

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 18 JUNE 2008

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Wednesday 18 June 2008 at 1.00 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors White (for Blair), Brooks, Clocherty, Dorrian, Fyfe, Grieve, Loughran, McCabe, Macleod (for Osborne) and Wilson, Rev D Hamilton, Rev C McGranaghan and Father M McMahon, Church Representatives, Mr G Miller, Parent Representative and Mr T Tracey, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Corporate Director Education & Social Care, Head of Schools, Head of Support & Development, School Estate Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Administration) and Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs.

Apologies: Councillors Blair and Osborne.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

483 Revision to the School Estate Management Plan

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care on proposed revisions to the School Estate Management Plan.

Decided:

- (1) that in relation to the future of secondary education in Inverclyde, option 2 comprising the following proposals be agreed as the preferred option:
 - (a) amalgamation of Wellington Academy and Greenock High School as Inverclyde Academy with a capacity of 1100 pupils to open in October 2008;
 - (b) a new secondary school to replace Gourock High School and Greenock Academy on the current St Columba's High School site with a capacity of 950 pupils;
 - (c) a new secondary school to replace Notre Dame High School on the current Notre Dame High School site with a capacity of 850 pupils and also containing a communication and language unit (CLU);
 - (d) a refurbished school to accommodate 520 pupils to be provided for St Columba's High School within the current Gourock High School building;
 - (e) a new joint campus school for the provision of secondary education in Port Glasgow to be built on the current St Stephen's High School site;
- (2) that a report on the proposed consultation exercise be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee;
- (3) that the revised School Estate Management Plan as detailed in sections 8 to 13 of the report be approved;
- (4) that approval be given to the review of catchment areas and changes to primary school associations arising from the selection of option 2 as the preferred option and that proposals for consultation in this regard be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee;
- (5) that formal consultation exercises be undertaken in respect of (a) the proposed amalgamation of Overton Primary School and Highlanders Academy within a refurbished building on the current Overton Primary School site and (b) the proposed rationalisation of Additional Support Needs provision, as detailed in sections 11 and 12 of the report respectively, and that proposals for the consultation arrangements be submitted to the

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next meeting of the Committee; and

(6) that the School Estate Management Plan be reviewed annually and reported to the Committee.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

484	Appendices 1, 2 & 3 relative to the Revision of the School Estate Management Plan providing detailed information on the Financial Model	484
	Noted	