

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 15 MAY 2006

REPORT ON: PROVISION OF OFF-SITE EDUCATION AT HAPPYHILLOCK CENTRE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval for the Director of Education to engage Dundee Contract Services to carry out the necessary adaptation to convert Happyhillock Child and Family Centre into an Education Off-site Centre.

The total estimated cost of the various works are expected to be in the order of £50,000.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Director of Education be authorised to engage Dundee Contract Services, under their small works (not exceeding £25,000) partnering arrangement, directly and via the City Architectural Services Officer to carry out the works.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of these works can be met from the Education Inclusion budget during 2006/07.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 The Education Health and Safety Officer, the City Architectural Services Officer and the City Engineer have advised that the Molison Street building which houses the Balerno Education Off-site Unit, has reached the end of its life span and that the unit should be located to other premises.

6.2 The vacant Happyhillock Child and Family Centre had been identified as a suitable and available premises that satisfies the Education Departments requirement for Off-site Provision. Various adaptations have been identified that are necessary to accommodate this change of use. The City Architectural Services Officer has been commissioned to obtain the necessary change of use planning applications and to provide design and supervisions for the services amendments and where there is any design implications.

7.0 CONSULTATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

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