

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 20 SEPTEMBER 2004

REPORT ON: DUNDEE SCHOOLS PPP PROJECT – STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON DECANT ARRANGEMENTS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

REPORT NO: 628-2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to prepare and proceed to publish and consult on proposals to implement decant arrangements for pupils from Powrie Primary School and Brackens Primary School with effect from the start of session 2005-06.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- i) remit the Director of Education to prepare and carry out the statutory consultation procedures in terms of the Education (Publication and Consultation etc) (Scotland) Regulations 1981.
- ii) note that a further report will be brought forward detailing the findings of the consultations undertaken.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Costs will be met from within existing budgets.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 As part of the Dundee Schools PPP Project, a new school to replace the existing Douglas and Powrie Primary Schools is to be constructed on the site of the present Powrie Primary School. To facilitate this build Powrie Primary School will require to be decanted at the start of session 2005-06 to allow for demolition works.

6.2 Also as part of the Dundee Schools PPP Project, a new school to replace the existing Brackens and Macalpine Primary Schools is to be built on the site of the present Brackens Primary School. To facilitate this build, Brackens Primary School will require to be decanted at the start of session 2005-06 to allow for demolition works.

7.0 DECANT PROPOSALS

- 7.1 It is proposed to decant Powrie Primary School by placing the nursery and P1 pupils in Douglas Primary School and transporting P2-7 by bus to Mid Craigie Primary School.
- 7.2 It is proposed to decant Brackens Primary School by placing the nursery and P1-3 in Ardler Primary School and P4-7 in St Fergus RC Primary School.
- 7.3 The decant proposals described at 7.1 and 7.2 above may involve merging classes with the receiving school(s) for a temporary period. The permanent merger of Powrie Primary School and Douglas Primary School and of Brackens Primary School with Macalpine Primary School will take place at the time of the completion of the respective new build replacement schools, and will occur not earlier than the start of session 2006-07.

8.0 FEASIBILITY OF DECANT PROPOSALS

- 8.1 To date meetings have been held on a number of occasions with all the Head Teachers involved. There is unanimous agreement that the decant proposals as outlined at para 7.0 above would be feasible and consequently it is recommended to proceed to the statutory consultation stage.

9.0 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 This report has been subject to consultation with the Chief Executive, the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and the Depute Chief Executive (Finance)

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 None

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