Bannau, a Welsh-medium school located in Brecon, and Sennybridge C.P. School, a dual stream school located in the village of Sennybridge.

The January 2015 PLASC figures show the current number of Welsh-medium pupils from Reception to Year 6 in each of these schools is as follows:

Year	Ysgol y Bannau	Sennybridge C.P. School	Total
Reception	17	9	26
Year 1	16	6	22
Year 2	27	6	33
Year 3	10	2	12
Year 4	21	5	26
Year 5	20	6	26
Year 6	15	4	19
Total	126	38	164

This information shows that the number of pupils in each year varies significantly, and that no sustained increase is expected in overall pupil numbers in the next few years. Therefore, it is not expected that there will be a change in Welsh-medium pupil numbers in Brecon High School as these pupils move through the system.

The destination of Year 6 Welsh-medium pupils from both schools in September 2014 was as follows:

	Ysgol y Bannau	Sennybridge C.P. School
Total Year 6 Welsh-medium pupils during 2013/14	18	9
Number of pupils transferring to Welsh-medium secondary provision in September 2014	17	7
	- Brecon High School Welsh-medium stream – 14	- Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera – 7
	- Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera – 3	

Number of pupils transferring to English-medium secondary provision in September 2014	1	2
	- Gwernyfed High School – 1	- Brecon High School English-medium stream – 1 - Christ College, Brecon – 1

As is shown in this table, increasing numbers of pupils attending the Welsh-medium stream at Sennybridge C.P. School have, in recent years, chosen to transfer to Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera, located in Neath Port Talbot County Borough, to access Welsh-medium secondary provision. This means that, in reality, Ysgol y Bannau is the only primary school which is now feeding the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School.

The Welsh-medium stream at Builth Wells High School has 4 feeder primary schools, located in the Builth Wells and Llandrindod Wells catchment areas. These are Builth Wells C.P. School, Llandrindod C. in W. School, Trefonnen, Rhayader C. in W. School and Ysgol Dolafon in Llanwrtyd Wells. All of these are dual stream primary schools.

The January 2015 PLASC figures show the current number of Welsh-medium pupils from Reception to Year 6 in each of these schools is as follows:

Year	Builth Wells C.P. School	Llandrindod C. in W. School, Trefonnen	Rhayader C. in W. School	Ysgol Dolafon	Total
Reception	18	13	10	0	41
Year 1	13	8	6	1	28
Year 2	19	12	13	2	46
Year 3	17	12	6	2	37
Year 4	15	7	5	0	27
Year 5	20	12	8	0	40
Year 6	14	9	3	2	28
Total	116	73	51	7	247

This information shows that there are a greater number of Welsh-medium primary pupils in the Builth Wells and Llandrindod Wells catchments than there are in the Brecon High School Catchment.

The destination of year 6 Welsh-medium pupils from these 4 schools in September 2014 was as follows:

	Builth Wells C.P. School	Llandrindod C. in W. School, Trefonnen	Rhayader C. in W. School	Ysgol Dolafon
Total Year 6 Welsh-medium pupils during 2013/14	11	11	6	1
Number of pupils transferring to Welsh-medium secondary provision in September 2014	8 - Builth Wells High School Welsh-medium Stream – 8	6 - Builth Wells High School Welsh-medium Stream – 6	6 - Builth Wells High School Welsh-medium Stream – 3 - Llanidloes High School Welsh-medium Stream – 3	1 - Builth Wells High School Welsh-medium Stream
Number of pupils transferring to English-medium secondary provision in September 2014	3 - Builth Wells High School English-medium Stream – 2 - Christ College, Brecon – 1	5 - Llandrindod Wells High School – 5	0	0

Although the proportion of pupils remaining in Welsh-medium education in the Builth Wells and Llandrindod Wells catchments is lower than the proportion in the Brecon catchment, the overall numbers in the Welsh-

medium stream at Builth Wells High School remain higher, and the greater number of Welsh-medium pupils in the Builth Wells and Llandrindod Wells catchments means there is greater potential for pupil numbers in the Welsh-medium stream at Builth Wells High School to further increase in the future.

1.3 Advantages and Disadvantages

The advantages and disadvantages of the proposal are summarised in the following table:

Advantages	Disadvantages
Creation of a critical mass of Welsh-mediums secondary learners in South Powys which will enable the Authority to build on the linguistic continuity already present in Builth Wells High School	Loss of Welsh-medium secondary provision in Brecon which may impact on pupil numbers at Ysgol y Bannau
Social and educational benefits to Welsh-medium pupils from being part of a larger group of Welsh-medium pupils	Possible reduction in transfer rates from Welsh-medium primary provision to Welsh-medium secondary provision for pupils from the Brecon catchment in the short term
Additional Welsh-medium opportunities would be provided to Welsh-medium pupils from Brecon through access to the wider range of Welsh-medium subjects provided at Builth Wells High School	Increased travel times for Welsh-medium learners from the Brecon catchment
More opportunity for pupils to take part in extra-curricular activities through the medium of Welsh	
An increased number of Welsh-medium pupils would enable Builth Wells High School to further develop its Welsh ethos	
There are a greater number of staff who are able to teach through the medium of Welsh at Builth Wells High School than at Brecon High School	
Given the location of Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera, Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw and Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun, Builth Wells High School is in a more central location for the majority of Welsh-	

medium primary providers in mid / south Powys

1.4 Options considered

i) Status Quo

The Authority has considered the Status Quo – to continue to provide a Welsh-medium stream at both Brecon High School and Builth Wells High School. The strengths and weaknesses of this option are listed below:

Strengths	Weaknesses
Retention of Welsh-medium secondary provision in Brecon and Builth Wells	No improvement in the number of Welsh-medium subjects available to Welsh-medium pupils
Limits travel time for Welsh-medium pupils and reduces transport costs	No Welsh-medium post-16 subjects are available at Brecon High School, therefore this option would not meet the Authority's aspiration for robust continuity from the Foundation Phase through to post-16
Provides a local continuum into Key Stage 3 in Brecon	Small cohorts of pupils would continue in both Brecon High School and Builth Wells High School, which would restrict both schools' ability to offer additional Welsh-medium subjects
	Limited opportunities for Welsh-medium pupils to take part in extra-curricular activities through the medium of Welsh

ii) Closure of the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School

The second option available to the Authority is to close the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School. Alternative provision would be available at Builth Wells High School, or out of county at Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera, Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw or Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun for pupils that live closer to these schools. The strengths and weaknesses of this option are listed in the following table:

Strengths	Weaknesses
Creation of a critical mass of Welsh-medium secondary learners in South Powys which will enable the Authority to build on the linguistic continuity already present in Builth Wells High School	Loss of Welsh-medium secondary provision in Brecon which may impact on pupil numbers at Ysgol y Bannau

Social and educational benefits to Welsh-medium pupils from being part of a larger group of Welsh-medium pupils	Possible reduction in transfer rates from Welsh-medium primary provision to Welsh-medium secondary provision for pupils from the Brecon catchment in the short term
Additional Welsh-medium opportunities would be provided to Welsh-medium pupils from Brecon through access to the wider range of Welsh-medium subjects provided at Builth Wells High School	Increased travel times for Welsh-medium learners from the Brecon catchment
More opportunity for pupils to take part in extra-curricular activities through the medium of Welsh	
An increased number of Welsh-medium pupils would enable Builth Wells High School to further develop its Welsh ethos	
There are a greater number of staff who are able to teach through the medium of Welsh at Builth Wells High School than at Brecon High School	
Given the location of Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera, Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw and Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun, Builth Wells High School is in a more central location for the majority of Welsh-medium primary providers in mid / south Powys	

iii) Closure of the Welsh-medium stream at Builth Wells High School

The third option available to the Authority is to close the Welsh-medium stream at Builth Wells High School. Alternative provision would be available at Brecon High School, or the Welsh-medium stream at Llanidloes High School for pupils that live closer to this school. The strengths and weaknesses of this option are listed in the following table:

Strengths	Weaknesses
Creation of a critical mass of Welsh-medium secondary learners in South Powys	Loss of Welsh-medium secondary provision in mid Powys, which may impact on Welsh-medium primary pupil numbers in the area
Social and educational benefits to Welsh-medium pupils from	Possible reduction in transfer rates from Welsh-medium

being part of a larger group of Welsh-medium pupils	primary provision to Welsh-medium secondary provision in the short term
An increased number of Welsh-medium pupils would enable Brecon High School to develop its Welsh ethos	Increased travel times for Welsh-medium learners from the Llandrindod Wells and Builth Wells catchments, and an increased number of pupils travelling further distances
More cost effective delivery of Welsh-medium secondary provision in south Powys	Currently the Welsh-medium ethos of Builth Wells High School is not replicated at Brecon High School
	Currently Brecon High School do not have Welsh speaking staff who would be able to teach additional subjects through the medium of Welsh

iv) Conclusion

Having considered all of these options, and the strengths and weaknesses associated with each, the Authority considers that closure of the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School is the most suitable way forward in order to ensure that more robust linguistic continuity can be provided to learners in a location that is most central to the majority.

1.5 Risks associated with the Proposal

The following risks are associated with the proposal to close the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School:

Risk	Probability	Impact	Response Strategy
Pupils from Brecon choose to attend English-medium provision at Brecon High School instead of travelling to Builth Wells High School	Medium	Medium	In the short term, the Authority would expect there to be some reduction in the proportion of pupils from the Brecon area continuing to access Welsh-medium provision in the secondary sector. However, the current Welsh-medium provision in Key Stage 4 in Brecon is very limited, and there is no provision at all in Key Stage 5. The Authority will work with the primary schools concerned and Builth Wells High School, and the expectation is that any

			reduction in transfer rates into Key Stage 3 would be reversed in the longer term.
Pupils from Brecon choose to attend alternative Welsh-medium secondary provision outside Powys instead of Builth Wells High School	Medium	Medium	Ysgol y Bannau will become an official feeder school for Builth Wells High School, and both schools will work closely to ensure clear transition and progression routes for pupils. The Authority would only provide transport for pupils to the nearest school that provides Welsh-medium education.
Pupil numbers at Ysgol y Bannau decrease due to the lack of Welsh-medium secondary provision at Brecon	Medium	High	In the short term, there may be a reduction in pupil numbers at Ysgol y Bannau. The Authority will work with Ysgol y Bannau, Menter Brycheiniog and other organisations to promote the benefits of Welsh-medium education in the Brecon area.
Builth Wells High School is unable to accommodate the additional pupils from Brecon	Low	High	There is sufficient capacity in Builth Wells High School to accommodate the additional pupils from the Brecon area.
Outcome of the current review of secondary education in the Mid Powys area leads to movement of location of Welsh-medium provision in the future	Low	High	The Authority will ensure that full consideration is given to this matter.
Builth Wells High School does not have sufficient staff to deliver Welsh-medium provision to 2 teaching groups per year in the short term.	High	High	The Authority will support the school in appointing the required staff in readiness for September 2016.

2. DETAILS OF AFFECTED SCHOOLS

2.1 Secondary Schools

Two secondary schools within Powys are likely to be affected by the proposal to close the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School. These are Brecon High School and Builth Wells High School. In addition, some schools located outside Powys could be affected by this proposal as they may see an increase in the number of Powys pupils transferring to the school in year 7. It is anticipated that some of the pupils currently served by the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School will live closer to Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera, located in Neath Port Talbot County Borough, Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw, located in Torfaen, and Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun, located in Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough.

Information about these schools is provided below.

School	School Type	Language Category	Admission Number	Capacity	Pupil numbers PLASC Jan 2015	Age Range
Brecon High School	Community	Dual Stream (Cat. 3)	148	872	647	11-18
Builth Wells High School	Community	Dual Stream (Cat. 2C)	110	659	546	11-18
Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera	Community	Welsh-medium (Cat. 2A)	206	1285	1022	11-18
Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw	Community	Welsh-medium (Cat. 2A)	180	1104	988	11-18
Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun	Community	Welsh-medium (Cat. 2A)	164	1022 ⁴	998	11-18

2.1.1 Pupil numbers

i) Current and Historical Pupil Numbers

Based on PLASC information, the total number of pupils in each of the schools over the last 5 years has been as follows:

⁴ Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun is nearing its capacity limit. Whilst parents of pupils living in Powys can apply for a place at the school, priority will be given to pupils living in the school's official catchment area.

School	January 2015	January 2014	January 2013	January 2012	January 2011	January 2010
Brecon High School	647	714	761	767	763	795
Builth Wells High School	546	564	578	585	632	678
Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera	1022	1026	993	996	975	1008
Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw	988	989	976	965	958	915
Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun	998	986	1007	988	944	968

Based on PLASC information, the number of pupils in Years 12 and 13 in each of the schools over the last 5 years has been as follows:

School	January 2015	January 2014	January 2013	January 2012	January 2011	January 2010
Brecon High School	89	96	114	127	119	125
Builth Wells High School	129	115	116	104	111	123
Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera	192	177	171	188	169	179
Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw	181	176	169	149	143	139
Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun	222	201	189	177	169	196

ii) Projected Pupil Numbers

The current projected total pupil numbers for each of the schools (including 6th form) is as follows:

School	January 2016	January 2017	January 2018	January 2019	January 2020
Brecon High School	640	607	602	593	581
Builth Wells High School	528	515	526	523	543

Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera	1087	1164	1245	1355	1440
Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw⁵	1007	1076	1144	1250	1406
Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun	1018	1022	1083	1097	N/A

2.1.2 School Building Condition

The Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools Survey identified that the quality of accommodation at the affected schools was as follows⁶:

School	Condition	Suitability	Sustainability
Brecon High School	D	B/C	D
Builth Wells High School	B	B	B
Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera⁷	D	C	C
Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw⁸	C	C	A (Sufficiency)
Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun	B	B	Y (Sufficiency)

2.2 Primary Schools

Two primary schools currently feed the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School. These are Ysgol y Bannau, a Welsh-medium primary school located in the town of Brecon, and Sennybridge C.P. School, a dual stream primary school located in the village of Sennybridge, 9 miles from Brecon.

Information about these two schools is provided below.

⁵ The projections for Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw are based on the current number of pupils and Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw being the only Welsh-medium provision currently available in South East Wales. However, Newport County Council are currently consulting on a new Welsh-medium secondary school, to open in September 2016, which will impact on future numbers at Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw.

⁶ The categories used in the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools Survey are defined as follows:

Category A	Good
Category B	Satisfactory
Category C	Poor
Category D	Bad

⁷ Capital work is currently being planned by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to improve the quality of accommodation at Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera. This is due to be completed by the Summer 2018.

⁸ Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw has recently benefitted from a £12.1M investment, completed in 2011, which was jointly funded by Torfaen, Monmouthshire, Newport Blaenau Gwent and Welsh Government, so the school building assessment is likely to have changed.

2.2.1 General School Information

School	School Type	Language Category	Admission Number	Capacity	Pupil numbers PLASC Jan 2015 (R – Yr 6)	Age Range
Ysgol y Bannau	Community Primary	Welsh medium	26	182	126	4 – 11
Sennybridge C.P. School	Community Primary	Dual Stream	14	102	102	4 – 11

2.2.2 Pupil numbers

i) Current and Historical Pupil Numbers

Based on PLASC information, the total number of pupils (R – Yr 6) in each of the schools over the last 5 years is as follows:

	January 2015	January 2014	January 2013	January 2012	January 2011
Ysgol y Bannau	126	133	139	138	141
Sennybridge C.P. School	102	95	95	92	101

ii) Projected Pupil Numbers

The current projected pupil numbers for each of the schools is as follows

School	January 2016	January 2017	January 2018	January 2019	January 2020
Ysgol y Bannau	158	157	158	165	156
Sennybridge C.P. School	121	126	139	148	147

2.2.3 School Building Condition

The Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools Survey identified that the quality of accommodation at Ysgol y Bannau and Sennybridge Primary School is as follows⁹:

⁹ The categories used in the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools Survey are defined as follows:

Category A	Good
Category B	Satisfactory
Category C	Poor
Category D	Bad

	Condition	Suitability	Sustainability
Ysgol y Bannau	A	A	B
Sennybridge C.P. School	B	B/C	C

3. QUALITY OF EDUCATION

3.1 Quality of the Current Provision

3.1.1 Secondary Schools

i) Estyn

Details of the most recent inspections for Brecon High School, Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera and Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw are provided in the following table:

	Brecon High School	Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera	Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw
Date of Inspection	May 2012	March 2013	March 2014
School's Current Performance	Adequate	Good	Good
Prospects for Improvement	Adequate	Good	Good
Follow up activity	<p>Following the inspection, the school was placed in the category of 'In need of significant improvement'.</p> <p>A monitoring visit took place in February 2014, which found that the school had made insufficient progress in relation to the action plan, and it was determined that the school was now in need of 'Special Measures'</p>	N/A	N/A

Builth Wells High School and Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun were last inspected before 2011, under the previous Estyn Inspection arrangements. The grades awarded for each of the key questions are provided in the following table:

	Builth Wells High School	Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun
Date of inspection	January 2010	March 2010
KQ 1: How well do learners achieve?	2	2
KQ 2: How effective are teaching, learning and assessment?	2	2
KQ 3: How well do learners' experiences meet the needs and interests of the learners and the wider community?	1	1
KQ 4: How well are learners cared for, guided and supported?	1	1
KQ 5: How effective are leadership and strategic management?	3	2
KQ 6: How well do leaders and managers evaluate and improve quality and standards?	3	2
KQ 7: How efficient are leaders and managers in using resources?	2	2

ii) National School Categorisation System

The Welsh Government, Local Authorities and Regional Consortia evaluate and assess schools and place them in a support category using the following:

- A range of performance measures
- A self-evaluation by the school on its capacity to improve in relation to leadership and teaching and learning
- An assessment of the school's self-evaluation by challenge advisers in the regional consortia, agreed with the local authority.

Schools are categorised as either green, yellow, amber or red depending on the level of support they require, with schools in the green category needing the least support and those in the red category needing the most intensive support.

In the 2014/15 academic year, the five schools were categorised as follows:

School	Category
Brecon High School	Red
Builth Wells High School	Amber
Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera	Yellow
Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw	Yellow
Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun	Amber

3.1.2 Primary Schools

i) Estyn

Details of the most recent inspection for each school is provided in the following table:

	Ysgol y Bannau	Sennybridge C.P. School
Date of Inspection	May 2011	October 2010
School's Current Performance	Adequate	Good
Prospects for Improvement	Adequate	Good
Follow up activity	Following the inspection, the school was placed in the category of Estyn monitoring. The school was subsequently removed from this category following a monitoring visit in June 2012	N/A

ii) National School Categorisation System

The Welsh Government, Local Authorities and Regional Consortia evaluate and assess schools and place them in a support category using the following:

- A range of performance measures
- A self-evaluation by the school on its capacity to improve in relation to leadership and teaching and learning
- An assessment of the school's self-evaluation by challenge advisers in the regional consortia, agreed with the local authority.

Schools are categorised as either green, yellow, amber or red depending on the level of support they require, with schools in the green category needing the least support and those in the red category needing the most intensive support.

In the 2014/15 academic year, the two schools were categorised as follows:

School	Category
Ysgol y Bannau	Yellow
Sennybridge C.P. School	Yellow

3.2 Impact of the proposal

3.2.1 Secondary Schools

i) Impact on the affected schools' ability to deliver the full curriculum in each key stage

Given the current low number of Welsh-medium pupils in each year group at Brecon High School and the small number of pupils that would be expected to transfer to Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera, Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw and Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun, the Authority would expect the impact on the schools' ability to deliver the full curriculum in each key stage to be very low.

With regard to Builth Wells High School, there is a possibility that a sudden increase in Welsh-medium pupils in individual year groups in the short term will cause difficulties for the school, as they may need to introduce a second Welsh-medium class in some year groups. The Authority will support the school to recruit any additional staff needed, to ensure that the school is able to deliver the full curriculum to all pupils. As larger groups of pupils move through the school, this will improve the school's ability to offer a more comprehensive curriculum to Welsh-medium pupils, particularly in KS4 and post-16.

With regard to Brecon High School, the proposal would lead to increased capacity in terms of English-medium curriculum time, and greater flexibility in terms of timetabling, which would improve the school's ability to deliver a full English-medium curriculum in all key stages.

ii) Impact on outcomes at the affected schools

It is not anticipated that the proposal would have a negative impact on outcomes at any of the affected schools.

With regard to Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera, Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw and Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun, the number of additional pupils from Brecon High School would be small, therefore this would not have a significant impact on outcomes.

With regard to Builth Wells High School, having a larger group of Welsh-medium pupils would enable the school to set the pupils according to ability for some subjects, which could have a positive impact in terms of outcomes for Welsh-medium pupils.

With regard to Brecon High School, it is not anticipated that the proposal would have a negative impact on outcomes. The number of Welsh-medium pupils is small,

therefore losing these pupils from the school would not have a significant impact on overall outcomes. Further to this, the proposal would enable the school to focus solely on delivering through the medium of English, which could have a positive impact in terms of outcomes for English-medium pupils.

iii) Impact on provision at the affected schools

Due to the small number of pupils involved, it is not anticipated that the proposal would have any impact on provision at Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera, Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw or Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun. However, there would be a positive impact in terms of the provision available to pupils, as they would be part of much larger groups of Welsh-medium pupils, and an increased level of Welsh-medium provision would be available to them.

The proposal would lead to an increase in the number of pupils in the Welsh-medium stream at Builth Wells High School. Should the proposal be implemented, the Authority would expect the school to be able to offer greater choice, flexibility and access to Welsh-medium courses to pupils at all key stages.

The proposal would mean that Brecon High School would no longer offer Welsh-medium subjects. However, this would enable the school to focus on its English-medium provision.

iv) Impact on leadership and management at the affected schools

Due to the small number of additional pupils involved, the proposal is likely to have very little impact on leadership and management at Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera, Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw and Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun.

With regard to Builth Wells High School, there is a possibility that the proposal will place some additional pressure on the school's leaders in the short term, as the school may need to make arrangements to accommodate additional pupils and recruit additional staff. However, the proposal is not expected to have a negative impact in the longer term.

With regard to Brecon High School, the proposal is likely to have an impact on current leadership roles within some departments, however there will be no impact on the general leadership and management of the whole school. The proposal would enable the school leadership to focus on the delivery of a single stream school, which may have a positive impact on the school's leadership and management.

3.2.2 Primary Schools

i) Impact on the affected schools' ability to deliver the full curriculum in each key stage

It is not anticipated that the proposal would have any impact on Sennybridge C.P. School's ability to deliver the full curriculum in each key stage.

With regard to Ysgol y Bannau, there is a possibility that the proposal could lead to a reduction in the number of pupils in Brecon choosing Welsh-medium education due to the increase in travel time to access secondary provision. This could mean that the school would need to change the current classroom arrangements to accommodate a reduction in numbers.

Alternatively, the proposal could have a positive impact on pupil numbers at Ysgol y Bannau, due to the improved Welsh-medium continuity and progression into the secondary sector. This could also mean that the school would need to change the current classroom arrangements to accommodate an increase in numbers.

ii) Impact on outcomes at the affected schools

It is not anticipated that the proposal would have any significant impact on outcomes at either Ysgol y Bannau or Sennybridge C.P. School. The proposal does not involve any changes to the way education is delivered at either of these two schools.

iii) Impact on provision at the affected schools

It is not anticipated that the proposal would have any significant impact on provision at either Ysgol y Bannau or Sennybridge C.P. School. The proposal does not involve any changes to the way education is delivered at either of these two schools. However, it is possible that implementation of the proposal could lead to a change in pupil numbers at Ysgol y Bannau in particular, therefore the school would need to be flexible to ensure that it continues to offer appropriate provision to pupils.

iv) Impact on leadership and management at the affected schools

As the proposal does not involve any changes to the way education is delivered at either Ysgol y Bannau or Sennybridge C.P. School, it is not anticipated that the proposal will have any significant impact on leadership and management at either of these schools.

4. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 Financial Implications

i) Cost of the Current Provision

In accordance with the authority's Funding Formula, dual stream schools receive funding based on the number of pupils taught through the medium of Welsh and the proportion of the curriculum delivered through the medium of Welsh as well as English in separate streams.

For the 2015/16 financial year, the total funding allocated to Brecon High School and Builth Wells High School to support the provision of Welsh-medium education is as follows:

	Brecon High School	Builth Wells High School	Total
Teaching Cost Allowance @ £2,209	£139,167	£236,363	£375,530
Language Uplift	£74,659	£101,069	£175,728
Total	£213,826	£337,432	£551,258

ii) Estimated Cost of the Proposal

Should the proposal be implemented from September 2016, it is estimated that the following funding would be provided to the two schools to support the provision of Welsh-medium education during the period September 2016 to August 2018, based on all the learners transferring to Builth Wells High School:

Funding Available September 2016 to August 2017

	Brecon High School	Builth Wells High School	Total
Teaching Cost Allowance @ £2,209	£19,881	£355,649	£375,530
Language Uplift – (Yr 11 only in Brecon)	£14,728	£101,069	£115,797
Total	£34,609	£456,718	£491,327

Funding Available September 2017 to August 2018

	Brecon High School	Builth Wells High School	Total
Teaching Cost Allowance @ £2,209	£0	£375,530	£375,530
Language Uplift	£0	£101,069	£101,069
Total	£0	£476,599	£476,599

In terms of the total funding provided to support the provision of Welsh-medium education in south Powys, the impact of the proposal would be as follows:

	September 2016 – August 2017	September 2017 – August 2018
Current Total Funding (2015-16)	£551,258	£551,258
Funding Available should the proposal be implemented	£491,327	£476,599
Reduction in total funding	£59,931	£74,659

Should the proposal be implemented, there would be an additional transport cost for Welsh-medium pupils from the Brecon High School catchment. This is estimated to be between £300 and £400 per day, which would be a total of £76,000 over an academic year, using the higher figure of £400.

Taking into account the additional cost of transport, implementation of the proposal is expected to incur an additional cost to the authority, which is estimated to be as follows:

	September 2016 – August 2017	September 2017 – August 2018
Reduction in total funding	(£59,931)	(£74,659)
Additional cost of transport	£76,000	£76,000
Additional cost to the authority	£16,069	£1,341

However, should the actual transport costs incurred be £300 and not £400 per day, the additional cost to the authority would reduce by £19,000 per annum, which would mean that there would be a financial saving to the authority.

This calculation does not include any possible redundancy costs.

4.2 Land, buildings and resources

There is sufficient capacity at Builth Wells High School to accommodate the pupils currently receiving Welsh-medium education at Brecon High School, and there is sufficient capacity at the school to accommodate all of the pupils currently taught through the medium of Welsh in the primary sector in the Builth Wells, Llandrindod Wells and Brecon catchments.

In the short term, approval of this proposal would lead to an increase in surplus places at Brecon High School, as pupils would transfer to alternative schools. However, the Authority is currently progressing a bid for capital funding through the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools programme in Brecon. Should the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School close, the new building will be designed as an English-medium campus, therefore the additional surplus places in the short term will be addressed when the new building opens in 2018.

4.3 Staffing

4.3.1 Staff Welsh language skills

The current number of teaching staff at Brecon High School and Builth Wells High School that are able to teach through the medium of Welsh is as follows:

	Brecon High School	Builth Wells High School
Total number of teaching staff	43	35
Total number of staff currently teaching through the medium of Welsh	10	12
Total number of staff only teaching through the medium of Welsh	4	0
Total number of staff that could teach through the medium of Welsh but aren't currently	0	2

The number of non-teaching staff at both schools who are able to communicate through the medium of Welsh is as follows:

	Brecon High School	Builth Wells High School
Total number of non-teaching staff	29	23
Total number of Welsh speaking non-teaching staff	4	6

This information shows that there is a greater number and proportion of Welsh speaking staff at Builth Wells High School, which is likely to lead to an increased Welsh language ethos at Builth Wells High School compared with Brecon High School. Further to this, there are additional members of staff at Builth Wells High School who could teach through the medium of Welsh but aren't doing so currently.

4.3.2 Implications for staff

If a decision is made to proceed with the closure of the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School, any implications for changes to staff employment will be taken forward by the school in accordance with the Authority's Management of Change procedures.

4.4 Transport and Travel

The Authority accepts that closure of the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School would lead to an increase in school transport costs and an increase in travel for pupils from the Brecon catchment.

The distances between Brecon High School and neighbouring schools that provide Welsh-medium secondary provision are as follows:

Brecon High School to Builth Wells High School – 17.3 miles

Brecon High School to Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera – 24.5 miles

Brecon High School to Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw – 28.0 miles

Brecon High School to Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun – 21.9 miles

In the event of closure of the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School, free transport would be provided for qualifying pupils to the nearest alternative Welsh-medium secondary provision, in accordance with Powys County Council's School Transport Policy. For some pupils, this provision might be located outside Powys.

4.5 Admissions

Admissions for both Brecon High School and Builth Wells High School are administered by the Authority.

In the event of closure of the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School, parents of pupils currently attending the Welsh-medium stream would be allocated places at Builth Wells High School, or they would need to apply for a place in another chosen school in accordance with the Authority's admissions process, which is as follows:

- i) Parents to complete an application form, which will be provided by the Authority
- ii) Admissions form to be returned to the Authority
- iii) Authority to inform parents whether admission to the chosen school has been granted.

For pupils wishing to transfer to schools located in other authorities, parents would need to follow the same procedure, and would need to apply via their home authority. Whilst it is expected that there would be sufficient capacity for Powys pupils at Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera and Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw, Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun is nearing its capacity limit. Whilst parents living in Powys can apply for a place at the school, priority will be given to pupils living in the school's official catchment area.

4.6 Equality, Community and Welsh Language Impact Assessments

4.6.1 Equality Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out on the proposal to close the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School. This Assessment has not been published due to Data Protection Issues because of the small number of pupils involved.

The assessment concluded that as the proposal would involve changes to Welsh-medium provision, the group most affected by the proposal will be Welsh speakers. This is addressed separately in the Welsh Language Impact Assessment.

The assessment also found that the proposal would impact on a number of pupils with disabilities, mainly those with additional learning needs, at all of the affected schools, and on a number of pupils eligible for Free School Meals at all of the affected schools.

The authority is confident that Builth Wells High School and any of the other schools pupils might access can meet the needs of all pupils currently receiving Welsh-medium education in the Brecon area, including those with additional learning needs. Any pupil with a disability is assessed on an individual basis, and relevant modifications, adaptations or reasonable adjustments are made where applicable.

In terms of pupils eligible for Free School Meals, free home to school transport will be provided to the alternative provision for qualifying pupils. This will ensure that the proposal does not have an adverse impact on pupils from lower income families in terms of access to Welsh-medium education. However, the authority does accept that it might be more difficult for pupils from lower income families to access extra-curricular activities offered after school at Builth Wells High School due to their reliance on home to school transport.

4.6.2 Community Impact Assessment

A Community Impact Assessment has been carried out in respect of the proposal to close the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School. This assessment has concluded that if the proposal were to go ahead, the impact on the communities involved would be very limited.

As the proposal does not involve closure of Brecon High School, it is not anticipated that the proposal will have an adverse impact on the facilities available to the community in Brecon.

In terms of extra-curricular activities, it is expected that Welsh-medium pupils will be able to access a similar range of extra-curricular activities at Builth Wells High School. However, the Authority accepts that it might be more difficult for pupils from the Brecon area to access after school activities in Builth Wells due to their reliance on home to school transport.

The full assessment can be viewed on the Council's website:
<http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/schools-students/plans-for-powys-schools/>

4.6.3 Welsh Language Impact Assessment

A Welsh Language Impact Assessment has been carried out in respect of the proposal to close the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School. This assessment has found that the proposal provides positive benefits for the Welsh Language and Welsh-medium education, through improved linguistic progression and opportunities for pupils through all key stages of education.

The Authority's view is that the proposal will provide additional opportunities for Welsh-medium pupils to use their Welsh. The Welsh-medium subject provision at Builth Wells High School is greater than that at Brecon High School, and the Authority's view is that accessing a greater number of subjects through the medium of Welsh will enable the learners to become more confident Welsh speakers.

In addition, more Welsh-medium extra-curricular activities take place at Builth Wells High School, and a larger Welsh-medium stream would enable the school to provide even more Welsh-medium activities. This would provide additional opportunities for pupils to use their Welsh outside the classroom, further strengthening their confidence in using the language. However, the Authority accepts that it might be more difficult for pupils from the Brecon area to access after school activities in Builth Wells due to their reliance on home to school transport.

Removing the Welsh-medium stream from Brecon High School may be perceived by some to be detrimental to the Welsh language in the area. However, the continued presence of Ysgol y Bannau in Brecon, with clear partnership links with Builth Wells High School, along with the Welsh-medium stream at Sennybridge C.P. School, will provide local access to Welsh-medium primary provision in the Brecon area.

Whilst Welsh-medium pupils would be leaving Brecon to access Welsh-medium secondary provision, they will continue to live in the town and surrounding areas, and will continue to be able to participate in Welsh language activities in the local community. The Authority's view is that the increased level of Welsh-medium provision available to them will enable all Welsh-medium pupils to become more confident Welsh speakers, who will be able to play a greater role in terms of the Welsh language in the community.

The full assessment can be viewed on the Council's website:
<http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/schools-students/plans-for-powys-schools/>

5. CONSULTATION DETAILS

5.1 Who will we consult with?

The Council will consult with the pupils, parents, governors and staff of the schools affected by this proposal, including school councils. The Council will also meet with staff and governors of schools affected by the proposal, and two consultation events will be held during the consultation period, which will provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to discuss the proposal with Council officers. These events will be held on the following dates:

Monday 22nd June, 4 – 8pm, Brecon High School
Thursday 25th June, 4 – 8pm, Buith Wells High School

A copy of the consultation document will also be provided to all those required in accordance with the School Organisation Code 2013. A list of all those to whom a copy of this document will be sent is provided in Appendix B.

5.2 The Consultation Period

The consultation period for the current proposal to close the Welsh-medium stream at Brecon High School for pupils entering the school from the 1st September 2016 will commence on the 15th June 2015 and will end at 5pm on the 27th July 2015.

5.3 The Statutory Process

Consultation on this proposal will follow the guidelines set out by the Welsh Government in the School Organisation Code (2013). The process is summarised below:

5.3.1 Consultation

Consultation will start on the 15th June 2015 and will end at 5pm on the 27th July 2015. Feedback from the consultation will be collated and summarised, and a report will be presented to the Council's Cabinet early in the autumn term 2015. The Council's Cabinet will consider the report and the feedback received during the consultation period, and will decide whether to proceed with the proposal, to make changes to the proposal or to not proceed with the proposal. If the Cabinet decides not to proceed, that will be the end of this proposal for the foreseeable future.

5.3.2 Statutory Notices

If the Cabinet decides to proceed, a Statutory Notice will be published, which will give a period of 28 days for people to submit written objections.

If there are objections, the Council will publish an objection report providing a summary of the objections and the Authority's response to them within 28 days of the end of the objection period. Only written objections submitted during the

statutory notice period will be considered in this report. Comments submitted as part of the consultation period will need to be re-submitted in writing during the statutory notice period if they are to be considered as objections.

A further report will be presented to the Council's Cabinet, which they will consider alongside the objection report, in order to decide whether or not to approve the proposal.

5.3.3 Implementation

If the Cabinet approves the proposal, it will be implemented in accordance with the date given in the Statutory Notice or any subsequently modified date.

5.4 How to respond to the Consultation

5.4.1 Written responses

A consultation questionnaire is attached to this document, and is also available on the Council's internet site at <http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/schools-students/plans-for-powys-schools/>. Alternatively, you can respond in writing.

Completed questionnaires and other written responses should be sent to the following address:

School Modernisation Team, Powys County Council, County Hall, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5LG

E-mail: school.modernisation@powys.gov.uk

All correspondence should be received **no later than 5pm on the 27th July 2015.**

5.4.2 Consultation events

The following consultation events have also been arranged, which will provide an opportunity to discuss this proposal with Council officers:

Monday 22nd June, 4 – 8pm, Brecon High School

Thursday 25th June, 4 – 8pm, Buith Wells High School

Separate meetings with school councils, staff and governors of the schools affected will also be held during the consultation period.

APPENDIX A

Summary of Welsh language categories for secondary schools

As described in the Welsh Government document, 'Defining Schools according to Welsh-medium Provision', published in 2007.

Category	Description
1	Welsh-medium Secondary School All subjects are taught through the medium of Welsh to all pupils.
2A	Bilingual Secondary School At least 80% of subjects (excluding Welsh and English) are taught only through the medium of Welsh to all pupils. One or two subjects are taught to some pupils in English or in both language.
2B	Bilingual Secondary School At least 80% of subjects (excluding Welsh and English) are taught through the medium of Welsh but are also taught through the medium of English.
2C	Bilingual Secondary School 50 – 79% of subjects (excluding Welsh and English) are taught through the medium of Welsh but are also taught through the medium of English.
2Ch	Bilingual Secondary School All subjects (excluding Welsh and English) are taught to all pupils using both languages.
3	Predominantly English medium secondary school with significant use of Welsh Both languages are used in teaching with 20 – 49% of subjects taught through the medium of Welsh. All subjects would normally also be taught through the medium of English.
4	Predominantly English Medium secondary school Pupils are mainly taught through the medium of English. One or two subjects may be taught as an option through the medium of Welsh or using both languages.

APPENDIX B

Current subject provision at Brecon High School and Builth Wells High School (excluding Welsh and English)

i) Brecon High School

	Welsh-medium subjects	English-medium subjects
Year 7	Drama Geography History Languages Maths Music RE Science Tutorial	Art Drama Food Geography History IT Languages Maths Music RE PE Science Technology Tutorial
	Total – 9	Total – 14
Year 8	Drama Geography History Languages Maths Music RE Science Tutorial	Art Drama Food Geography History IT Languages Maths Music RE PE Science Technology Tutorial
	Total – 9	Total – 14
Year 9	Drama Geography History Languages Maths Music RE Science Tutorial	Art Drama Food Geography History IT Languages Maths Music RE PE Science Technology Tutorial
	Total – 9	Total – 14

ii) **Builth Wells High School**

	Welsh-medium subjects	English-medium subjects	Bilingual subjects
Year 7	Art DT Food Geography History IT Maths Music PSE RE Science Textiles Total – 12	Art DT Food French Games Geography History IT Maths Music PE PSE RE Science Textiles Total – 15	
Year 8	Art DT Food Geography History IT Maths Music PSE RE Science Textiles Total – 12	Art DT Food French Games Geography History IT Maths Music PE PSE RE Science Textiles Total – 15	
Year 9	Art DT Food Geography History IT Maths Music PSE RE Science Textiles Total – 12	Art DT Food French Games Geography History IT Maths Music PE PSE RE Science Textiles Total – 15	

	Welsh-medium subjects	English-medium subjects	Bilingual subjects
Year 10	Additional Science DT Geography History Maths Music PSE RE Science Welsh Bacc	Additional Science Childcare Computer Science Construction (BTEC) CoPE DT Drama French Games Geography Hair & Beauty (BTEC) History Maths Motor Vehicle (BTEC) Music PE PSE RE Science Welsh Bacc	Art Catering
	Total – 10	Total – 20	Total – 2
Year 11	Additional Science DT Geography History Maths Music PSE RE Science Welsh Bacc	Additional Science Agriculture (BTEC) Childcare Computer Science Construction (BTEC) CoPE Geography D & T Drama French Games Hair & Beauty (BTEC) History Maths Media Studies Motor Vehicle (BTEC) Music PE PSE RE Science Textiles Welsh Bacc	Art Catering
	Total – 10	Total – 23	Total – 2

APPENDIX C – LIST OF CONSULTEES

<p>Pupils (including School Councils) Parents Prospective parents Staff Governing Body</p> <p>of any schools likely to be affected by the proposals</p>	<p>Secondary Schools: Brecon High School Builth Wells High School Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun</p> <p>Primary Schools: Ysgol y Bannau Sennybridge C.P. School</p>
<p>Any other local authority likely to be affected</p>	<p>Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council</p> <p>Torfaen County Borough Council</p> <p>Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council</p>
<p>Church in Wales and Roman Catholic Diocesan Authority for the area in which any school likely to be affected is located</p>	<p>Church in Wales – Diocesan Director of Education, Diocese of Swansea and Brecon</p> <p>Roman Catholic – Diocesan Director of Education, Diocese of Menevia</p>
<p>Teaching and staff trade unions</p>	<p>Regional representatives for the following trade unions:</p> <p>Teaching staff trade unions:</p> <p>NAHT, NASUWT, NUT, Voice, UCAC</p> <p>Non-teaching staff trade unions:</p> <p>GMB, Unison, Unite</p>
<p>Assembly Members and Members of Parliament representing the area served by any school which is subject of the proposals</p>	<p>MP – Chris Davies AM – Kirsty Williams</p> <p>Regional AMs – Rebecca Evans, William Powell, Simon Thomas, Joyce Watson</p>
<p>County Councillors</p>	<p>County Councillors representing wards in the catchment areas of Brecon High School and Builth Wells High School</p>
<p>Regional Education Consortium</p>	<p>ERW</p>
<p>Regional Transport Consortium</p>	<p>TraCC (Trafnidiaeth Canolbarth Cymru / Mid Wales Transportation)</p>
<p>Police and Crime Commissioner for the area</p>	<p>Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner</p>

Community and town councils for the area served by any school which is subject to the proposal	Town and community councils in the catchment areas of Brecon High School and Builth Wells High School
Further Education Institutions serving the area	NPTC group college
Welsh Government Schools Management Division	
Estyn	
Children and Young People's Partnership	
RhAG (Rhieni dros Addysg Gymraeg / Parents for Welsh medium Education)	
Other Powys schools	

APPENDIX D – RESPONSE FORM

Please answer the following questions and provide your comments in the space provided. You can use additional sheets if necessary. Alternatively you can fill in an on-line version on our website, <http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/schools-students/plans-for-powys-schools/>.

1. If the Welsh-medium Stream at Brecon High School were to close, how would this affect you?

2. If the Welsh-medium Stream at Brecon High School didn't close, how else could we strengthen Welsh-medium education in south Powys?

3. Do you have any other comments to make regarding this proposal?

4. Please indicate who you are (e.g. pupil, parent/guardian, governor, member of staff at one of the affected school. Please also state which school.):

5. If you are a parent/guardian, do your children currently receive Welsh-medium education?

Yes No

6. What is your name? (*It's fine if you'd rather not tell us this*):

7. What is the first part of your postcode? (e.g. LD3)

8. Would you like to be informed of the publication of the consultation report?

Yes No

If you answered 'Yes', please provide an e-mail address or postal address below:

Completed questionnaires should be sent to the following address, to arrive **no later than 5pm on the 27th July 2015**:

School Modernisation Team, Powys County Council, County Hall, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5LG

E-mail: school.modernisation@powys.gov.uk