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| Report To: | Education & Communities Committee | Date: | 6 May 2014 |
| Report By: | Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development | Report | EDUCOM/14/48/EM |
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| Subject: | School Estate 2014 Core Facts Submission | | |

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the School Estate and the Core Facts return for 2014.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Council is required to submit a return on the School Estate Core Facts annually. This details the condition, suitability and sufficiency ratings for the School Estate. It also captures data on capital and other expenditure on the school estate within the previous year. The return is due to be submitted to the Scottish Government on or before the 12th May 2014.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 A Core Facts return on the state of the School Estate is submitted annually to the Scottish Government; this return is scheduled for submission on or before the 12th May 2014.

The definition of Condition and Suitability ratings from Scottish Government guidance is noted in the tables below:

Condition

| Rating | Description | Definition | Score |
|--------|--------------|---|----------|
| A | Good | Performing well and operating efficiently | > 85% |
| B | Satisfactory | Performing adequately but showing minor deterioration | 61 – 85% |
| C | Poor | Showing major defects and/or not operating adequately | 40-60% |
| D | Bad | Economic life expired and/or risk of failure | < 40% |

Suitability

| Rating | Description | Definition |
|--------|--------------|---|
| A | Good | Performing well and operating efficiently (the school buildings and grounds support the delivery of services to children and communities) |
| B | Satisfactory | Performing adequately but with minor problems (the school buildings and grounds generally support the delivery of services to children and communities) |
| C | Poor | Showing major problems and/or not operating optimally (the school buildings and grounds impede the delivery of activities that are needed for children and communities in the school) |
| D | Bad | Does not support the delivery of services to children and communities (the school buildings and grounds seriously impede the delivery of activities that are needed for children and communities in the school) |

The Core Facts data is compiled from the following:

- Condition is based on the full Condition Surveys carried out by Watts Group PLC throughout April 2014.
 - Suitability is based on suitability surveys carried out by the School Estate Team in conjunction with Head Teachers of each establishment. Suitability was included for the first time in 2010 and is based on guidance issued by the Scottish Government in 2008.
 - Sufficiency is based on the census roll data and individual working capacity calculations for all schools.
- 4.2 Since the 2013 Core Facts return there has been further significant improvement in the condition and suitability of the Council's Schools due to the number of major projects achieving completion in the period:
- August 2013 - St Columba's High School transferred to the fully refurbished and extended former Gourock High School from their temporary campus within the former Greenock High School building.

- August 2013 - Lomond View Academy transferred to the fully refurbished former St Laurence's Primary School replacing the Mearns Centre.
- December 2013 - The Port Glasgow Community Campus was completed replacing the former St Stephen's High School (temporary shared campus), Glenburn School and Lilybank School.

5.0 CORE FACTS RETURN 2014

5.1 Details of current Condition and Suitability are given in the tables below.

| Special Schools | Condition | Suitability |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| Craigmarloch School (Port Glasgow Community Campus) | A | A |
| Lomond View Academy | A | A |
| Garvel School | B | B |

| Secondary Schools | Condition | Suitability |
|--|-----------|-------------|
| Clydeview Academy | A | A |
| Inverclyde Academy | A | A |
| Notre Dame High School | A | A |
| St Columba's High School | A | A |
| St Stephen's High School/Port Glasgow HS (Port Glasgow Community Campus) | A | A |

| Primary Schools | Condition | Suitability |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Aileymill Primary School | A | A |
| All Saints' Primary School | A | A |
| Ardgowan Primary School* | C | C |
| Gourock Primary School | A | B |
| Inverkip Primary School | B | B |
| Kilmacolm Primary School | B | B |
| King's Oak Primary School | A | A |
| Lady Alice Primary School | B | B |
| Moorfoot Primary School | B | B |
| Newark Primary School | A | A |
| St Andrew's Primary School | A | A |
| St Francis' Primary School | B | B |
| St John's Primary School | B | C |
| St Joseph's Primary School | B | B |
| St Mary's Primary School | B | B |
| St Michael's Primary School | A | A |
| St Ninian's Primary School | B | B |
| St Patrick's Primary School | C | B |
| Wemyss Bay Primary School | A | A |
| Whinhill Primary School | A | A |

*NB Ardgowan PS is currently decanted to the former Sacred Heart PS decant facility. Ratings above reflect the condition and suitability of that property.

- 5.2 One of the prime objectives of the School Estate Strategy at National level is to have all schools as Category A or B for Condition. Inverclyde currently has all of its Special and Secondary Schools in Category A/B with 90% of Primary Schools also in Category A/B. The remaining Primary Schools with C ratings include the decant facility (former Sacred Heart PS) with the remaining C rating (Condition and/or Suitability) schools planned to be addressed over the next 2 years via the committed projects noted in 6.1 below. The focus will then be on refurbishing the remaining schools which are already in satisfactory condition but which have yet to have a major refurbishment.
- 5.3 The continuing programme of refurbishments and new builds has seen a significant improvement in the condition of the school estate as seen in the table below which compares the current core facts data with previous submissions.

| Condition* | 2004 | 2007 | 2010 | 2013 | 2014 | Overall change |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Secondary A | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | +5 |
| Secondary B | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | -1 |
| Secondary C | 7 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 0 | -7 |
| Secondary D | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| | 8 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | -3 |
| Primary A | 1 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 9 | +8 |
| Primary B | 5 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 9 | +4 |
| Primary C | 21 | 20 | 8 | 2 | 2 | -19 |
| Primary D | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| | 27 | 26 | 22 | 20 | 20 | -7 |
| Special A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | +2 |
| Special B | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Special C | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0 | -3 |
| Special D | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | -1 |

*Condition Core Fact submission dates above align with SEMP revisions.

| Suitability* | 2010 | 2013 | 2014 | Overall Change |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Secondary A | 1 | 3 | 5 | +4 |
| Secondary B | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Secondary C | 6 | 3 | 0 | -6 |
| Secondary D | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| | 7 | 6 | 5 | -2 |
| Primary A | 6 | 8 | 8 | +2 |
| Primary B | 10 | 10 | 10 | - |
| Primary C | 6 | 2 | 2 | -4 |
| Primary D | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| | 22 | 20 | 20 | -2 |
| Special A | 0 | 0 | 2 | +2 |
| Special B | 0 | 1 | 1 | +1 |
| Special C | 4 | 3 | 0 | -4 |
| Special D | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| | 4 | 4 | 3 | -1 |

*Suitability Core Fact first collected 2010.

5.4 The Council has invested in excess of £200m on its school estate over the last 10 years. Significant progress has been made since 2004, particularly in reducing the number of Condition C/D rated schools from 7 Secondary Schools to 0 Secondary Schools and from 21 Primary Schools to 2 Primary Schools. Progress has also been made in the Special (ASN) sector with all schools now A/B rated. In terms of suitability there has also been significant progress made although the majority of improvements earlier in the programme are not fully captured above as this core fact has only been collected since 2010. By that time the Council had already carried out a significant number of projects which had improved the suitability of a number of schools across the estate. The completion of current committed projects will see all Schools in Condition & Suitability rating A/B with the exception of the decant facility.

6.0 LOOK AHEAD 2014/15 & 2015/16

6.1 Between May 2014 and October 2016 significant further progress will have been made on the School Estate via the committed projects below:

- The refurbishment of Ardgowan Primary School will be complete (Programmed April 2014 – April 2015).
- Work will have commenced and completed on the refurbishment of St. John's Primary School (Planned October 2014 – August 2015).
- Work will have commenced and completed on the new St. Patrick's Primary School (Planned August 2015 – October 2016).
- Work will have commenced and completed on the refurbishment of Kilmacolm Primary School (Planned August 2015 – October 2016).

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

7.1 There are no financial issues.

Legal

7.2 There are no legal issues.

Human Resources

7.3 There are no human resources issues.

Equalities

7.4 There are no equalities issues.

Repopulation

7.5 The School Estate Strategy has been and continues to be one of the Council's key areas of investment in support of the aim of repopulating and promoting Inverclyde as the place of choice to live, work and spend leisure time. The significant investment in the School Estate is not only a catalyst for regeneration but also contributes towards improving Inverclyde for the people who live here and assists in attracting people to relocate and settle here, knowing their children will receive a first class education in the best possible school accommodation.

8.0 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 There are no financial implications in this report and therefore the Head of Finance has not been consulted.
- 8.2 There are no direct staffing implications in respect of the report and as such the Head of Organisational Development, HR and Communications has not been consulted.
- 8.3 There are no legal issues arising from the content of this report and as such the Head of Legal and Property Services has not been consulted.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 Inverclyde Council Core Facts Return 2014
Watts Group PLC 2014 Condition Survey Reports
Inverclyde Council Suitability Survey Reports
Condition Core Fact Guidance – Scottish Government 2007
Suitability Core Fact Guidance – Scottish Government 2008