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Learning Estate Strategy: 2017-2047

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1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present the Learning Estate Strategy and at this point asks Council to agree the short term strategy through to 2023.

Recommendations:

* Acknowledge the essential requirement and benefits of preparing a long term strategy for the learning estate in Midlothian;
* Agree the short term strategy through to 2023 outlined in the 17 actions set out in section 2.4 of this report in order to meet essential learning estate requirements over that period;
* Ask officers to undertake further work on the financial implications of the short term strategy so that these can be considered as part of the Council’s Capital Strategy and General Service Capital Plan report expected to be presented to Council in November 2017;
* Note the indicative strategy for the medium and longer terms, which will be the subject of review and regular reporting to Council.

2 Background

2.1 Introduction

Committed to the creation of a world-class education system, Midlothian has developed a learning estate strategy to meet the needs of all learners within Midlothian. The Midlothian Local Development Plan proposes significant housing development across the county and since 2013 Midlothian has been identified as one of the fastest growing local authorities in Scotland, so it is imperative that we address current and future capacity issues. Having in place a Learning Estate Strategy will also strengthen the Council’s position in seeking adequate Section 75 contributions from developers and place the Council in a stronger position to secure future “Schools for the Future” funding via The Scottish Futures Trust.

In March and December 2016, pressure on schools’ capacities was reported to Council. The progress of house building in parts of Midlothian is generating significant growth in pupil numbers. This combined with parental placing requests for certain schools with limited capacity means that pupil intake limits are required in order to ensure that places are available for pupils to be able to attend their catchment primary school.

The report on pupil placement presented on 22 March 2016 noted officers’ intention to cap the pupil intake of August 2016 for Burnbrae, Cuiken, King’s Park, Lawfield, St Andrew’s, St David’s, St Luke’s, Stobhill and Tynewater Primary Schools and Lasswade High School. In December 2016, Council noted the intention to cap pupil intake in a further number of primary schools; that the intake limit for Lasswade High School would remain in place for August 2017; the work to identify a viable location for an enlarged Lasswade Primary School; plans to progress additional primary school capacity for Mayfield and the decision to safeguard part of the current Newbattle High School site for this purpose; plans to progress the planning and procurement of additional primary school capacity for Dalkeith; and the development of a Learning Estate Strategy.

This report presents the short term (5 year) learning estate strategy through to 2023 and the product of the work undertaken by officers to provide an overview of the medium and long term planning for the school estate requirements which will be required up until 2046. It should be noted that at this point agreement in principal is sought on the strategy and thereafter a fuller financial assessment of the financial implications of the short term strategy will be progressed so that these can be considered as part of the Council’s Capital Strategy and General Service Capital Plan report expected to be presented to Council in November 2017.

2.2 The overview

The Education Service, with support from officers across the Council, have developed a learning estate strategy which contains key information on the vision for education; demographic context; design of the learning estate strategy which also includes the methodology for the projection of pupil numbers; sustainability; the learning communities model; technical information; and financial impact.

A seminar for elected members is scheduled for 21 September 2017 in order to provide an overview of the learning estate strategy and a copy of the full strategy will be filed in the members’ library for reference.

For the purpose of this report Council is recommended to:

* Acknowledge the essential requirement and benefits of preparing a long term strategy for the learning estate in Midlothian.
* Note the indicative strategy for the medium and longer terms, which will be the subject of review and regular reporting to Council.
  1. The learning estate strategy by learning community

a. Shawfair Cluster

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|  | 2046/47 Roll | Planned Capacity | Year Required | Plan for providing additional school capacity |
| Shawfair HS | 1,799 | 1,800 | 2026 | New secondary school required at Shawfair |
| Total Secondary | 1,799 | 1,800 |  |  |
| Danderhall PS | 2,461 | 630 | 2020 | Replacement 3-stream Danderhall PS providing additional 11 classes |
| Shawfair Town Centre PS |  | 630 | 2024 | 3 stream (22 class) school required in town centre |
| Shawfair Newton Village PS |  | 630 | 2029 | 3 stream (22 class) school required at Newton Village |
| Cauldcoats |  | 305 | 2034 | Additional primary school required at Cauldcoats |
| Newton Farm |  | 355 | 2038 | Additional primary school required at Newton Farm |
| Total Primary | 2,461 | 2,550 |  |  |

Short term requirements to 2023

* Build a three stream replacement Danderhall Primary School as agreed by Council in February 2017, part Council funded, planned for August 2020.

b. Dalkeith Cluster

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|  | 2046/47 Roll | Planned Capacity | Year Required | Plan for providing additional school capacity |
| Dalkeith HS | 1,440 | 1,450 | 2026 | 400 pupil extension required to Dalkeith HS |
| St David's RC HS | 674 | 892 |  |  |
| Total Secondary | 2,114 | 2,342 |  |  |
| King's Park PS | 577 | 630 | 2023 | Extend King's Park to 3-stream |
| Woodburn PS | 581 | 630 |  |  |
| Dalkeith PS | 390 | 420 | 2019 | New 2 stream (15 class) school required in Dalkeith |
| St David's RC PS | 186 | 175 |  | Expand St David’s PS |
| Tynewater PS | 184 | 210 |  |  |
| Total Primary | 1,917 | 2,065 |  |  |

Short term requirements to 2023

* Identify a site for a new two stream primary school in Dalkeith with the capacity to extend to three stream, part developer contribution funded, required for August 2019 and undertake statutory consultation on catchment review.

c. Newbattle Cluster

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|  | 2046/47 Roll | Planned Capacity | Year Required | Plan for providing additional school capacity |
| Newbattle HS | 2,575 | 1,200 | 2024 | Additional capacity / new secondary school required in Gorebridge |
| Total Secondary | 2,575 |  |  |  |
| Mayfield PS | 413 | 420 | 2027 | Extend Mayfield to 2 stream (15 classes) |
| Mayfield NS |  |  |  |  |
| Lawfield PS | 420 | 420 | 2025 | Extend Lawfield to 2 stream (15 classes) |
| Easthouses PS | 402 | 420 | 2019 | New 2 stream (15 class) school required in Mayfield/Easthouses |
| St Luke's RC | 138 | 210 |  |  |
| Newtongrange PS | 409 | 420 | 2021 | Extend/adapt Newtongrange to accommodate an additional 2 classes |
| Gorebridge PS | 404 | 420 |  |  |
| Gore Glen PS | 379 | 420 |  |  |
| Stobhill PS | 200 | 210 |  |  |
| Redheugh | 412 | 420 | 2023/24 | New primary school required at Redheugh |
| Moorfoot PS | 74 | 100 |  |  |
| St Andrew's RC | 184 | 210 | 2026 | Extend St Andrew's to single stream capacity (8 classes) |
| Total Primary | 3,434 | 3,670 |  |  |

Short term requirements to 2023

* Build a new two stream primary in Easthouses to be located on the old Newbattle High School site, part developer contribution funded, required for August 2019 and undertake statutory consultation on catchment review.
* Review the capacity of Newtongrange Primary School and identify requirements to bring the capacity up to two stream, required for August 2021, developer contribution funded.

d. Lasswade Cluster

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|  | 2046/47 Roll | Planned Capacity | Year Required | Plan for providing additional school capacity |
| Lasswade HS | 2,741 | 1,800 | 2017/ 2028 | Extend Lasswade to 1,800 and rezone Loanhead area to relocated Beeslack |
| Total Secondary | 2,741 |  |  |  |
| Lasswade PS | 608 | 630 | 2023 | Replace Lasswade with 3-stream school on an alternative site & extend catchment |
| Bonnyrigg PS | 413 | 420 |  | Rezone some catchment to Lasswade PS |
| Burnbrae PS | 608 | 630 | 2019 | Additional capacity at Rosewell Road campus to extend Burnbrae to 3 stream |
| Hawthornden PS | 413 | 420 | 2025 | Require additional P1 class space to bring Hawthornden up to 2 stream (15 classes) |
| Mount Esk NS |  |  |  |  |
| Hs12 School | 360 | 420 | 2022 | New school required |
| St Mary's RC | 206 | 210 | 2029 | Replacement St Mary's planned for August 2019 |
| Rosewell PS | 330 | 420 | 2022 | Extend Rosewell to 15 classes (2 stream) |
| St Matthew's RC | 37 | 75 |  |  |
| Loanhead PS | 175 | 175 |  |  |
| Paradykes PS | 358 | 420 |  | New 2-stream (15 class) primary school opened Aug 2017 |
| St Margaret's RC | 67 | 100 |  |  |
| Total Primary | 3,576 | 3,920 |  |  |

Short term requirements to 2023

* Expand Burnbrae Primary School to three stream by building additional capacity at the school campus on Rosewell Road, as approved by Council on 29 August 2017, part Council funded, planned for August 2019.
* Enhance core facilities, such as toilets and changing facilities, at Lasswade High School to provide capacity for 1,600 pupils, required immediately, developer contribution funded.
* Build a new primary school in Bonnyrigg on Hopefield Farm 2 housing development (Hs12), required for 2022, developer contribution funded.
* Secure a site for a new three stream school for Lasswade Primary School and move to statutory consultation on relocation and catchment review when the new site is secured, required for 2023, part developer contribution funded.
* Extend Rosewell Primary School from single stream to a two stream primary school, required for 2022, developer contribution funded.

e. Penicuik Cluster

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|  | 2046/47 Roll | Planned Capacity | Year Required | Plan for providing additional school capacity |
| Beeslack HS | 1,054 | 1,200 | 2022 | Replace with new secondary school on A701 - rezone Loanhead area to new school and Mauricewood to Penicuik HS |
| Penicuik HS | 967 | 1,300 | 2022 | Penicuik HS requires adaptations & extension to accommodate Mauricewood |
| Total Secondary | 2,021 | 2,500 |  |  |
| Bilston PS | 387 | 420 | 2023 | Extend Bilston to 2 stream (15 classes) |
| Roslin PS | 282 | 305 |  | Replacement Roslin opened (11 classes) Aug 2017 |
| Glencorse PS | 161 | 210 | 2023 | Replace with new school at Auchendinny and relocate Glencorse |
| Mauricewood PS | 379 | 420 |  |  |
| Cuiken PS | 357 | 420 | 2018 | Extend Cuiken to 2 stream - additional 6 classes required |
| Cornbank PS | 276 | 330 |  |  |
| Strathesk PS | 396 | 420 | 2022 | Extend to 2 stream – 1 additional class required |
| Sacred Heart RC | 145 | 210 | 2018 | Extend to single stream - additional 2 classes |
| Total Primary | 2,383 | 2,735 |  |  |

Short term requirements to 2023

* Extend and refurbish Sacred Heart Primary School, including early years’ expansion, initial cost estimate £3 million, part developer contribution funded.
* Extend Cuiken Primary School to two stream, relocate ASN provision and expand early years’ provision, initial cost estimate £1.8 million, developer contribution funded.
* Present a further report to Council when a potential site has been identified for a secondary school along the A701. The cost of building the new school is part developer contribution funded with the aim to also secure funding in the next round of “Schools for the Future” funding via SFT. A catchment review will be required to rezone the Loanhead settlement to the A701 school and Mauricewood to Penicuik High School.
* Penicuik High School extension and adaptations required by 2022 to coincide with A701 school catchment review and accommodate pupils from Mauricewood area, part developer contribution funded.
* Extend Strathesk Primary School, one class extension, required for 2022, developer contribution funded.
* Extend Bilston Primary School to two stream, required by 2023, developer contribution funded.
* New primary school at Auchendinny to replace Glencorse Primary School, required by 2023, part developer contribution funded.

f. Denominational Schools (also included in the preceding geographical cluster tables)

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|  | 2046/47 Roll | Planned Capacity | Year Required | Plan for providing additional school capacity |
| St David's RC HS | 674 | 892 |  |  |
| Total Secondary | 674 | 892 |  |  |
| St David's RC PS | 186 | 175 |  | Expand St David’s PS |
| St Luke's RC | 138 | 210 |  |  |
| St Andrew's RC | 184 | 210 | 2026 | Extend St Andrew's to single stream capacity (8 classes) |
| St Mary's RC | 206 | 210 | 2029 | Replacement St Mary's planned for August 2019 |
| St Matthew's RC | 37 | 75 |  |  |
| St Margaret's RC | 67 | 100 |  |  |
| Sacred Heart RC | 145 | 210 | 2018 | Extend to single stream - additional 2 classes |
| Total Primary | 963 | 1,190 |  |  |

The requirement to consult on the development of a strategy for denominational school provision across Midlothian was agreed by Council in December 2015. Some progress has been made on the review of denominational school provision and further consultation work needs to be undertaken. Officers intend to progress the review of denominational school provision across Midlothian and bring a report back to Council early in 2018

* 1. The short term learning estate strategy through to 2023

To summarise the short term requirements of Education’s policy led strategy for the school estate are:

1. Build a three stream replacement Danderhall Primary School, as agreed by Council in February 2017, required for August 2020.
2. Build a new two stream primary school in Dalkeith with the capacity to extend to three stream, required for August 2019.
3. Build a new two stream primary in Easthouses to be located on the old Newbattle High School site, required for August 2019.
4. Bring the capacity of Newtongrange Primary School up to two stream, required for August 2021.
5. Expand Burnbrae Primary School to three stream by building additional capacity at the school campus on Rosewell Road, as approved by Council on 29 August 2017, planned for August 2019.
6. Enhance core facilities, such as toilets and changing facilities, at Lasswade High School to provide capacity for 1,600 pupils, required immediately.
7. Build a new primary school in Bonnyrigg on Hopefield Farm 2 housing development site (Hs12), required for 2022.
8. Build a three stream replacement Lasswade Primary School on a new site, required for 2023.
9. Extend Rosewell Primary School from single stream to a two stream primary school, required for 2022.
10. Extend and refurbish Sacred Heart Primary School, including early years’ expansion.
11. Extend Cuiken Primary School to two stream.
12. Present a report to Council when a potential site has been identified for a secondary school along the A701.
13. Penicuik High School extension and adaptations.
14. Extend Bilston Primary School to two stream, required by 2023.
15. New primary school at Auchendinny to replace Glencorse Primary School, required by 2023.
16. Extend Strathesk Primary School, one class extension, required for 2022.
17. Progress the review of denominational school provision across Midlothian and bring a report back to Council early in 2018.

Officers will continue to work on the medium term actions which are required from 2023 and will endeavour to bring a further report on the medium term actions back to Council in the autumn of 2018.

Council is recommended to:

* Agree the short term strategy through to 2023 outlined in the 17 actions set out in section 2.4 of this report in order to meet essential learning estate requirements over that period;
* Ask officers to undertake further work on the financial implications of the short term strategy so that these can be considered as part of the Council’s Capital Strategy and General Service Capital Plan report expected to be presented to Council in November 2017;

2.5 Planning for the implementation of 1140 hours

A detailed plan for the expansion of early learning and childcare from the current entitlement of 600 hours to 1,140 hours by 2020 is being developed. The expansion is being phased in from 2017/18 and will reach full capacity in 2020/21. The plan incorporates Council provisions, partner providers (private, third sector and voluntary nurseries) and childminders, and will offer affordability, accessibility, flexibility and quality to parents and carers. The Scottish Government has required that all local authorities submit initial, costed, plans that the government will then use to determine the level of funding it will provide. The expansion plan has therefore been developed without knowing the level of capital and revenue funding that Midlothian will receive beyond 2017/18. In due course the Scottish Government will provide details of the funding and the expansion plan will be reviewed and may require significant changes. In any case the expansion plan will be iterative and will change as the needs of people who will be parents of 2, 3 and 4 year old children in 2020 are gathered, feasibility studies are carried out and quotes received, recruitment and training of staff progresses, and important guidance on partner providers, childminders and funding follows the child are published by the government. The expansion plan is closely aligned with the Learning Estate Strategy to ensure that learning estate planning takes into account the increased early years provisions required, that the expansion plan takes up the opportunities for efficient use of resources presented by the works required to the school estate in the short term, and is sustainable in the long term.

Note that a further report will be presented to Cabinet in October 2017 outlining the initial return due for submission to the Scottish Government.

3 Report Implications

3.1 Resource

The total indicative capital cost of providing all the additional primary and secondary school capacity identified in the learning estate strategy is estimated at £290 million. Developer contributions will be available to fund a significant proportion of this expenditure, this is currently estimated to be in the region of £190 million. Accordingly the remaining £100 million would need to be funded by prudential borrowing or by securing additional funding from Government, for example “The schools for the future programme”.

In developing the short-term strategy through to 2023 for the school estate consideration has been given to options which will reduce the funding gap for the Council. The capital cost of the sixteen school expansion projects required through to 2023 amounts to approximately £120 million. Of these the projects which are only partly funded by developer contributions and give rise to a significant funding requirement are:

Burnbrae Primary School extension

Replacement Danderhall Primary School

Extension to Sacred Heart Primary School

New primary school in Dalkeith

New primary school in Easthouses

Replacement Beeslack High School on A701 Corridor

Penicuik High School extension and adaptations

Replacement Lasswade Primary School

Replacement Glencorse Primary School in Auchendinny

The aim would be to seek Schools for the Future funding to meet part of the costs of replacement of Beeslack High School on the A701 corridor.

Once the short term strategy is agreed in principal a further report on the financial implications will be progressed so that these can be considered as part of the Council’s Capital Strategy and General Service Capital Plan report expected to be presented to Council in November 2017.

3.2 Risk

If the Council does not have an approved learning estate strategy with implementation from 2018 there is a risk that the Council will not have a place for every pupil at their catchment school. The strategy should also ensure the Council can minimise measures such as the application of limits on pupil intake and use of temporary accommodation.

There is a risk that without an agreed strategy Council will be in a weaker position to bid for and secure SFT funding.

There is a risk that without having a Learning Estate Strategy in place the Council will not secure the appropriate level of S75 contributions required to deliver additional capacity arising from housing developments.

There is a risk that the funding required to deliver the strategy will require a level of prudential borrowing that will only be affordable if other capital projects are de prioritised and or further savings are secured in the revenue budget to provide the capacity in the revenue budget to meet the costs of additional prudential borrowing.

3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

Community safety

Adult health, care and housing

Getting it right for every Midlothian child

Improving opportunities in Midlothian

Sustainable growth

Business transformation and Best Value

None of the above

* 1. **Impact on Performance and Outcomes**

The aim of this paper supports the priority to reduce the inequalities in

learning outcomes by improving the quality of learning and teaching, leading

to raised levels of achievement and attainment, by providing every child with

the opportunity to attend school in their local community.

* 1. Adopting a Preventative Approach

The aim of this paper supports the priority to reduce the inequalities in learning outcomes by improving the quality of learning and teaching, leading to raised levels of achievement and attainment, by providing every child with the opportunity to attend school in their local community

* 1. Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

This report presents the Learning Estate Strategy and asks Council to approve the provisions of the short term strategy from 2018-2023. The report identifies a number of proposals which would be subject to statutory consultation.

* 1. Ensuring Equalities

This paper presents the Learning Estate Strategy for which an Equality Impact Assessment will be carried out and made available in the Members’ Library along with the Learning Estate Strategy.

* 1. Supporting Sustainable Development

The proposed Learning Estate Strategy supports sustainable development by outlining the short to long term requirements for the school estate. This paper takes into account the need to deliver fit for purpose schools across Midlothian which are sustainable while anticipating and acknowledging the needs and views of stakeholders.

3.9 IT Issues

The IT requirements of the proposed strategy and cost implications will be developed as part of the specifications for each school project.

4 Recommendations

It is recommended that Council:

* Acknowledges the essential requirement and benefits of preparing a long term strategy for the learning estate in Midlothian;
* Agree the short term strategy through to 2023 outlined in the 17 actions set out in section 2.4 of this report in order to meet essential learning estate requirements over that period;
* Ask officers to undertake further work on the financial implications of the short term strategy so that these can be considered as part of the Council’s Capital Strategy and General Service Capital Plan report expected to be presented to Council in November 2017;
* Notes the indicative strategy for the medium and longer terms, which will be the subject of review and regular reporting to Council.

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Appendix 1 – Housing Development in Midlothian by Primary School Catchment Area

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Housing Development in Midlothian by Primary School Catchment Area

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| School | Total Properties in Catchment 2001 | Total Properties in Catchment 2008 | Total Properties in Catchment 2016 | Proposed Housing Development 2016 onwards | Total future no. of properties in catchment |
| Danderhall/Shawfair | 1,397 | 1,397 | 1,410 | 3,971 | 5,381 |
| Newton Farm/Cauldcoats |  |  |  | 1,250 | 1,250 |
| Kings Park | 3,063 | 3,232 | 3,246 | 330 | 3,576 |
| Tynewater | 832 | 856 | 921 | 120 | 1,041 |
| Woodburn | 1,673 | 1,911 | 3,113 | 448 | 3,561 |
| Mayfield | 1,418 | 1,436 | 1,638 | 722 | 2,360 |
| Lawfield | 1,978 | 2,037 | 2,194 | 128 | 2,322 |
| Newtongrange | 2,030 | 2,206 | 2,353 | 173 | 2,526 |
| Gorebridge | 2,234 | 2,292 | 1,412 | 402 | 1,814 |
| North Gorebridge | 0 | 0 | 1,230 | 513 | 1,743 |
| Stobhill | 479 | 479 | 757 | 30 | 787 |
| Redheugh |  |  |  | 1,300 | 1,300 |
| Moorfoot | 359 | 412 | 391 | 39 | 430 |
| Bonnyrigg | 1,500 | 1,567 | 1,481 | 670 | 2,151 |
| Lasswade | 1,928 | 1,943 | 2,160 | 87 | 2,247 |
| Hawthornden | 1,290 | 1,306 | 2,110 | 42 | 2,152 |
| Burnbrae | 1,216 | 1,218 | 1,586 | 256 | 1,842 |
| Hs12 |  |  |  | 750 | 750 |
| Rosewell | 631 | 762 | 815 | 801 | 1,616 |
| Loanhead | 1,310 | 1,407 | 1,162 | 223 | 1,385 |
| Paradykes | 1,468 | 1,474 | 1,503 | 353 | 1,856 |
| Bilston |  |  | 958 | 845 | 1,803 |
| Roslin | 1,332 | 1,355 | 858 | 541 | 1,399 |
| Glencorse incl Auchendinny | 325 | 329 | 499 | 362 | 861 |
| Mauricewood | 1,476 | 1,645 | 1,060 | 583 | 1,643 |
| Cuiken | 1,702 | 1,725 | 1,629 | 504 | 2,133 |
| Cornbank | 1,025 | 1,025 | 2,052 | 31 | 2,083 |
| Strathesk | 2,256 | 2,386 | 2,286 | 32 | 2,318 |
| Total | 32,922 | 34,400 | 38,824 | 15,506 | 54,330 |
| Growth in Housing Stock since 2001 | |  | 5,902 |  | 21,408 |
|  |  |  | 18% |  | 65% |