

**REPORT TO:** EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 23 MARCH 2009

**REPORT ON:** WHITFIELD DESIGN FRAMEWORK - PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PHASE OF THE NEW THREE STREAM SCHOOL TO REPLACE WHITFIELD AND NEWFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND WHITFIELD COMMUNITY EARLY YEARS CENTRE

**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to establish a formal structure of working groups to consider officers' recommendations and the financial and educational implications associated with the development of the above Project.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the establishment of the following working groups:

- i) A Project Board comprising Elected Members (Convenor of Education and Ward Councillors), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Chief Officers, Trade Union Representatives and Parent Council members.
- ii) A Project Management Board comprising the Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Chief Officers, Head Teachers and Advisers as appropriate.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 None

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

4.1 At its meeting on 23 June 2008, the Education Committee approved the proposal to build a new three stream primary school to replace Whitfield and Newfields Primary Schools and Whitfield Community Early Years Centre on a site of approximately 2.5 hectares central to the regeneration developments.

4.2 Following recent confirmation of the exact location of the school site by the Department of Planning and Transportation and the identification of the members of the Design Team by the Chief Architectural Services Officer, early work has now begun on determining the footprint of the building.

4.3 Consequently the need has arisen to establish the above Boards to oversee this Project as it moves through the development phases.

4.4 It should be noted that the Boards established in 2001 to oversee the development of the Dundee Schools PPP Project have proved invaluable to date and continue to meet to see the PPP Project through to its conclusion later this year. A similar Board structure currently supports the development of the Kingspark School replacement.

## **5.0 PROPOSAL**

- 5.1 It is proposed that a Project Board and a Project Management Board be established to oversee the development phase of the new school to be built within the Whitfield Design Framework with a membership as described 2.1 above. Both Boards will be chaired by the Depute Chief Executive (Finance).

## **6.0 POLICY IMPLICAITONS**

- 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 Assessment.
- 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.