

**REPORT TO:** EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 30 JUNE 2003

**REPORT ON:** Blackness Primary School and Bellfield Nursery School  
Boiler Replacement (Partnering)

**REPORT BY:** Director of Education and City Architectural Services Officer

**REPORT NO:** 446-2003

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 This report seeks approval for boiler replacements at two schools.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 Approval is recommended of:-

- a) boiler replacements at Blackness Primary School and Bellfield Nursery School at an estimated cost of £130,000 inclusive of professional fees.
- b) the City Architectural Services Officer being authorised to negotiate contracts within the overall allowance under a partnering arrangement with appropriate contractors and the Director of Support Services in conjunction with the Director of Education to accept the offers recommended by the City Architectural Services Officer.

**3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 Allowance for the expenditure of £80,000 at Blackness Primary School and £50,000 at Bellfield Nursery School for boiler replacements has been made in the Education Department's Capital Budget 2003/2004.

**4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Modern boiler plant, which is more energy efficient is being installed, reducing fuel consumption.

**5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None.

**6.0 REPORT**

6.1 The boilers and associated equipment at both of these properties, which are subject to ongoing maintenance costs including difficulty in obtaining spare parts, are effectively at the end of their working life and replacement is recommended.

6.3 It is proposed that the City Architectural Services Officer enters into a partnering arrangement with an appropriate contractor with a view to completing the boiler replacements within the school summer holiday period and within the allowance of £130,000.

**7.0 CONSULTATIONS**

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Director of 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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