
Report To:	Education & Lifelong Learning Committee	Date:	12 May 2009
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Subject:	Consultation on Additional Support Needs		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide information on the consultation on additional support needs which was agreed by the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee at its meeting on 3 March 2009.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The recommendation at the above meeting was that a working group be established to bring forward a further consultation paper regarding Lilybank and Glenburn Schools and that this report be presented to the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee on 12 May 2009.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that further consideration be given to this matter and a further report be brought forward to the August 2009 meeting of the Committee.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee on 3 March 2009 the results of the consultation on additional support needs was considered. This included a response from Glenburn School and Lilybank School.
- 4.2 The recommendation of the report was that a working group be established, chaired by the Convener of Education & Lifelong Learning to identify the possible options for Lilybank and Glenburn Schools and Hillend Children's Centre. The working group would involve a Labour, Independent, SNP and Liberal Democrat elected member.
- 4.3 After due consideration, a further consultation paper regarding both of these schools should be developed and subject to approval from the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee be open to public consideration. This report should be presented to the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee on 12 May 2009. Elected member involvement will be on a voluntary basis.
- 4.4 The working group met on 16 March 2009 and the Corporate Director of Education & Social Care made the appended presentation to the working group. The working group consisted of representatives of Glenburn and Lilybank Schools and Hillend Children's Centre. Elected members were in attendance. The discussion which took place was in relation to the future profile of the facility and the need to visit further schools, the need to visit other specialist schools to get a clearer idea of the concept.
- 4.5 Following this meeting, a visit took place to Saltersgate which is the specialist school and part of the joint campus in Dalkeith.
- 4.6 The second meeting of the working group took take place on 20 April 2009 when the Head of Schools Estate presented on his visit to Saltersgate.
- 4.7 The working group will need to consider:
 - (a) the make up of the new school
 - (b) the affordability of any chosen school
 - (c) the location of the new school

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**Working Group on the future of
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16 March 2009

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Consultation on Additional Support Needs

9 September 2009 – Education & Lifelong Learning Committee

ASN was in school estates programme

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Consultation

- **Close Glenburn: replace by units in mainstream**
- **Relocate Lilybank / Psychological Services to St Laurence's site**
- **Mearns Centre relocated**

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Consultation

- 223 responses**
- **160 block letters**
 - **33 individual letters**
 - **21 school staff**
 - **1 trade union**
 - **1 parent council**

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Lilybank

97% in favour

Problem with site

Outdoor play required

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Glenburn

93% against

4% no preference

**Inappropriateness of Overton and Inverclyde
Academy**

All through school – continuity

Support for individuals

Not coping in mainstream

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Garvel

100% in favour

Advantages seen

Senior Manager?

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17 March 2009 – Education & Lifelong Learning

- **A Working Group to be set up to identify the possible option for Lilybank and Glenburn Schools**
- **A further consultation paper to Committee on 12 May 2009**

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Working Group

Councillor Iain McKenzie, Chair

Other elected members

Parent Council members from both schools

Headteachers and senior staff

Trade Unions

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Questions

One new school!

Where? Location

Nature?

Include Nursery?