

ANGUS COUNCIL

CHILDREN & LEARNING COMMITTEE – 30 MARCH 2021

LEARNING ESTATE INVESTMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE – MONIFIETH HIGH SCHOOL

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ABSTRACT

This report provides an update on the Scottish Government's Learning Estate Investment Programme (LEIP) and the implications for Angus Council. The report also contains a brief update on progress more generally with the replacement of Monifieth High School.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Notes the inclusion of a replacement Monifieth High School in Phase 2 of the Scottish Government's Learning Estate Investment Programme;
- (ii) Notes the progress update for the Monifieth High School project;
- (iii) Notes that further reports will be brought before Elected Members prior to the Summer Recess.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/COUNCIL PLAN

Angus Council Community Plan

The best start in life for children
An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment

Council Plan

Priority 2: People – We want to maximise inclusion and reduce inequalities
Priority 3: Place – We want our communities to be strong, resilient and led by citizens

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At Angus Council on 17 December 2020, Elected Members approved the recommendation to identify the replacement of Monifieth High School as the Council's priority project for inclusion in the national Learning Estate Investment Programme. The report described the details of the funding mechanism of the programme and noted that the outcome of Angus Council's bid was not yet known. The report also set out plans for consultation in relation to this project and the proposed approach to governance.

4. CURRENT POSITION

Learning Estate Investment Programme

- 4.1 On Friday 18 December 2020 the Scottish Government announced £800million through Phase 2 of the Learning Estate Investment Programme (LEIP). A replacement Monifieth High School has been confirmed as included within this phase. Angus Council is one of 18 local authorities benefiting from this investment. Further details of the Phase 2 projects can be found online: <https://www.gov.scot/news/schools-upgrade/>
- 4.2 Phase 2 of the LEIP was formally launched on 10 March 2021. Officers from Angus Council joined colleagues from across Scotland at the virtual launch event.

- 4.3 As previously reported, funding through the LEIP is on a fully revenue-based model. Local authorities must fund the upfront capital investment. The Scottish Government will provide revenue funding to local authorities to support their proportion of the funding over a 25-year period to meet facilities management and life cycle maintenance costs. Funding will be released on evidence of achievement of agreed outcomes. The outcomes are set out in the table below.

Category	Outcome to be achieved
Condition	Local authorities must provide evidence, through their annual returns that the facility is kept in condition A and B for a period of 25 years.
Energy Efficiency	Local authorities must provide evidence that the target of 67/kWh/sqm/p.a for core hour / facilities use of the facility is achieved.
Digitally Enabled	The local authority must provide evidence that the underlying digital infrastructure of the facility is capable of supporting 1Gbps.
Economic Growth	Local authorities must collate and provide evidence that they have met the target for jobs supported as per the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) benchmarks published July 2017. The number of jobs to be supported depends on the size of the investment.

Project Update

- 4.4 A project board has been established and is meeting regularly to provide essential governance for the project. The board has representation from Education & Lifelong Learning, Finance, Legal, Communications and the Capital Projects Team. An operational project team is also now in place.
- 4.5 A consultation plan has been developed and engagement with key stakeholders began in January 2021. The consultation work has a number of strands as follows:
- Internal – engagement with key Council services and partners;
 - Education – engagement will include staff from Monifieth High School, children and young people from Monifieth High School and cluster primaries, and parents / carers;
 - Community – engagement with key community groups and members of the public;
 - Political – engagement with Elected Members.

The consultation is on-going and the outcomes will support the development of the detailed design brief. A report will be brought before Elected Members prior to the summer recess on the outcomes.

- 4.6 A report seeking Procurement Authority will be brought before Elected Members prior to the summer recess.

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The Committee is recommended to note the inclusion of a replacement Monifieth High School in Phase 2 of the Scottish Government's Learning Estate Investment Programme.
- 5.2 The Committee is recommended to note the progress update for the Monifieth High School project.
- 5.3 The Committee is recommended to note that two further reports will be brought before Elected Members prior to the summer recess.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report. More extensive details of the funding for Monifieth High School was part of the budget papers considered by Elected Members of 04 March 2021.

7. OTHER

7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and accompanies this report.

8. CONSULTATION

The Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, the Director of Finance and the Director of Infrastructure have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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 329/20](#)

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