

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE -
20 JANUARY 2003**

**REPORT ON: DUNDEE SCHOOLS PPP PROJECT– STATUTORY CONSULTATION
ON THE FUTURE OF DENOMINATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN
DUNDEE**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to proceed to formally publish and consult on the proposal that Lawside RC Academy and St Saviour's High School should be merged and relocated in a new school on a site at Kirkton Park and also that St John's High School should be extended and refurbished.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 The Committee remit 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 that Lawside RC Academy and St Saviour's RC High School be merged and relocated in a new school on a site at Kirkton Park and in addition to carry out consultation on the proposal that St John's RC High School be extended and refurbished and to report back to a future meeting of this Committee.

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 At its meeting of 16 December 2002 the Committee approved Report No 891-2002 "Consultation on the Future of Denominational Secondary Schools in Dundee – Summary of Results" which described the findings of a survey which had been undertaken with all parents and staff associated with the three denominational secondary schools in Dundee.
- 6.2 In taking account of the detailed comments which accompanied many of the completed survey forms the Committee noted in particular that while there was support for the merger of Lawside RC academy and St Saviour's RC High School, there was some objection to the proposed site at Kirkton Park.
- 6.3 Subsequently the Committee authorised the Chief Executive to enter into discussions with Scottish Executive Officials in order to seek funding towards the provision of a new

denominational secondary school to replace Lawside RC Academy and St Saviour's RC High School on the site at Kirkton Park and extend and refurbish St John's RC High School. The Committee further decided that in the event of any alternative viable sites within the Council's ownership being identified then this alternative option would be included in the formal consultation process.

7.0 STATUTORY CONSULTATION PROCEDURES

7.1 The proposals will be advertised in the local press, and consultation meetings will be arranged. The persons to be consulted will be the parents of the pupils at Lawside RC Academy and St Saviour's RC High School, the parents of pupils who would be expected to attend these schools, the School Boards, and the Church representative. In addition, although statutory consultation is not required for the proposals for St John's RC High School, it is proposed that the same procedures will be applied. Consultation with staff and unions will also be carried out.

Scottish Ministers' consent will be required where the school is over 80% occupied, ie for Lawside RC Academy, though this would be sought after the formal consultation exercise is completed.

8.0 CONSULTATION

8.1 The Chief Executive and the Directors of Support Services and Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 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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