



EDUCATION EXECUTIVE

RELOCATION OF HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL, WINCHBURGH

REPORT BY HEAD OF EDUCATION (LEARNING, POLICY AND RESOURCES)

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Education Executive approval, following formal public consultation, of the proposal to relocate Holy Family Primary School to a site to the west of Winchburgh village centre.

To present to Education Executive with details of the outcome of the formal consultation, and the report of Education Scotland on the educational aspects of the proposal.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Education Executive:-

1. Approves the proposal to relocate Holy Family Primary School to the site on the B9080 to the west of Winchburgh village centre
2. Notes the outcome of the formal consultation, and the report of Education Scotland on the educational aspects of the proposal.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; making best use of our resources; working in partnership.
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	<p>The consultation does not change any existing policies.</p> <p>Legal</p> <p>The Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994. Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and related regulations. The Standards in Schools (Scotland) Act 2000, the School Education (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2002 and School (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. It is also necessary to consider primary and secondary school provision and catchment area arrangements in the context of the West Lothian Local Development Plan.</p>

III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None
V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	<p>We are better educated and have access to increased and better quality learning and employment opportunities.</p> <p>Our economy is diverse and dynamic, and West Lothian is an attractive place for doing business.</p>
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	<p>The approved Capital Programme to 2027/28 includes provision for the new Holy Family Primary School.</p> <p>Approved financial resources will meet obligations for printing and postage, costs associated with public meetings, for advertisements for the public meetings and for dedicated staff time required for the process.</p>
VII	Consideration at PDSP	<p>PDSP offered initial consideration at its meeting on 1 May 2018 on the proposal to relocate Holy Family Primary School to an identified site on Beattie Road, Winchburgh. At the PDSP of 26 March 2019 the Panel was content for the report with the revised location to be considered by the Education Executive of 23 April 2019, which approved the formal consultation.</p>
VIII	Other consultations	<p>Finance and Property Services, Operational Services, Planning Economic Development and Regeneration Services, Legal Services.</p> <p>Formal consultation involved Parent Councils, parents/carers, pupils, staff and trade unions at affected schools. Community Councils within the catchment areas of the affected schools were also be consulted.</p>

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1. Background to Consultation Proposal

Holy Family Primary School is currently in shared premises with Winchburgh Primary School at Glendevon Park, Winchburgh.

As part of the continuing expansion of the Winchburgh Core Development Area it is proposed to relocate Holy Family Primary School to a newly built, developer funded school on the B9080 to the west of Winchburgh village centre.

The following options for the relocation of Holy Family Primary School were considered:

Option 1 – Beatlie Road (B8020) - Holy Family Primary School to be located on a separate site to the east of the village centre.

Option 2– West Winchburgh (B9080) – Holy Family Primary School located to the west of the village on the same site as the proposed new non-denominational secondary school. This option involves a separate building for Holy Family Primary School.

For each of the proposed options advantages and disadvantages were considered and were categorised on the following basis:

1. Education Service Delivery Requirements
2. Planning and Design Considerations
3. Construction and Property Management Considerations

Whilst both options fulfil criteria requirements and are potentially suitable for the establishment of a new primary school it was considered that financially and logistically, offering due regard to access and traffic management, sports and outdoor education facilities there are greater advantages for Holy Family Primary School to be delivered as a defined building on the proposed West Winchburgh (B9080) site.

Adopting this approach will alleviate identified pressures in relation to school roll expectations. See table below offering Holy Family School roll forecasts.

Forecast School Rolls from the 900 house per annum scenario of the 2018 based forecasts – Holy Family Primary School:

Capacity	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
125	104	127	150	164	187	210	234	252	263	272	278

It is proposed that Holy Family Primary School will initially be constructed as a full single stream capacity school (accommodating 231 pupils) however the intended site does have capacity for expansion to a full two stream capacity establishment (accommodating 462 pupils) to accommodate demand from across the Winchburgh and East Broxburn Core Development Areas.

A copy of the Consultation Document is appended to this report as Appendix 1.

D2. Consultation Process

The consultation period incorporated a period of 30 school days (excluding any school holiday) from Thursday 26 September 2019 until Friday 15 November 2019.

The Education Service proposal information was available as follows:-

- West Lothian Council Website
- West Lothian Council digital media products
- Local Press
- Available in hard copy via central locations within West Lothian

- Hard copy available for postal distribution on request

The Consultation Document was made available through the following means as and when requested:-

- Translation Services
- Provision for deaf and hearing impaired, blind and visually impaired

A public meeting was conducted at Holy Family Primary School, Winchburgh, on Thursday 10 October 2019. Council officers outlined the key elements of the proposed relocation of Holy Family Primary School and answered question from meeting attendees.

During the consultation period views on the proposal were welcomed in writing.

D3. Outcome of Consultation

No written responses were received.

The six parents who attended the Statutory Consultation Meeting warmly received the consultation proposal, and sought clarification of various aspects of it. Concerns regarding detailed aspects including childcare and cloakroom space were responded to and taken on board.

No expression of opposition to the proposal was received during the statutory consultation.

A copy of the Council's Report of the statutory consultation is appended to this report as Appendix 2.

D4. Comments of Education Scotland on the Consultation

Education Scotland has written a report on West Lothian Council's proposal to relocate Holy Family Primary School, Winchburgh.

Education Scotland agrees that the proposal, should it be approved, will bring educational benefit to the children in Holy Family Primary School, Winchburgh. All members of the school communities of Holy Family and Winchburgh Primary Schools expressed their wish for the strong joint work to continue in future. Stakeholders welcome West Lothian Council's Commitment to continue to engage with staff, pupils and parents throughout the development of the proposed new building.

The full Education Scotland report is appended to this report as Appendix 3.

E. CONCLUSION

Delivery of a new denominational primary school at the proposed site on the B9080 to the west of Winchburgh village centre will allow relocation of the existing Holy Family Primary School.

The changes outlined in the Consultation Paper highlight best use of existing and future school capacities and address predicted demand from forthcoming housing developments.

The outcome of the consultation process was that the proposal was welcomed by those participating.

Education Scotland agrees that the proposal, should it be approved, will bring educational benefit to the children in Holy Family Primary School, Winchburgh.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Schools (Consultation)(Scotland) Act 2010

Education Executive report 29 May 2018

Education Executive report 23 April 2019

Appendices/Attachments:

- Appendix 1: Consultation Document
- Appendix 2: Report of the Statutory Consultation
- Appendix 3: Education Scotland (HMle) Report

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Date of meeting: 21 January 2020