

**From:** Williams, Rob N  
**Sent:** 12 March 2015 15:03  
**To:** Bowen, Karen  
**Cc:** Newman, Caroline S (GPS)  
**Subject:** RE: Scrutiny Committee Lifelong Learning 16th March 2015 at 6.00pm Council Chamber

Dear Karen,

Having read through the paperwork, there appear to be a few potential concerns. The issue I have with attending the Scrutiny Committee is that I am already committed to a meeting that same evening at Ty Dysgu, Nantgarw and many of my colleagues are unavailable too. I have been unable to find a colleague who can attend in my place so far but should that change I will let you know immediately.

The main concerns with the recommended option D are related to the potential risks involved.

The success of completely achieving the proposed Option D is highly reliant upon accessing the Welsh Government Capital funding.

As there is no guarantee of the Vale of Glamorgan Council being successful in accessing the required funds, the risk appears to be ending up with a scenario almost identical to Option A, which is highlighted in the papers as undesirable.

The need to make provision for Welsh-medium places is clearly evidenced.

However, should the above scenario arise, whereby the English medium provision is across 2 sites because the Vale of Glamorgan were not able to access the required Welsh Government funding, there might be a perception that the Welsh-medium provision has been the main priority and driver and the English medium provision has been compromised in order to meet the Welsh-medium demand.

The risk if the funding does not arise appears potentially greater for the English medium provision than for the Welsh medium provision.

I am not sure whether the above points can be raised without my (or an NAHT Colleague's) attendance at the Scrutiny Committee?

However, they are the main concerns outside any employment issues that we have currently identified.

There are certainly no issues with the co-educational model, or the need to make provision for increased Welsh-medium demand.

Kind regards  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Bowen, Karen  
**Subject:** scrutiny on Monday

Good morning Karen,

I have been in touch with Carole Tyley, Chair at Bryn Hafren, and we have agreed that neither of us as yet has a full GB view on Transformation. We do share some major concerns, as she has indicated to you, so we will attend and speak together, on the issues of the timing of the GCSE implementation and the proposed size of the school.

Best regards

Kath Beaudette

**Barry Secondary Schools Transformation proposals-**  
**A statement from the Governors of Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and Ysgol**  
**Gymraeg Nant Talwg.**

The governing body appreciates the commitment of the Vale of Glamorgan Council in seeking to further enhance the provision of Welsh medium education across the county and its aim to provide sufficient school places to cater for predicted future demand. Governors support proposals to move to the existing Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School, which they believe will provide sufficient space to develop a first class school for 3 to 19 year old pupils for generations to come.

In taking this position, the governing body will adopt the following principles:

- The education, wellbeing and development of each pupil will always be our priority.
- The cultural ethos of the school and its highest commitment to the Welsh language will be retained.
- Day to day maintenance at all current sites will continue to ensure that existing pupils are educated in the best possible environment.
- Close working relationships will be maintained with other Barry schools' governing bodies. The need to develop a first class new co-educational model will be fully supported.
- Pupils, parents and staff will be informed throughout the process.
- Design and build proposals must be of the highest standards, reflecting the very latest teaching, technical and environmental requirements.
- Designs must cater for growth in pupil numbers projected, to reach 1500 by 2025.
- Those organisations providing funding for the transformation project will be held to account to deliver their commitments.
- The governing body will work with the Vale of Glamorgan Council, the Welsh Government and other key stakeholders in order to ensure effective project management throughout the transformation period.
- The governing body will remain non-political and impartial throughout, ensuring that the wider needs of Welsh medium education, pupils, parents and staff are paramount.

The Governing Body has overseen the creation and growth of a very successful school to date. This has involved many changes and bold decisions along the way. Governors are confident they can continue to manage the changes needed to ensure its continued success for the benefit of current and future pupils.