

REPORT TO: Education Committee – 24th October, 2005

REPORT ON: Forthill Primary School, Alteration and Extension – Extension to Contract
Contract Nr. 03-6064

REPORT BY: City Architectural Services Officer

REPORT NO: 605-2005

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To obtain approval for extending the existing contract.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That approval be given for extending the existing contract and incurring estimated additional expenditure of approximately £126,000.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Depute Chief Executive (Finance) has stated that the additional expenditure can be funded from the Education Department's Capital Plan 2005/2006.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE

6.1 Reference is made to Article V of the minute of meeting of the Education Committee of 17 May 2004 when expenditure of £4,235,000 was approved in respect of the above project and authority was given to negotiate a contract with an appropriate contractor under a partnering arrangement. Following the selection process Torith Ltd., Dundee were appointed in May 2004 as the partnering contractor.

6.2 Further works have been required as follows:-

(1) provision of temporary classroom units for the relocation of six classes to ensure minimal disruption to the curriculum delivery and maximum regard for the health and safety of the pupils and staff.

(2) difficult ground conditions beyond those anticipated.

6.3 The anticipated cost of these works is expected to be in the region of £148,000. It should be noted that there have been savings within the contract amounting to approximately £22,000 leaving a shortfall of £126,000 to be met from other capital resources. The project will now be delivered in phases with the final areas of the school substantially complete by December 2005.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executives (Finance and Support Services) and the Director of Education have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

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