

**REPORT TO:** DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE –

**REPORT ON:** CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF DENOMINATIONAL  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN DUNDEE

**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

**REPORT NO:** 852-2002

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek permission for the Director of Education to undertake a survey of parents/carers and staff of all Dundee City Council denominational primary and secondary schools. This survey will better inform the Best Value Review Working Group of the views of parents/carers and staff with regard to the future of denominational secondary school provision in the City.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- (i) Approve the content of the questionnaire attached at Appendix 1
- (ii) Instruct the Director of Education to proceed to issue the questionnaire to all parents/carers and staff of all Dundee City Council denominational primary and secondary schools, receive and collate responses, and prepare a summary of findings for the Best Value Review Working Group's consideration.
- (iii) Instruct the Director of Education to report the summary of findings to the Education Committee in the first instance.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Any financial implications which are attached to this report can be met from the provision for supplies and services within the Education Revenue Budget 2002-2003.

## **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 September, the Education Committee considered a "Dundee Schools PPP Project" (Report No 6572-2002 refers) which advised of the decision of the Scottish Executive as regards the funding of a Dundee Schools PPP Project and sought the views of the Committee as to how the project described in the Outline Business Case might be reduced in scale to accord with the financial resources available.

- 6.2 The PPP Project Board at its meeting of 28 August 2002 agreed to submit Options 5, 7 and 8 to the Education Committee for consideration. (A copy of the full minute of this meeting was attached as Appendix 9 to Report No 672-2002 referred to above).
- 6.3 The Education Committee was subsequently recommended to consider the PPP Project Boards preferred options as described at paragraph 6.2 above in the report "Dundee Schools PPP Project" placed before them on 16 September 2002.
- 6.4 The Committee, in finally unanimously approving option 7 as the preferred option for the Council's Schools PPP project, further remitted the Director of Education and the Chief Executive to carry out extensive consultations with the School Boards of the three denominational secondary schools and prepare a long-term strategy for the future of Catholic Secondary education in the city to allow the City Council to make a future bid for Public Private partnership funding or to utilise other capital resources which may be available to the Authority.

## **7.0 PROPOSAL**

- 7.1 In light of the above the Director of Education and the Chief Executive thought it prudent to ascertain at an early stage the views of parents/carers and staff at all primary and secondary denominational schools in the City in order to provide better information to the Best Value Review Group.
- 7.2 In order to achieve this, the Director of Education will proceed to issue the questionnaire to all parents/carers and staff of all Dundee City Council denominational primary and secondary schools, receive and collate responses, and prepare a summary of findings for the Best Value Review Working Group's consideration.

## **8.0 CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 This consultation exercise is for the purpose of informing the Best Value Review Group and does not constitute part of the current formal Schools PPP Project consultation procedures. However, further formal consultation may be required at a future date.

## **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.

In view of the timescale involved, this report was approved by the Director of Education in consultation with the Convener of Education and the Opposition Group spokespersons.

Date .....18/11/2002.....



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Convener of Education

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18 November 2002

## QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE FUTURE OF DENOMINATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN DUNDEE

The City Council wishes to discover the views of parents whose children attend a denominational school on the future of denominational secondary schools in Dundee. Listed below are two options. Option 1 is the present position. Option 2 is a possibility for future action.

You are asked to mark a cross in the box opposite the option you prefer.

- 1 Lawside Academy, St John's High School and St Saviour's High School should be retained on their present sites, in their present condition.**

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- 2 Lawside Academy and St Saviour's High School should be merged and relocated in a new school on a site at Kirkton Park and St John's High School should be extended and refurbished.**

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**The cost of the possible merger of Lawside Academy and St Saviour's High School and relocating to a new school on a site at Kirkton Park and St John's High School being extended and refurbished would be an additional £2.17 million per year support from the Scottish Executive.**

**These resources are not available to the City Council at this time, and would require the City Council to make a future bid for Public Private Partnership funding or to utilise other capital resources which may be available.**

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