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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Education &amp; Lifelong Learning Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>12 May 2009</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Education and Social Care</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>EDUC/59/09/CL</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>St Columba's High School Transport</b>		

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide details of the transport arrangements for St Columba's High School during the time they are located in the former Greenock High School building.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 It is planned to move St Columba's High School into the former Greenock High School building in July 2009, to allow the new secondary PPP school to be built on the Bayhill site.
- 2.2 Consultation with Strathclyde Public Transport (SPT) has shown that a large number of pupils would need to walk further to appropriate transport pick up points than to walk to the current Greenock High site.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendations:-

1. The councils current policy for secondary school be applied;
2. Current transport arrangements for St Columba's High School should be maintained and expanded if required.

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## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 As part of the School Estate Management Plan it is necessary to relocate St Columba's High School to the former Greenock High School building. This will allow the new secondary PPP school to be built on the Bayhill site.
- 4.2 It is expected that this period of relocation will be four years. During this period the current Gourock High School building will be refurbished for St Columba's High School, with the move to the Gourock building taking place in 2013.
- 4.3 In previous decants of schools, transport has been provided for all pupils, however applying this principle to this move is complicated and could disadvantage pupils.
- 4.4 Following consultation with Strathclyde Public Transport (SPT) regarding proposed transport arrangements it has been discovered that a number of pupils would have to walk further to projected transport pick up points than they would if they walked to the 'new' site of the former Greenock high School.
- 4.5 A number of pupils currently receive transport and this provision would be retained. In addition some pupils who currently do not require transport would live further from the Greenock High site than St Columba's High School. As a result they may now become eligible for transport under the current 2 mile guideline for secondary pupils.

## **5.0 PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 It is felt this move is not a decant but a relocation as it lasts for a period of 4 years, a decant is normally under 20 months. Consequently, it is proposed that the Councils current transport policy for secondary pupils be applied to this project.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

### 6.1 Financial

The funds for providing the transport for this project can be contained within the Core Education Transport Budget. The financial implications have been discussed and agreed with the Chief Financial Officer.

### 6.2 Legal

The Head of Legal Services has been consulted.

### 6.3 Human Resources

There are no Human Resource issues so Head of Human Resources has not been consulted.

## **7.0 EQUALITIES**

- 7.1 There are no equality issues.