

## ANGUS COUNCIL

## CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE-6 NOVEMBER 018

## UPDATE ON MONIFIETH CLUSTER SCHOOLS OPTIONS APPRAISAL

**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the engagement undertaken with children, young people, families, staff and citizens about Monifieth High School and all primary schools within the Monifieth cluster including the provision of leisure facilities.
- 1.2 On 13 June 2017 Children and Learning Committee approved item 11, Report 189/17 the School Investment Strategy which set out the long term vision for our learning estate and instructed that implementation plans covering 5; 10; and 30 year plans are brought back for approval.
- 1.3 The committee approved our vision to develop and maintain a learning estate that provides the best quality learning environments for all of our children and young people, and makes the best use of the resources available. This is underpinned by our statement of ambition and our guiding principles of: equity of access, nurture and inclusion; sustainability and value for money; community; well-maintained, flexible spaces; transparency and fairness in decision-making.
- 1.4 On 30 January 2018 Angus Council approved item 3, Report 36/18 - The School Investment Strategy 2017 – 2047 which approved the approach taken to ranking and prioritising the school investment strategy and set out proposals for addressing the needs in Angus schools over a 30 year period. This prioritisation determined to undertake an options appraisal exercise for Monifieth High School and all Monifieth cluster primary schools. As part of this options appraisal the Council also agreed to look at leisure facilities in the Monifieth area.
- 1.5 On 19 April 2018 Children and Learning Committee, item 12 and a Special Meeting of Angus Council item 3, approved 7 options to be discussed with the community regarding Monifieth High school and all primary schools within the Monifieth cluster and requested that the results of that engagement were brought back to this meeting, 6 November 2018.
- 1.6 Due to a material change in circumstances, Angus Council approved the addition of the option to work in partnership with Perth and Kinross and Dundee City Councils to create a joint integrated community campus serving the south Angus area to the stakeholder engagement on the Monifieth Cluster Schools Options Appraisal. Item number 5 of minute of Angus Council Meeting of 14 June 2018 refers. Due to the addition of another option, it was recognised that the original timescale may need to be adjusted.
- 1.7 This Options Appraisal should be seen the context of the increasing collaboration and significant work that is underway with Dundee and Perth and Kinross Councils and NHS Tayside to deliver on shared priorities to improve the lives of Tayside's children. As part of the Tay Collaborative we consider that by working collaboratively, combining our resource and working across boundaries, we can achieve better quality services and better outcomes for children and families in Angus and across Tayside.

**2. UPDATE**

- 2.1 During late September and October 2018 staff from Angus Council undertook a range of engagement activities with children and young people, parents and carers, community groups and other members of the community. This took the form of a mixture of workshops, briefings and sharing information online and in social media.
- 2.2 People had the opportunity to comment on the proposed options via an on-line survey which ran from Friday 12 October 2018 to Friday 26 October 2018 inclusive.
- 2.3 The following is an initial analysis of the feedback received from this engagement.

- 2.3.1 Monifieth Learning Council – 23 children and young people from the Monifieth Learning Council took part in a workshop to look at the 8 proposed options. The questions used were very similar to the on-line survey. This was a very rich session and will ensure that views of children and young people are integral in our analysis and future plans. The output from this session will be analysed and published on the Schools for the Future website along with the outcome from the other engagement activities.
- 2.3.2 Children representatives from Newtyle, Strathmartine and Tealing Primary Schools – 9 children from these schools also took part in a workshop in the same format as those from the Monifieth Learning Council. This allowed schools who are not in the Monifieth Cluster but who may be affected to have their say. This, again was a very rich session. The output will also be published on the Schools for the Futures website.
- 2.3.3 Community Groups – Emails were sent to 69 community groups operating in the Monifieth and Sidlaw area. As a result we met with 4. Whilst this was a very small group, the conversation was very rich. Due to the small numbers attending an email was sent to all identified community groups informing them of the on-line survey and inviting them to complete it on behalf of their group.
- 2.3.4 On-line Survey – The survey ran from 12 October 2018 to 26 October 2018 inclusive. During that period 684 responses were completed. Responses were received as follows: -

<b>Category of respondent</b>	<b>Number</b>
Parent/carer of child/children attending a school in Angus	491
Parent/carer of child/children who will attend a school in Angus	53
Child/young person	11
Member of the community	54
Member of staff in a school in Angus	67
Representative of a community group in Angus	7
No response	1
<b>Total number of responses</b>	<b>684</b>

The survey also identifies which school respondent have a connection with: -

<b>School</b>	<b>Number</b>
Auchterhouse Primary School	20
Birkhill Primary School	111
Grange Primary School	90
Liff Primary School	68
Mattocks Primary School	20
Murroes Primary School	15
Newtyle Primary School	20
Seaview Primary School	57
Strathmartine Primary School	10
Tealing Primary School	4
Monifieth High School	190
Other	74
No response	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>684</b>

The results of the survey will be analysed and added to the Schools for the Future website along with the other information gathered.

- 2.4 It is anticipated that before the end of 2018 both Perth & Kinross and Dundee City Councils will formally consider the possibility of working jointly with Angus Council in relation to the potential Integrated Community Campus serving the South Angus area.
- 2.5 Officers are engaged with Scottish Futures Trust regarding possible funding options for the Angus Schools for the Future programme including a possible Joint Integrated Community Campus.

### 3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 We will further analyse the results of this engagement and continue to work with SFT and local authority partners to progress this options appraisal.

**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:

- Report No 189/17, School Investment Strategy
- Report 316/17, School Investment Strategy
- Report 36/18, School Investment Strategy 2017 - 2047
- Report 130/18, Monifieth Cluster Options Appraisal
- Report 189/18, Monifieth Schools Cluster Options Appraisal

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