

**REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 18 FEBRUARY 2002**

**REPORT ON: SCHOOLS PPP – STATUTORY CONSULTATION**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

**REPORT NO: 138-2002**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to prepare and, if Scottish Executive approval to the PPP proposals is received and Committee approval is given, to proceed to publish and consult on the proposals in the event that the Committee is minded to utilise PPP procurement.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

- (a)** the Committee remit to the Director of Education to prepare to carry out the statutory and the additional publication and consultation procedure on the PPP proposals contained in paragraph 6.1 of this report and consult on the proposals in terms of the Education (Publication and Consultation etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 1981, and also the additional publication and consultation.
- (b)** the Committee note that a further report will be brought forward once the decision of the Scottish Executive is known seeking formal authority to proceed with the statutory consultation.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Costs will be met from within existing budgets.

## **4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **6 REPORT**

**6.1** Reference is made to the meeting of this Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2001, when it was agreed to prepare an Outline Business Case for a PPP project and to establish a Project Board to consider the officers' recommendations. The Board approved the submission of proposals in December 2001 to carry out the following:-

- Merge Douglas and Powrie Primaries and build a new school on a new site
- Merge Downfield and Macalpine Primaries and build a new school on a new site
- Merge St Margaret's and St Columba's Primaries and build a new school on a new site
- Merge Mid Craigie and Mossgiel Primaries and build a new school on a new site
- Build a new Fintry Primary on the same site

- Build a new Park Place Primary on a new site to be identified
  - Refurbish and extend Forthill Primary
  - Refurbish and extend Barnhill Primary
  - Refurbish and extend Grove Academy
  - Merge St Saviour's with Lawside Academy and St John's secondary, and refurbish and extend Lawside and St John's
  - Rebuild Kingspark Special School on the same site
- 6.2** A decision from the Scottish Executive on whether the Council's case has been approved is expected by the end of April, but some preparatory work can be carried out in the meantime to maintain progress.
- 6.3** Informal consultation meetings have commenced with School Boards, or where no Board exists with Parent Teacher Associations and groups of interested parents. The on-going programme of meetings is shown on the attached Appendix.
- 6.4** It will be necessary to carry out statutory consultation in respect of a number of proposals, eg proposals to merge schools, change the sites of schools, and change catchment areas. This covers all of the schools mentioned except Forthill and Barnhill primaries and Grove Academy. It is proposed however that consultation be carried out for all affected schools. The consultation would also include all staff and trade unions.
- 6.5** The statutory consultation procedure applies to amongst others, parents of every pupil in attendance at any school affected by the proposal, parents of every child expected to attend the school within the next 2 years, the School Board, and the representative of the Church in whose interest the school is conducted, if appropriate; also, where a new school is to be provided, parents of every child who would come within the catchment area of the new school and who would be asked to change to the new school, and parents of every child in the last two years of primary school who would be expected to transfer to the new school. Scottish Ministers' consent would be required in some cases, e.g. where schools are over 80% occupied but the formal consultation exercise must be completed prior to this consent being sought.
- 6.6** It is recommended that preparations be made to carry out the consultation procedure with a view to carrying this out as soon as approval is received from the Scottish Executive and the Committee has taken its decision.

## **7 CONSULTATIONS**

The Chief Executive and the Directors of Support Services and Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

## **8 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers as defined in Section 50D of the Local Government Scotland Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report

**Director of Education**..... **Date**.....



**SCHOOL BOARDS/PTAs – EVENING INFORMAL CONSULTATION MEETINGS  
ON PPP PROJECT PROPOSALS**

<b>23 January</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	St Saviours H.S.
<b>24 January</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Macalpine P.S.
<b>29 January</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	St Margaret's P.S.
<b>31 January</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	St Columba's P.S.
<b>5 February</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Downfield P.S.
<b>7 February</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Frances Wright Pre-School
<b>12 February</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Lawsid Academy
<b>13 February</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Fintry P.S.
<b>20 February</b>	<b>1.00 pm</b>	Fintry Nursery School
<b>20 February</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Forthill P.S.
<b>26 February</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Douglas P.S.
<b>28 February</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Powrie P.S.
<b>5 March</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Mid Craigie P.S.
<b>7 March</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Mossgiel P.S.
<b>12 March</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	Bellfield Nursery School
<b>12 March</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Park Place P.S.
<b>14 March</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Grove Academy
<b>19 March</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Kingspark
<b>25 March</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Barnhill P.S.
<b>27 March</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	Park Place Nursery School
<b>27 March</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	St John's High

