

## **AGENDA ITEM NO 4**

**REPORT NO 431/15**

**SCHEDULE 2**

### **ANGUS COUNCIL**

#### **CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE - 10 NOVEMBER 2015**

#### **UPDATE ON SCHOOL ESTATE**

##### **Background**

This report provides an update on the current pattern of school estate provision across Angus and on the condition and suitability of our school buildings. It also provides information submitted to the Scottish Government regarding the Angus school estate. Reference is made to report 468/13 in which the Committee are asked to note the school provision across Angus regarding condition and suitability of our school buildings.

##### **Current Position**

There are 53 primary schools and 8 secondary schools in Angus. Appendix 1 provides summary information of the occupancy, suitability and condition of the current school estate. Within the primary sector, overall occupancy as at the September 2014 census was 73.8%, with 93% of our buildings being assessed as categories A or B for condition and 80% assessed as A or B for suitability.

As at the same date, our secondary schools had a 73% occupancy rate overall, with 76% assessed as A or B for condition and 75% as A or B for suitability. It should be noted that two of our secondary schools, Brechin High and Forfar Academy are in the process of being replaced and will form part of new community campuses.

Appendix 2 provides more detailed information on a school cluster basis. Closer examination however, shows that some of our schools are very under-occupied, whilst others are at or close to capacity. Reference is made to Committee Report 141/15 where 7 of our primary schools had to be capped due to the number of children. It is also evident that the occupancy rates of the clusters are very different and range from 57% occupancy to 85% occupancy.

Appendix 2 also provides details of recent or planned building work on our schools. We will continue to assess the condition and suitability of our schools in line with Scottish Government guidance.

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##### **List of Appendices**

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