

### **3-16 Campus project – Benefits**

At the outset of the WG's Sustainable Communities schools investment programme (Band B), the Council made the strategic decision to include MIM within its Strategic investment Programme, this was to position our ambitious programme to gain maximum external investment in our schools estate.

The project compliments both national policy and local policy/strategy and matches WG MIM criteria and has distinct advantage around sustainability of pupil numbers in the area, and takes into consideration pupil projections for the area, and the impact of housing developments as a consequence of the Council's Local Development Plan.

The project will increase the number of primary places by 87, and increase the number of secondary places by 120.

In summary the project will:-

- Demolish Argoed High School;
- Remove temporary mobile classrooms and reduce rental costs by £13,000 per annum;
- Reduce repair and maintenance backlog costs by £729,061.00 across three schools
- Create a 700 place English medium secondary school;
- Create a 600 places English medium primary school (plus nursery);
- Address shortfalls in specialist curriculum areas;
- Address all Suitability, Sufficiency and Condition issues across the existing three sites
- Provide appropriate enhanced provision for ALN needs for both primary and secondary;
- Complete the programme for the removal of split site provision (infants and Junior) within Flintshire
- Redevelop of external areas to provide suitable play provision;
- Provide ATP provision;
- Ensure Accessibility compliance;
- Provide improved traffic management arrangements, including suitable car parking and drop/pick up off facilities;

- Provide a secure external environment;
- Reduce the number of assets from three to one, with the potential to generate; a capital receipt to support wider funding investment;
- Release a site for new Welsh Medium Start up provision in Mynydd Isa;
- Optimise resources on one single site, aiding pupil transition from Primary to Secondary;
- Be sustainable energy efficient and target Net Zero Carbon during both construction and operation and assist with the Council's recently adopted Carbon Strategy.
- The Campus will be life-cycled and this is covered in our annual service charge commitment. Meaning the condition will be maintained to A standard through the life of the contract.
- Energy usage will be monitored by the FM provider to ensure adherence to the KPI's on energy usage.
- The investment and principles are in compliance with the Future Generations Act
- Social Value and community benefits will be realised over a 25 year period, rather than at construction phase.

This investment will provide learners and teachers with buildings and facilities which adhere to Welsh Government's Sustainable Communities School standards and will provide a high quality educational provision, in line with current requirements for curriculum delivery.