

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 30 JUNE 2003**

**REPORT ON: DUNDEE SCHOOLS PPP PROJECT – OUTCOME OF THE FORMAL CONSULTATION PROCESS IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSAL TO MERGE LAWSIDE RC ACADEMY AND ST SAVIOUR'S RC HIGH SCHOOL IN A NEW BUILD SECONDARY SCHOOL AND TO EXTEND AND REFURBISH ST JOHN'S RC HIGH SCHOOL**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

**REPORT NO: 449-2003**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

**1.1** This report details the representations made during the formal publication and consultation exercise on the above project proposal and makes a recommendation on the way forward.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

**2.1** The Committee is asked to approve the project proposal to merge Lawside RC Academy and St Saviour's RC High School in a new build secondary school on the Kirkton Park site and to extend and refurbish St John's RC High School.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**3.1** The financial implications of the recommendation remain as reported to Committee on 24 March 2003 (Report No 260-2003 refers).

## **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

**4.1** None.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1** None.

## **6.0 BACKGROUND**

**6.1** At its meeting of 20 January 2003 the Committee remitted the Director of Education to carry out the statutory consultation procedures in terms of the Education (Publication and Consultation etc) (Scotland) Regulations 1981 in respect of the proposal to merge Lawside RC Academy and St Saviour's RC High School in a new build secondary school and to extend and refurbish St John's RC High School. (Report No 68-2003 refers).

- 6.2** This proposal was advertised in the “Courier” on 21 March and all statutory consultees received a copy of the consultation document on that date.
- 6.3** During the period 6 May to 6 June, evening public consultation meetings were held at all three denominational secondary schools and at each associated denominational primary school. Meetings were also held for all staff at the three secondary schools at the end of the school day.
- 6.4** An executive summary of issues raised at the formal public consultation and staff meetings is attached as Appendix I and copies of the full notes of these meetings are available in the Members’ Lounge along with copies of letters and e-mails received during the consultation period.

## **7.0 CURRENT SITUATION**

- 7.1** The proposal to merge Lawside RC Academy and St Saviour’s High School in a new build secondary school and to extend and refurbish St John’s High RC School was generally supported although there was concern expressed about the proposed site at Kirkton Park not being located far enough to the east of the city. This concern was most strongly voiced at the meetings held for St Saviour’s RC High School and its associated primary schools. Alternative sites proposed by members of the public have been investigated, but it remains the case that Kirkton Park is the only site of sufficient size in the Council’s ownership which is suitable for the purpose. Consequently it is recommended that the project proposal proceed on the Kirkton Park site.

## **8.0 CONSULTATION**

- 8.1** The Chief Executive, the Director of Support Services and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

## **9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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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**DUNDEE SCHOOLS PPP PROJECT**

**SUMMARY TABLE OF KEY RECURRING ISSUES RAISED AT THE FORMAL  
CONSULTATION MEETINGS 06 MAY – 06 JUNE 2003**

\* Asterisk denotes the number and frequency of questions asked under a particular topic heading.

<b>Issues</b>	<b>Health and Safety</b> Inc. - safety of pupils during construction - drop off/pick up - car parking (staff)	<b>Travel/Distance</b> Inc - road safety - transport provision - out of school use	<b>Site</b> Inc - size - location/access - catchment - geographical spread of RC school	<b>Ethos</b> Inc - general ethos of school - school name/uniforms - size of school/class - community ethos - disruption of education	<b>Staffing</b> Inc - levels of staffing - surplus of HT - support staff - staff merge
Lawside RC Academy	*	**	***** *****	**** *****	* ***
St Columba's PS			**	*	
St Margaret's PS		*	**		
St Clement's PS		**	*****	*****	**
St Fergus PS		**	****	*****	
St Saviour's RC HS	*	*** *	***** *****	***** **	**** ***
St Luke's and St Matthew's PS		*****	*****	**	*
St Pius PS		***	***** *****	*****	***
St Vincent's PS	*	***	***** *****	***	
St John's RC HS	*		* *****	* *	* **
St Joseph's PS		**	*****	*	
St Mary's PS			<i>No major issues raised</i>		
Our Lady's PS			****		
St Ninian's PS		*	*****	*****	*
SS Peter & Paul's PS		*	*****		**
Denominational Primary School Head Teachers		*	*****	***	

<b>Issues</b>	<b>Nursery Provision</b> Inc - pre-fives - integration of SEN - staffing	<b>Out of School Provision</b> Inc - access -travel distance	<b>Community Facilities</b> Inc - access - cost of lets - competition - security	<b>PPP/Joint Venture</b> Inc - principle of PPP - finance issues - timescale - building maint. - final decision (who) - other options	<b>Technical</b> Inc - consultation re Design with staff/ pupils/community - availability of plans	<b>Timescale</b> Inc - timetable - change of admin.
Lawside RC Academy			****	***** ***	* ***	* **
St Columba's PS			*			*
St Margaret's PS						*
St Clement's PS				**		*
St Fergus PS			*	*	*	****
St Saviour's RC HS			*	*****	* **	***
St Luke's and St Matthew's PS				****	***	
St Pius PS			***	****	*****	*****
St Vincent's PS					**	**
St John's RC HS			* *	***** *	* **	* ****
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SS Peter & Paul's PS				*****		*
Denominational Primary School Head Teachers				**	*	