

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 16 JANUARY 2006

REPORT ON: REVIEW OF SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREAS IN EAST OF DUNDEE - STATUTORY CONSULTATION

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 prepare and proceed to publish and consult on proposals to make alterations to school catchment areas in the east of Dundee resulting from a review of these catchment areas by the Director of Education.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Education Committee is recommended to:

- i remit the Director of Education to prepare and carry out the statutory consultation procedures in terms of the Education (Publication and Consultation etc) (Scotland) Regulations 1981; and
- ii note that a further report will be brought forward dealing with the results of the publication and consultation exercise in due course, detailing any representations made, so that final decisions can then be taken on the proposals.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The costs of undertaking the publication and consultation exercise can be met from the current revenue budget.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The proposals are intended to improve the equality of access of all pupils.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 The catchment areas of schools in the east of the City have remained unchanged since 1996. The Education Department continuously reviews catchment areas within the City to take account of the distribution and age pattern of the population, the capacity of school buildings, the pattern of placing requests in the area and the effect of new housing developments.

6.2 This review has addressed a number of current issues in school catchment areas in the east of the City which seeks to ensure that all pupils have a place at an identified school which has adequate capacity for the pupils in its catchment area.

7.0 CURRENT POSITION

7.1 The following alterations to catchment areas are proposed:

- i that the catchment area of Forthill Primary School should be varied to include (2-10) & (1-5) Arbuthnott Loan, (1-19) Carnbane Drive, (12-24) Wemyss Gardens and land north of the Arbroath Road to the City boundary presently in the catchment area of Barnhill Primary School (area A as shown on Map A);
- ii that the catchment area of Forthill Primary School should be varied to include Bennan Gardens, Broadford Terrace and Portree Avenue presently in the catchment area of Eastern Primary School (area B as shown on Map A); and
- iii that the combined catchment areas of Barnhill, Eastern and Forthill Primary Schools continue to be designated as associated primary schools for Grove Academy.

7.0 PROPOSAL

In the event that the recommendations are approved the Council will require to publish and consult on the proposals in accordance with the Education (Publication and Consultation etc) (Scotland) Regulations 1981.

It is proposed that the publication and consultation exercise will take place between 17 January 2006 and 17 February 2006.

The revised catchment areas would be used to allocate places in primary schools for Session 2006/2007 and thereafter.

8.0 CONSULTATION

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

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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