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20<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Cc: Ian Budd

Dear Chris,

I am writing in relation to the School review process in the ward of Brynford.

As you know Councils face big challenges and with this in mind, myself and governors have been keen to present a positive way forward in the form of a solution that could offer the potential for more rapid decisions and savings, while creating a sound local educational base.

Option 3 in the Area Review, in effect represents the solution we have been working towards. I fully endorse it and indeed would be happy to see that option accelerated were it able to be so achieved. Governors from Brynford and Lixwm schools have met along with the Lixwm headteacher, to develop a working relationship. The two schools are nearby and logically relate to each other in the community. The relevant elements of a satisfactory tie-up exist.

In such reorganisations, which can be fraught, to have a solution that is supported locally, can save money, could facilitate a more rapid decision and enhance education, is a rare opportunity. The Council is wise to include this positive option and I hope Cabinet can support it. In other areas Councils that have not supported a positive local proposal have sent the wrong message out - that engaging with a review is a hopeless process and it has led to parents demanding a more confrontational approach.

In addition there are specific issues in relation to Option 2 that based on localised knowledge, I believe would be counter-productive. Rhos Helyg is some distance from Brynford and Lixwm, on the other side of the "Mountain". The travel costs and limitations, particularly in Winter, would be problematic. The scale and feel of a tie up of the three schools would be less educationally beneficial, breaking the strong rural ethos which can be continued via Option 3 (Brynford school is a high performing school of which the Council can be rightly proud).

In summary Brynford and Lixwm are ready and well placed to work together and re-form into a school on the Brynford site where there is scope for expansion and local support. This offers savings which the Council seeks while having positive support and educational advantages. It might be accelerated as a solution, avoiding any others costs and delays, gaining the Council positive recognition in its Review process at what could otherwise be a difficult time.

I am more than happy to meet to discuss any local issues and the process.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr Matt Wright

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Dear Councillor Wright,

Thank you for your letter, observations and considered comments regarding the options for School re-organisation in the Lixwm, Brynford and Rhosesmor area.

The contents of which will be noted as part of the consultation process.

Yours sincerely,

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