

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 25TH JUNE, 2007

REPORT ON: CLAYPOTTS CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ARDLER PRIMARY SCHOOL- TEMPORARY CLASSROOM UNITS EXTENSION TO CONTRACT
Contract Nr. 05-6006

REPORT BY: City Architectural Services Officer

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To obtain approval for extending the existing lease at reduced cost.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That approval be given for extending the existing hire period and incurring estimated additional expenditure of approximately £116,400.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Head of Finance has stated that the additional expenditure can be funded from the Education Revenue Budget 2007/2008 and 2008/2009.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE

6.1 Reference is made to Article III(iv) of the minute of the meeting of the Education Committee held on 20th June 2005 when expenditure of £244,424 was approved in respect of the above project and RB Farquhar Hires Ltd., Huntly were appointed to carry out the work.

6.2 Increased costs have been incurred as follows:-

(1) the additional hire period beyond 8 June 2007 to 4 April 2008 has cost approximately £70,800. It should be noted that as a result of this extended period a reduced weekly hire cost has been negotiated which has minimised this expenditure

(2) enhancements to the specification of the units and the entrance ramps was necessary to facilitate their use. The additional costs associated with this were approximately £17,800.

(3) the costs of enabling works carried out by Dundee Contract Services were higher than the allowances in the report by approximately £19,300.

(4) as a result of the above items the allowances for professional services have been increased by approximately £8,500.

6.3 The revised total cost of the project is now £360,824 of which £264,754 has been expended in previous financial years; £74,270 is predicted for this year (2007/08) and £21,800 is predicted for next year (2008/09).

7.0 **CONSULTATIONS**

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

8.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None.

**City Architectural Services Officer
12th June, 2007**

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