

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 17 MAY 2004

**REPORT ON: FORTHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL - ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSION
(PARTNERING) (03-6074)**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND CITY ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES OFFICER

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval to carry out alterations and to extend Forthill Primary School.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Education Committee is asked to approve:

- i) alterations and an extension to Forthill Primary School at an estimated total cost of £4.2million inclusive of professional fees for construction works and an allowance of £35,000 for furniture and fittings.
- ii) that the City Architectural Services Officer be authorised to negotiate a contract within the overall allowance for construction works of £4.2 million under a partnering arrangement with an appropriate contractor and that the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) in conjunction with the Director of Education issue an acceptance for this contract.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Depute Chief Executive (Finance) has confirmed that the estimated total cost of £4.235m will be met from the Education Departments Capital Plan. The current approved Capital Plan has an allowance of £3.820m and the balance will be funded from additional capital receipts. The updated costs will be reflected in the next revision of the Capital Plan.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 The Education and Policy and Resources Committees of 8 September 2003 approved the report entitled "Update on the Financial Status of the PPP for Schools Project" (Report No 548-2003 refers). This report proposed a revision to the original project namely that Forthill Primary School inter alia be transferred from the Schools PPP Project into the Council's Capital Plan and that works be funded from the Prudential Framework and from Capital Receipts.

- 6.2 The proposal is for the development of Forthill Primary School from the existing 2-stream provision to accommodate 3-stream provision and to undertake refurbishment of the existing building. As Forthill Primary School is in immediate need of extension and with the roll continuing to reflect an upward trend of priority 1 pupils, it is necessary to proceed with the works at an early date with a view to the 3-stream facility being available for occupation for the start of session 2005/06. An allowance of £35,000 has been made in the project cost for furniture and fittings required for the additional stream and associated ancillary spaces
- 6.3 The design brief allows for the school to operate normally for the duration of the works – there is no requirement for the pupils to be decanted to another location. The Head Teacher, school staff, School Board, Pupil Council and Out of School Care Club were consulted on the development proposals for the school.
- 6.4 A notice was placed in the “Official Journal of the European Union” (OJEU) for the project and a selection process carried out to identify suitable contractors from those who responded to the advertisement. Three contractors have been identified and are currently preparing submissions to allow the final selection to be made. Once a preferred contractor has been identified, it is proposed that the City Architectural Services Officer negotiates a contract under a partnering arrangement with the contractor, within the overall allowance of £4.2million for construction works, allocated as follows:

	<u>£,000</u>
Construction Works	3,774
Allowance for Professional Services, supervisory and administrative expenses	<u>426</u>
	4,200
Allowance for Furniture and Fittings	<u>35</u>
TOTAL	<u>4,235</u>

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Unless otherwise stated on the attached sheet, no background papers, as defined by 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.

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