

Addendum - Green Group

Education, Children & Families Committee

12 December 2017

Item 7.1 – Schools and Lifelong Learning Estate Strategic Review – Update on Informal Consultation

1. Acknowledges that the proposal for a new combined school in the South West of the city is not signalled in the Local Development Action Programme (December 2016) or the Education Appraisal (March 2017).
2. Notes that since those two reports, information has come to light via estate surveys which highlights the need to replace Currie High School; and that this new information has prompted further reflection on how best to meet the twin demands of rising secondary rolls and a fit-for-purpose school estate.
3. Notes that the scope of and timescale for informal consultation outlined in the report to EC&F in October 2017 has evolved from those set out in the report.
4. Recognises that the current informal consultation, with a specific proposal on a combined school in South West Edinburgh, on three possible identified sites, has prompted significant reaction from school communities, elected members, other elected representatives and stakeholders.
5. Notes that a number of other possibilities have already been raised and will continue to be raised as to how best to meet the twin demands outlined in 2. above.
6. Requests that, in advance of further consultation officers provide the following additional information outlined below in order to enhance shared understanding on:
 - a. The educational opportunities including curriculum choice provided by schools with different capacities and rolls.
 - b. The number of pupils attending each primary school in the area
 - c. Existing cross catchment pupil placement numbers for schools in the area
 - d. Additional information on travel to school routes and distances
 - e. Opportunities for the retention and improvement of community facilities in the area covered by the review.

- f. School condition issues
 - g. Steps being taken to investigate a range of alternative sites for a new Currie High school and a new school in the West, including, for the latter, sites in and around Kirkliston. This information will be made available to all affected parents.
7. Therefore instructs officers to proceed with but amend the informal consultation in the following ways:
- To make clear that the combined school option issued on 24 November has no special status and is a provisional option put forward by officers rather than a preferred proposal;
 - To clarify that all practicable options will be treated equally and the consequences of each explored.
8. Agrees that the instructions in 6 & 7 above should be reflected in a revised online consultation form; any current dialogue with school communities; and planned consultation in January and February.
9. Agrees that before any decision is taken by the Education, Children, and Families Committee at the March Committee or subsequent Committees, the Convenor calls a meeting prior to that date to discuss all the evidence and invite community groups to express their views.
10. Agrees to review the process with a view to informing future consultations and approves the setting up of a Member Officer Working Group, on strategic estate review, to support and guide further engagement on estate proposals throughout the city.

Moved by Councillor Mary Campbell

Seconded by Councillor Gavin Corbett