

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE – 12 APRIL 2016**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL CAPACITIES**

**REPORT BY MARGO WILLIAMSON, STRATEGIC DIRECTOR – CHILDREN AND LEARNING**

**ABSTRACT**

This report provides details of the planning and working capacities, and the projected rolls of primary schools for 2016/17. It seeks approval to extend the caps on the rolls of Inverbrothock, St. Thomas, Timmergreens and Woodlands Primary Schools and to remove the caps on Hayshead and Langlands Primary schools.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Children and Learning Committee:

- (i) approve the roll capping of the schools outlined in section 5.1 of this report for session 2016/17;
- (ii) remove the roll cap from Hayshead and Langlands Primary Schools, as outlined in section 5.2.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/CORPORATE PLAN**

This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

Our children and young people are confident individuals, effective contributors, successful learners and responsible citizens

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Reference is made to Paragraph 5 of the minute of meeting of the Children and Learning Committee of 2 April 2015 where members approved the principles of establishing reserved places and capping school rolls. It also requested an annual report from the Head of Schools and Learning regarding the school capacities for the following school session.

**4. CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 The Council's policy is to encourage parents to enrol their children in their local school but otherwise to agree to all Placing Requests wherever possible. A small number of Angus schools are under considerable pressure for space due to high rolls. Attending a school nursery does not imply automatically enrolment at the same primary school.
- 4.2 Each primary school's capacity has been assessed on its own merits, dependent upon its designs, core facilities and the effective delivery of the 21st Century Curriculum. The capacity profile for each primary school (found in appendix one) shows the planning and working capacity of each school. The planning capacity is the figure used to determine possible future

developer contributions related to new house builds. The working capacity accounts for the most effective class configuration of each school for session 2016/17. The working capacity is the figure that is used to assess any placing requests.

- 4.3 When a school roll reaches 90% of the working capacity, an in-depth analysis of the roll and roll projection is undertaken. Approval will be sought from Committee to cap the roll when a school reaches 95% working capacity (or when 5 or fewer places remain). The roll will be capped at the working capacity less the reserved places. In a large two stream school 14 places are retained for reserved places for children who may move into the catchment area over the course of the year. Schools of 7 to 10 classes will reserve 10 places, schools of 5 to 7 classes, will reserve 7 and for schools of less than 5 classes 5 spaces will be reserved. During session 2015/6 we have used the reserved places policy for placing requests in 2 schools.
- 4.4 In situations where the children living in zone exceeds the number of available places in a capped school, there may be a requirement to travel to a nearby school. On these occasions transportation will be provided.

## 5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 Approval is sought to extend the caps on the rolls of the following schools: - Inverbrothock, St. Thomas, Timmergreens and Woodlands Primary Schools.

### 5.1.1 Roll Capping of Inverbrothock Primary School

Based on the Scottish Government guidance of 1.7m<sup>2</sup> per pupil, Inverbrothock would have a working capacity of 390. Based on this standard, many of the classrooms within Inverbrothock could not accommodate the maximum class size per age group. The guidance identifies 1.7m<sup>2</sup> as the preferred space standard but 1.5m<sup>2</sup> is within the acceptable range. Whilst it is our desire to have all schools operating at a minimum of 1.7m<sup>2</sup> per pupil, Inverbrothock has operated at 1.5m<sup>2</sup> for some time.

- 5.1.2 Inverbrothock is a two stream school and as such we will retain 14 places as reserved spaces within the school. Based on a working capacity of 390, this would result in a cap of 376 at Inverbrothock. The projected school roll for session 2016/17 is 386 which is above the level of cap. It is possible to accommodate this number by having 1.5m<sup>2</sup> per pupil in some classes. We will work to reduce the roll in line with the working capacity and the recommended standard of 1.7m<sup>2</sup> over time to ensure equity of space for the children at Inverbrothock.

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Projected school roll for 2016/17		386
Working Capacity	390	
Less Reserved Spaces	(14)	
Roll Cap	376	

### 5.1.3 Roll Capping of St. Thomas Primary School

St Thomas Primary School has a maximum working capacity of 125 for session 2016/17. Seven places will be reserved for children who meet the criteria to access a Roman Catholic school and are in zone until June 2017. This caps the school to accept placing requests up to 118 places. The projected roll for 2016/17 is 118.

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Projected school roll for 2016/17		118
Working Capacity	125	
Less Reserved Spaces	(7)	
Roll Cap	118	

### 5.1.4 Roll Capping of Timmergreens Primary School

Timmergreens Primary School has a maximum working capacity of 217 for session 2016/17. This is calculated on the basis of the space available in the new school build. It is proposed to retain 7 places as reserved spaces in the school for children moving into the school zone, therefore capping the roll at 210.

- 5.1.5 The projected school roll for session 2016/17 is 223 pupils, which is significantly above the cap. Within the projected school roll are 4 category 3 placing requests (pupils from out with

the catchment area with no siblings in the school). Given our intention to bring the school roll down to 210 pupils, these and any similar placing requests will be refused.

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Projected School Roll for 2017/18		223
Less category 3 placing requests		(4)
Adjusted projected roll		219
School Capacity if only classrooms used	217	
Number of retained places required	7	
Target working capacity	210	

Timmergreens would still be over the working capacity for the school, but this can be accommodated in the new school building by the temporary use of a general purpose room as a classroom. This is not ideal, and we will work to bring numbers down so that the general purpose room can be re-instated.

#### 5.1.6 Roll Capping of Woodlands Primary School

Woodlands is a single stream school which has 7 rooms designated as classrooms. The planning capacity using the 7 designated classrooms is 217. As a single stream school 7 places would be retained for reserved places. Due to the composition of the school roll, 8 classes are required for session 2016/17. This situation was also in place in 2015/16. To accommodate this number of classes, a general purpose room has been re-designated as a classroom. Whilst this accommodates the anticipated number of children, it is not an ideal situation as it means that there is one less general purpose room than planned. We will be working to bring the roll down so that the general practice room can be reinstated. Woodlands Primary school has a projected roll of 218 for session 2016/17.

5.1.7 We would therefore be looking to bring the roll down to a maximum of 210 places. This would be in line with our policy of retaining 7 places for new children moving into catchment in a school with 5 to 7 classes.

5.1.8 Within the projected roll figures are placing request for 4 children in category 3 (pupils from out with the catchment area with no siblings in the school). Given our intention to bring the school roll down to 210 pupils, these and any similar placing requests will be refused.

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Projected School Roll for 2017/18		218
Less category 3 placing requests		(4)
Adjusted projected roll		214
School Capacity if only classrooms used	217	
Number of retained places required	7	
Target working capacity	210	

5.2 Approval is sought to remove the caps on Hayshead and Langlands Primary Schools

#### 5.2.1 Roll Capping of Hayshead Primary School

Based on the class configuration for session 2016/17 and some adaptations within the school, Hayshead has a working capacity of 533. This is significantly more than the working capacity in 2015/16 of 473. The projected roll for session 2016/17 is 461. There is no need to cap the roll at Hayshead for 2016/17.

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Projected School Roll for 2017/18		461
Working Capacity	533	
Available places	72	

#### 5.1.3 Roll Capping of Langlands Primary School

Langlands Primary School has a maximum working capacity of 453 for session 2016/17. It is proposed to retain 14 places as reserved spaces in the school for children moving into the school zone until June 2017. The projected roll at Langlands is 430 pupils which is less than the working capacity less reserved places. There is therefore no need to cap the roll at present.

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Projected school roll for 2016/17		430
Working Capacity	453	
Less Reserved Spaces	(14)	
Target Working Capacity	439	

## 6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 It is not anticipated that there will be any additional costs from this report. Any which do arise are likely to be related to transport. These costs will be contained within existing resources.

**NOTE:** The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

- Paragraph 5 of the minute of meeting of the Children and Learning Committee of 2 April 2015

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<b>Primary School</b>	<b>Planning Capacity</b>	<b>Working Capacity</b>	<b>Projected Roll 2016/17 as at 25/02/16</b>	<b>Roll as % of Planning Capacity</b>	<b>Roll as % of Working Capacity</b>
Aberlemno	50	50	17	34.00%	34.00%
Airlie	75	75	36	48.00%	48.00%
Andover	393	380	301	76.59%	79.21%
Arbirlot	50	50	21	42.00%	42.00%
Auchterhouse	67	67	36	53.73%	53.73%
Birkhill	321	300	248	77.26%	82.67%
Borrowfield	306	297	230	75.16%	77.44%
Burnside	485	485	417	85.98%	85.98%
Carlogie	434	434	344	79.26%	79.26%
Carmyllie	98	99	14	14.29%	14.14%
Colliston	75	75	51	68.00%	68.00%
Cortachy	46	46	33	71.74%	71.74%
Eassie	50	50	15	30.00%	30.00%
Edzell	100	100	69	69.00%	69.00%
Ferryden	217	201	118	54.38%	58.71%
Friockheim	210	213	123	58.57%	57.75%
Glamis	75	75	66	88.00%	88.00%
Grange	459	459	363	79.08%	79.08%
Hayshead	518	533	461	89.00%	86.49%
Inverarity	75	75	25	33.33%	33.33%
Inverbrothock	390	404	386	98.97%	95.54%
Inverkeillor	100	100	74	74.00%	74.00%
Isla	75	75	34	45.33%	45.33%
Ladyloan	434	434	243	55.99%	55.99%
Langlands	453	453	430	94.92%	94.92%
Letham	208	208	152	73.08%	73.08%
Lethnot	25	25	0	0.00%	0.00%
Liff	125	125	95	76.00%	76.00%
Lochside	441	474	404	91.61%	85.23%
Maisondieu	459	459	370	80.61%	80.61%
Mattocks	75	75	64	85.33%	85.33%
Monikie	100	100	88	88.00%	88.00%
Muirfield	434	434	193	44.47%	44.47%
Murroes	116	124	103	88.79%	83.06%
Newbigging	50	50	24	48.00%	48.00%
Newtyle	100	100	58	58.00%	58.00%
Northmuir	418	420	349	83.49%	83.10%
Rosemount	226	226	203	89.82%	89.82%
Seaview	434	421	321	73.96%	76.25%
Southesk	262	259	190	72.52%	73.36%
Southmuir	368	334	216	58.70%	64.67%
St Margaret's	50	50	36	72.00%	72.00%
St Thomas	125	125	118	94.40%	94.40%

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Stracathro	25	25	19	76.00%	76.00%
Strathmartine	50	50	26	52.00%	52.00%
Strathmore	434	408	327	75.35%	80.15%
Tannadice	272	257	60	22.06%	23.35%
Tarfside	25	25	4	16.00%	16.00%
Tealing	75	89	44	58.67%	49.44%
Timmergreens	217	217	223	102.76%	102.76%
Warddykes	374	350	290	77.54%	82.86%
Whitehills	478	478	424	88.70%	88.70%
Woodlands	217	217	218	100.46%	100.46%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>11,655</b>	<b>8,774</b>		