
Report To:	Education & Lifelong Learning Committee	Date:	8 September 2009
Report By:	Acting Director of Education	Report No:	EDUC/75/09/CL
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Subject:	Working Group – Future of the School Age Language Unit (SALU) in Highlanders' Academy Primary School		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the formation of a working group to consider the future of the School Age Language Unit (SALU) in Highlanders Academy Primary School.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The use of a working group to consider the future of SALU would mirror a strategy which has been effective in determining possible types of future provision in other sectors of Education Services.
- 2.2 The membership of the group should reflect as far as is possible that of other working groups and include:
- Elected members
 - Education Officers (2)
 - Head Teacher
 - Psychologist
 - Speech and Language Therapist
 - Representative of a professional association
 - Parents (2)
- 2.3 The Inverclyde Council agreed on 11 June 2009 that a further report would be submitted to a future Education and Lifelong Learning Committee outlining the results of an evaluation in authorities which have introduced a mainstream option. Thereafter a further consultation exercise setting out options for the future delivery of services to primary aged children who have a specific language impairment based on the evaluation exercise would be issued.
- 2.4 Referrals to SALU will continue as at present until the results of a further consultation exercise are reported to committee.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the committee approves the formation of a working group to consider the future of SALU.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

N/A

5.0 PROPOSALS

N/A

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

N/A