



EDUCATION EXECUTIVE

TORPHICHEN PRIMARY SCHOOL - EXTENSION

JOINT REPORT BY HEAD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT AND THE HEAD OF FINANCE AND ESTATES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to seek approval of the Education Executive to progress extension proposals for Torphichen Primary School which will facilitate an increase in long term capacity and support the delivery of Curriculum for Excellence.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Education Executive:

1. notes the findings of the initial feasibility undertaken to consider the extension of the school to increase capacity and support the delivery of the curriculum ; and
2. approves progressing the extension proposals and planned improvements for consideration as part of the General Services Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2017/18.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs. Being honest, open and accountable. Making best use of our resources.
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	None.
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	Performance measures relating suitability for the school will improve as a consequence of the proposed project.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	<p>The significant investment in the school will support a number of single outcome agreement performance measures including:</p> <p>Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed; and</p> <p>We make the most efficient and effective use of</p>

resources by minimising our impact on the built environment.

VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)

The proposal involves a project at an estimated cost of £850,000 which will require consideration, to be considered for inclusion within the General Services Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2017/18.

Staff required for the management and delivery of the project are being provided from existing resources.

VII Consideration at PDSP

Not applicable.

VIII Other consultations

The Parent Council for the School will be consulted on the proposals.

Local elected members for the ward have been provided with a copy of this report.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1 BACKGROUND

On 8 December 2015, Education Executive considered a report outlining projected school rolls. Within the report Torphichen Primary School was identified as potentially having capacity pressures. Officers have reviewed the school roll projection figures and undertaken an initial feasibility on the school accommodation. This report advises of the outcomes of the feasibility and the extension proposed to increase the long term capacity of the school and to continue supporting delivery of the curriculum.

D2 Initial Feasibility Findings

Officers have undertaken an initial feasibility to consider the capacity of the school and have identified an opportunity to extend the existing building via the construction of two additional classrooms to be located either to the east or north of the existing building. The location of these extension options is shown in Appendix 1. The preferred option will be confirmed following detailed site investigations.

Whilst the initial feasibility considered other options including the provision of temporary units it is proposed that a stand-alone self-contained modular construction extension at one of the illustrated locations is considered as the preferred option. This is based on providing quality of accommodation, composite class pupil management and the prudent use of resources.

D3 Planned Improvements

It is proposed that as part of the project a number of planned improvements are delivered to the existing building and its accommodation. These will be fully determined following a detailed building condition survey and are likely to include improvements to the general fabric of the building, mechanical and electrical installations and general decoration.

D4 Project Costs and Timescales

The proposed extension is estimated to cost approximately £850,000. Whilst the detail of the planned improvements are to be confirmed it is likely that these will cost approximately £150,000 giving a total project costs of approximately £1m. If approved by the education executive, it will be necessary for the project to be considered as part of the capital programme 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 report to the Council budget setting meeting.

The proposal is for the extension and the planned improvements to be completed by April 2017.

E. CONCLUSION

The proposed extension and planned improvements will ensure Torphichen Primary School has sufficient capacity for the foreseeable future and remains suitable for effective delivery of the curriculum.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Education Executive Report – 2015 Base School Forecasts – 8 December 2015

Appendices/Attachments:

Appendix 1 – Proposed Extension Location

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