

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 10 SEPTEMBER 2007

**REPORT ON: EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT SERVICE RELOCATION FROM
NORTHERN COLLEGE TO ROCKWELL SECONDARY SCHOOL
BUILDING**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This Report seeks approval to the relocation of the Educational Development Service and the ICT Training Suite from Northern College to Rockwell Secondary School building.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is asked to authorise the relocation of the Educational Development Service and the ICT Training Suite from Northern College to Rockwell Secondary School building.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The costs for the removals and necessary works at Rockwell Secondary School to accommodate the Educational Development Service have been estimated at £70,000. The Depute Chief Executive (Finance) has confirmed that funding for these works can be met from revenue from savings in the lease to Northern College for year ending 31 March 2008.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

4.1 This proposal will assist to rationalise the education service provision and property requirements within Dundee.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no equal opportunities implications.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 Currently the Education Department has a lease with Northern College for accommodation for staff within the Education Development Service, staff in the Multi Sensory/Bilingual Pupil Support Service and staff within the ICT Service.

- 6.2 At a recent meeting with representatives of Dundee College, it was mutually agreed that arrangements be put in place to relocate the educational services and ICT training suites currently sited in accommodation leased to the Council by Dundee College as the College prepares to enter a pre-reconstruction preparatory phase at the Gardyne Road premises.
- 6.3 Suitable short term accommodation has been identified within Rockwell school buildings and the estimated costs for the necessary works to accommodate these members of staff has been estimated at approximately £70,000.
- 6.4 The permanent location of the Educational Development Service is being considered within the overall strategy for office accommodation within the City Council.

7.0 CONSULTATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUNDS PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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30 August 2007