

ANGUS COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE - 19 APRIL 2018

PRIMARY SCHOOL CAPACITIES

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ABSTRACT

This report provides details of the planning and working capacities, and the projected rolls of primary schools for 2018/19. It seeks approval to extend or remove the caps on the rolls of identified schools.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Children and Learning Committee approve:

- (i) removing the cap on Warddykes primary school; and
- (ii) capping the role of Timmergreens, Whitehills and Woodlands primary schools.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN (LOIP) AND COUNCIL PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017-2022:

We want to maximise inclusion and reduce inequalities;

We want our communities to be strong, resilient and led by citizens.

We want Angus Council to be efficient and effective

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Reference is made to Paragraph 5 of the minute of meeting of the Children and Learning Committee of 2 April 2016 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. The autumn projections are based on information as at 13 March 2018. This report looks only at those schools at or near the level of the cap.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The Council encourages 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.
- 4.2 Each primary school's capacity has been assessed on its design, 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 2018/19. There are occasions where some of our schools are using general purpose rooms as classrooms. Our aspiration is to use rooms as they were originally intended. In establishing whether a cap should be set we will be working towards the working capacity using only classrooms. This 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. Reserved places are retained for children who may move into the catchment area over the course of the year.

Number of Classes	Reserved Places
5 -7 classes	5
7 – 10 classes	10
11 -14 classes	14

- 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 remove the cap on Warddykes primary school and to cap the rolls of Timmergreens, Woodlands and Whitehills primary schools.

5.1.1 Roll Capping of Warddykes Primary School

- 5.1.2 Warddykes Primary School has a maximum working capacity of 352 for session 2018/19. However, this is based on using a general purpose room as a classroom. If only the designated classrooms were used the working capacity would be 319. Our policy is for schools of this size that there would be 14 reserved places for children who may move into the catchment during the course of the year. If 14 places are kept as reserved spaces in the school for children moving into the school zone, the roll would be capped at 305.

- 5.1.3 The projected roll at Warddykes for session 2018/19 is 303, which is below the cap. It is therefore proposed to remove the cap from Warddykes primary school.

Projected school roll for 2018/19		303
Working capacity using only classrooms	319	
Less reserved spaces	(14)	
Target working capacity	305	
Percentage occupancy (working)		94.9%

5.1.4 Roll Capping of Timmergreens Primary School

- 5.1.5 Timmergreens Primary School has a maximum working capacity of 261 for session 2018/19. However, this is based on using general purpose rooms as classrooms. If only the designated classrooms were used the working capacity would be 217. It is our intention to manage the roll down so that the school can benefit from using all general purpose rooms for their original purpose. 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.

- 5.1.6 The projected school roll for session 2018/19 is 215 pupils, which is above the cap. Given our intention to bring the school roll down to 210 pupils, any category 3 placing requests (pupils from out with the catchment area with no siblings in the school) will be refused.

Projected School Roll for 2018/19		215
School Capacity if only classrooms used	217	
Number of retained places required	7	
Target working capacity	210	
Percentage Occupancy (Working)		99.1%

5.1.7 Roll Capping of Woodlands Primary School

5.1.8 Woodlands primary has a maximum working capacity of 247 for session 2018/19, again using a general purpose room as a classroom. If only the designated classrooms were used the working capacity would be 217. It is our intention to manage the roll down so that the school can benefit from using all general purpose rooms for their original purpose. 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.

5.1.9 The projected school roll for session 2018/19 is 232 children, which is above the cap. Given our intention to bring the school roll down to 210 pupils, any category 3 placing requests (pupils from out with the catchment area with no siblings in the school) will be refused.

Projected School Roll for 2017/18		232
Working Capacity if only classrooms used	217	
Number of retained places required	7	
Target working capacity	210	
Percentage Occupancy (Working)		93.9%

5.1.10 Roll Capping of Whitehills Primary School

5.1.11 Whitehills primary has a maximum working capacity of 522 for session 2018/19, using general purpose rooms as classrooms. The Gaelic Medium Unit (GMU) is based in Whitehills primary. It is a composite class with a projected roll of 5 children for session 2018/19. In assessing capacity and occupancy of the school, the children in the GMU have been excluded as they have a separate room where other children cannot be accommodated.

5.1.12 If only the designated classrooms were used the working capacity would be 434. It is our intention to manage the roll down so that the school can benefit from using all general purpose rooms for their original purpose. It is proposed to retain 14 places as reserved spaces in the school for children moving into the school zone, therefore capping the roll at 420.

5.1.13 The projected school roll at Whitehills for session 2018/19 is 425, including the GMU. Excluding the children in the GMU the projected roll is 420 pupils, which is at the cap. Given our intention to bring the school roll down to 420 pupils, any category 3 placing requests (pupils from out with the catchment area with no siblings in the school) will be refused.

Projected school roll for 2018/19	425	
Less GMU	5	
Amended Projected school roll for 2018/19		420
Working Capacity	434	
Less Reserved Spaces	(14)	
Target Working Capacity	420	
Percentage Occupancy (Working)		98%

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 2016

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North Arbroath

Primary School	Planning Capacity	Working Capacity	Projected Roll 2018/19 as at 13 March 2018	Roll as % of Planning Capacity	Roll as % of Working Capacity
Friockheim	210	183	117	56%	64%
Hayshead	501	501	469	94%	94%
Inverkeillor	100	100	68	68%	68%
St Thomas	125	125	115	92%	92%
Warddykes	319	352	303	95%	86%
Total	1,255	1,226	1,072		

West Arbroath

Primary School	Planning Capacity	Working Capacity	Projected Roll 2018/19 as at 13 March 2018	Roll as % of Planning Capacity	Roll as % of Working Capacity
Arbirlot	50	50	22	44%	44%
Carmyllie	98	99	18	18%	18%
Colliston	75	75	51	68%	68%
Inverbrothock	414	414	359	87%	87%
Ladyloan	434	421	252	58%	60%
Muirfield	434	434	195	45%	45%
Timmergreens	217	261	215	99%	82%
Total	1,722	1,754	1,112		

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Primary School	Planning Capacity	Working Capacity	Projected Roll 2018/19 as at 13 March 2018	Roll as % of Planning Capacity	Roll as % of Working Capacity
Andover	393	380	270	69%	71%
Edzell	100	100	81	81%	81%
Lethnot	25	25	0	0%	0%
Maisondieu	459	459	411	90%	90%
Stracathro	25	25	17	68%	68%
Tarfside	25	25	0	0%	0%
Total	1,027	1,014	778		

Carnoustie

Primary School	Planning Capacity	Working Capacity	Projected Roll 2018/19 as at 13 March 2018	Roll as % of Planning Capacity	Roll as % of Working Capacity
Burnside	485	485	414	85%	85%
Carlogie	434	434	329	76%	76%
Monikie	100	108	75	75%	69%
Newbigging	50	50	17	34%	34%
Woodlands	217	247	232	107%	94%
Total	1,286	1,310	1,067		

Forfar

Primary School	Planning Capacity	Working Capacity	Projected Roll 2018/19 as at 13 March 2018	Roll as % of Planning Capacity	Roll as % of Working Capacity
Aberlemno	50	50	14	28%	28%
Inverarity	75	75	34	45%	45%
Langlands	456	456	420	92%	92%
Letham	208	208	155	74%	74%
Strathmartine	50	50	38	76%	76%
Strathmore	434	426	327	75%	77%
Tealing	75	82	43	57%	52%
Whitehills	434	522	420	97%	80%
Whitehills GMU			5		
Total	1,782	1,869	1,456		

Kirriemuir

Primary School	Planning Capacity	Working Capacity	Projected Roll 2018/19 as at 13 March 2018	Roll as % of Planning Capacity	Roll as % of Working Capacity
Airlie	75	75	25	33%	33%
Cortachy	46	46	24	52%	52%
Eassie	50	50	12	24%	24%
Glamis	75	75	65	87%	87%
Isla	75	75	40	53%	53%
Newtyle	100	100	66	66%	66%
Northmuir	418	414	351	84%	85%
Southmuir	368	310	198	54%	64%
Tannadice	267	267	66	25%	25%
Total	1,474	1,412	847		

Monifieth

Primary School	Planning Capacity	Working Capacity	Projected Roll 2018/19 as at 13 March 2018	Roll as % of Planning Capacity	Roll as % of Working Capacity
Auchterhouse	67	67	30	45%	54%
Birkhill	321	300	244	76%	81%
Grange	459	459	355	77%	77%
Liff	125	132	96	77%	73%
Mattocks	75	75	67	89%	89%
Murroes	116	116	100	86%	86%
Seaview	434	421	367	84%	87%
Total	1,597	1,570	1,259		

Montrose

Primary School	Planning Capacity	Working Capacity	Projected Roll 2018/19 as at 13 March 2018	Roll as % of Planning Capacity	Roll as % of Working Capacity
Borrowfield	306	297	248	81%	83%
Ferryden	217	188	140	64%	74%
Lochside	441	441	385	87%	87%
Rosemount	226	226	199	88%	88%
Southesk	262	255	190	73%	75%
St Margaret's	50	50	41	82%	82%
Total	1,502	1,457	1,203		