

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 22 NOVEMBER 2010
REPORT ON: HARRIS ACADEMY - ESTABLISHMENT OF PROJECT BOARD
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
REPORT NO: 656-2010

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to establish a Project Board to direct the Capital Projects Team during the process of arriving at a design solution that meets Historic Scotland's criteria and delivers the required educational functionality.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee approves the establishment of a Project Board comprising Elected Members (Convener of Education and Ward Councillors), the Chief Executive, Director of Education, Chief Architectural Services Officer, the Head Teacher of the school and 2 Parent Council members, 1 Teacher Union Representative, Capital Projects Director, Capital Projects Finance Manager, Capital Projects Education Adviser and Senior Project Manager (Architectural Services).

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 None

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At its meeting of 27 September 2010 the Education Committee approved the report entitled 'Harris Academy - Review of Feasibility Study' (report no. 565-2010 refers).
- 4.2 Consequently, given the scope and complexity of this project, the need has arisen to establish the above Board early in January 2011.
- 4.3 It should be noted that a Project Board was established in 2001 to oversee the development of the Dundee Schools PPP Project. This structure proved invaluable and was subsequently replicated for the Kingspark School replacement. Currently Boards are in operation for the Whitfield, West End and Balgarthno Road Projects.

5.0 PROPOSAL

- 5.1 It is proposed that a Project Board for Harris Academy be established in line with the recommendation in paragraph 2.1 above. The Board will be chaired by the Chief Executive.

6.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of sustainability, strategic environmental assessment, anti-poverty, equality impact assessment and risk management. There are no major issues.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Director of Finance have been consulted on this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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