

REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
REPORT ON: UPGRADING SCIENCE AND HOME ECONOMICS CLASSROOMS IN SCHOOLS
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
REPORT NO: 905-2002

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This reports seeks approval for upgrading four science classroom accommodation in three schools and one home economics classroom in one school.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Education Committee is recommended to:

i) approve the upgrading of two schools science classrooms in Baldrigon Academy and one science classroom in Craigie High School and Menzieshill High School in the estimated amount of £160,000 and the upgrading of one home economics classroom at Menzieshill High School in the amount of £45,000

and

ii) to authorise the City Architectural Services Officer to negotiate contracts under partnering agreements with appropriate contractors and for the Director of Support Services in conjunction with the Director of Education to accept the offers recommended by the City Architectural Services Officer.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Director of Finance has stated that the upgrading of the science classrooms in the amount of £160,000 can be met from the City Council's capital budget for 2002/2003 and the upgrading of one home economics classroom in the amount of £45,000 can be met from Revenue.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 In supporting the development and improvement of science education in schools this funding will help young people in Dundee to access the skills, knowledge and information needed to enable everyone to play a full part in society.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil

6.0 PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 It is intended that the manufacture and fabrication of the classroom furniture will be carried out by Dovetail Enterprises. It is also intended that the work to the three schools are completed before the end of this financial year and to meet the timescale and to minimise any disruption to the schools the Chief Executive has authorised that the works be carried out by a partnering process.

7.0 **CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Director of Finance and the Director of Support Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 **BACKGROUND**

8.1 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.

To enable the work to be completed this financial year this report was approved by the Director of Education in consultation with the Convener and spokesperson from the majority and minority groups.

Signed ANNE WILSON
Director of Education

Date 24 December 2002

Signed GEORGE DE GERNIER
Convener, Education Committee

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Signed JOHN CORRIGAN
Spokesperson, SNP Group

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Signed BRUCE MACKIE
Spokesperson, Conservative Group

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