

ANGUS COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE – 9 AUGUST 2016

UPDATE ON SCHOOL ESTATE

1. BACKGROUND

This report provides an update on the pattern of school estate provision across Angus and on the condition and suitability of our school buildings. It is based upon information submitted to the Scottish Government regarding the Angus school estate called Core Facts. The guidelines for the Core Facts submission request the capacity of each school as at September 2015. In assessing the suitability and condition of each school the ratings reflect any significant improvements or obvious deterioration in the past 12 months.

2. CURRENT POSITION

There are 53 primary schools and 8 secondary schools in Angus. At present one primary school has been mothballed. Appendix 1 provides summary information of the occupancy, suitability and condition of the current school estate. For both condition and suitability, the grades are:-

A	Good
B	Satisfactory
C	Poor
D	Bad

For 2015/16 92% of primary schools 88% of secondary schools were assessed as in good or satisfactory condition. In terms of primary schools, this is the same percentage as in 2010/11, however there has been a fall in the percentage assessed as being in good condition, from 45% to 34% during that period.

79% of primary schools and 75% of secondary schools have been assessed as good or satisfactory in terms of suitability.

The percentage occupancy of our primary schools has increased from 71% to 75% since 2010/11. The number of schools where the occupancy is less than 67% has fallen and the number of schools with occupancy above 93% has increased.

The occupancy rate of our secondary schools has fallen over the period from 79% to 73%. Appendix 1 provides a summary of condition, suitability and occupancy since 2010/11.

Appendix 2 provides details of recent or planned building work on our schools. The review of the school investment strategy approved by Committee on 10 November 2015, Report No.436/15 will include detailed work on the condition, suitability and occupancy rates of our schools.

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- Appendix 1 - Summary of the occupancy, suitability and condition of the current school estate
- Appendix 2 - Detailed information on a school cluster basis