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| REPORT TO: | Cabinet |
| DATE: | 5 September 2023 |
| LOCATION: | Hybrid |
| TITLE: | Recommendation from the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to 'Y Dyfodol', Cellan |
| PURPOSE OF REPORT: | To provide feedback from the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 6 July 2023 |

BACKGROUND:

The Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) 2022-2027 - Year 1 Progress Report (2022-2023) at its meeting on 6th July 2023.

An overview of the following as outlined in the report was provided:

- Background
- Current Situation
- Concerns
- Actions to address gaps
- Sustaining/enhancing provision (population - live births, childcare places, child poverty, Flying Start Outreach)
- Welsh Language (Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (Wesp))

Officers shared a short video of the work carried out at different childcare establishments throughout the county following successful grant applications made by the providers.

Members were provided with the opportunity to ask questions which were answered by Officers present.

Members highlighted that 'Y Dyfodol', previously a private nursery in Cellan was vacant. It was reported that the local authority had no funding to secure the provision and the small amount per head from Flying Start programme was to fund childcare provision. In addition, Flying Start's terms are specific and allocation of funding is dependent on the postcode of the child's address and whether it is within a Lower Super Output Area (LSOA). Officers' explained that considering the purchase of the facility in Cellan would not meet the need or demand for Flying Start provision, as it is outside of the identified Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs).

Following a proposal by Members, Committee Members agreed to recommend:

that the Cabinet/Leadership Group explore options to lease/purchase 'Y Dyfodol' in Cellan, given the need for childcare provision in the area.

Councillor Endaf Edwards
Chairman of the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee