

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 24 AUGUST 2009

REPORT ON: KINGSPARK SCHOOL REPLACEMENT

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND CITY ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE OFFICER

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee as to progress on the construction of the replacement Kingspark School.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the progress being made on the construction of the replacement Kingspark School.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no additional financial implications resulting from this report.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1. The report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

4.2 There are no major issues.

5.0 BACKGROUND.

5.1 Reference is made to Article VI of the minute of the meeting of the Education Committee of 24 November 2008 when the Committee approved Report No 596-2008 and accepted the tender submitted by Muirfield (Contracts) Ltd formally appointing them as the Council's partnering contractor for the project.

6.0 CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

6.1 The agreed construction contract commencement and completion dates are 5 January 2009 and 28 May 2010 respectively. However Muirfield actually started site preparation works prior to Christmas 2008 and are hoping to complete the construction works in February 2010. Despite inclement weather, at the time of drafting this report they were on programme to achieve this target.

6.2 The superstructure of the building is substantially complete with the current focus of the works being on the installation of services to be followed by the internal fit-out. Externally the contractor is progressing with the services connections, access roads and hardstanding.

- 6.3 All statutory approvals are in place and the design work is now at an advanced stage with regular meetings being held with the school and representatives of NHS Tayside to finalise the accommodation requirements and specifications.
- 6.4 Following the handing over of the completed building to the Council, it will require to be fitted out by the Council with loose furniture and equipment before education materials are transferred from the old school to the new school. This latter task will require to be carried out over a school holiday. It is anticipated that this will take place during the summer break in 2010 with the new school opening to pupils in August 2010.

7.0 LOOSE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

- 7.1 The purchase of loose furniture and equipment for the new school at an estimated cost of £300,000 was covered in Report No 596-2008 approved by the Education Committee on 24 November 2008.
- 7.2 Notice of the Council's intention to seek tenders for the supply and installation of furniture and equipment was advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union on 3 July 2009 and it is anticipated that the tenders will be received towards the end of October 2009. A report on the tenders received will be submitted to Committee thereafter.

8.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and the Head of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 Report No 596-2008 considered by the Education Committee on 24 November 2008.

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