

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 10 MARCH 2008

REPORT ON: OUTCOME OF THE FORMAL CONSULTATION PROCESS ON THE PROPOSAL TO BUILD A REPLACEMENT KINGSPARK SCHOOL ON BALFIELD PLAYING FIELDS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

REPORT NO: 152 - 2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report details the representations made during the formal publication and consultation exercise on the above proposal and recommends that the Council proceeds with the proposal.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the proposal to build a replacement Kingspark School on Balfield playing fields.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None

4.0 MAIN TEXT

Background

4.1.1 At its meeting of 10 December 2007 the Education Committee approved the report entitled "Replacement of Kingspark Special School - Update" and agreed (inter alia) to remit the Director of Education to carry out the statutory consultation procedures in terms of the Education (Publication and Consultation etc) (Scotland) Regulations 1981 in respect of the proposal to build a replacement Kingspark School on Balfield playing fields and to report back to Committee in due course (Report No. 625 - 2007 refers)

4.1.2 This proposal was advertised in the "Evening Telegraph" on 18 January 2008 and all statutory consultees received a copy of the consultation document on that date.

4.1.3 On the evening of 05 February a consultation meeting for parents/carers was held at Kingspark School. A meeting was also held for all staff at Kingspark School at the end of the school day. In addition the Kingspark School Parent Council was consulted.

4.1.4 Copies of the notes of the meetings held during the consultation period are attached as Appendix 1.

5.0 APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL TO BUILD A REPLACEMENT KINGSPARK SCHOOL ON BALFIELD PLAYING FIELDS.

5.1 The proposal was supported by all who attended the meetings.

6.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

6.2 There are no major issues.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance were consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

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Director of Education

29 February 2008

**DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
SITE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF KINGSPARK SCHOOL

END OF SCHOOL DAY STAFF CONSULTATION MEETING
HELD AT KINGSPARK SCHOOL
TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2008, 3.10 PM**

In Attendance:

Gillian Ross Pond, Project Director
Laura Smith, Head Teacher
Lynne Martin, Depute Head Teacher

Members of Staff: 30

Issues Raised/Questions asked from the floor:

- Why is the present site no longer big enough to accommodate the new school?
- How many children will the new school take?
- When will the work start and when will we move in?
- Will we have the same facilities as we have at present?
- Are there any public libraries near the new site?
- Will there be plenty of car parking spaces?
- Will there be a separate pedestrian access into the new school?

**PARENT COUNCIL CONSULTATION MEETING
HELD AT KINGSPARK SCHOOL
TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2008, 6.30 PM**

In Attendance:

Gillian Ross Pond, Project Director
John Don, Education Adviser
David Mann, Education Adviser
Laura Smith, Head Teacher
Lynne Martin, Depute Head Teacher

Members of the Parent Council: 0

Issues Raised/Questions asked from the floor:

- NONE

**PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION MEETING
HELD AT KINGSPARK SCHOOL
TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2008, 7.00 PM**

In Attendance:

Gillian Ross Pond, Project Director
John Don, Education Adviser
David Mann, Education Adviser
Laura Smith, Head Teacher
Lynne Martin, Depute Head Teacher
Councillor Bowes

Parent/Carers: 5

Issues Raised/Questions asked from the floor:

- At the last meeting, with Jim Gibson, he indicated that residents in the proposed Balfield site area had issues regarding traffic/transport/access to the site. Has that been resolved?
- If there is a problem with the Balfield site are there other locations available?
- Why couldn't the new Kingspark have been built on the site that St Paul's is being constructed on?
- People around here are not happy that Kingspark is leaving the area.
- How long will it take for the new build once it has started?
- Who is involved in deciding room sizes and what is going in the school?
- Parent/Carer indicated that she wondered who was choosing/deciding what the children would need in the new school.
- How long from now until the new school is open?
- Is there any money available from the Scottish Executive?
- Do not need fancy stuff outside.
- Parent/Carer indicated that parking for parents at the new school would be nice – noted the difficulty that the present site/parking causes.
- Parent/Carer indicated that parents had to wait, on a number of occasions, in excess of 10 minutes to pick up their child until the buses cleared the entrance/pick up area.
- Parent/Carer indicated that even if parents arrive at 3.00 pm and park in the bus spaces they get into trouble.
- You said that the new school would be big – did this school not cater for more pupils originally?
- Parent/Carer noted that it was of concern that in the present school the nurses were too far away from children who need suction etc.
- The group of Parent/Carers at the meeting expressed unanimous approval for the proposed Balfield site.