

# **PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

## **Property Sub-Committee**

**22 October 2018**

### **School Estate Programme - Progress Update**

**Report by Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (Report No. 18/333)**

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report updates Property Sub-Committee on the progress and proposals for delivering the current school projects within the Education and Children's Services School Estate Programme. It details key milestones which have been achieved since the last update to Property Sub-Committee on 16 April 2018 ([Report No. 18/130 refers](#)).

#### **1. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES**

- 1.1 The School Estate Strategy sets out the Council's aspirations for our schools, and in particular the high value we place on learning, through our vision for well designed, maintained and managed schools.
- 1.2 The strategy is delivered through the School Estate Management Plan (SEMP) which is primarily funded through the Council Capital Programme.
- 1.3 The Education and Children's Services (ECS) Capital Programme details the priorities for the School Estate over a ten year period, and is reviewed on an annual basis.

#### **2. PROPOSALS**

- 2.1 This report updates Committee on progress and proposals for delivering the current capital projects within Education and Children's Services School Estate Programme. The focus of the programme is on:
  - Early Learning and Childcare Expansion;
  - Primary School Upgrades/Replacements;
  - Secondary School Upgrades/Replacement; and
  - Design, Build, Finance & Manage (DBFM) Project.

### 3. UPDATES ON CURRENT PROGRAMME

Detailed updates on all current projects are provided in Appendix A. The following projects have achieved significant milestones since the previous Property Sub-Committee on 16 April 2018.

#### 3.1 Early Learning and Childcare Expansion

- 3.1.1 The Scottish Government has made a commitment to increase the annual entitlement of free Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) from 600 hours to 1140 hours per annum by August 2020. Consequently, ECS is planning to expand ELC capacity and increase flexibility and choice for families, in preparation for the full delivery of 1140 hours by August 2020.
- 3.1.2 The 'Perth and Kinross Council Draft Early Learning and Childcare Expansion Plan' ([Report No. 17/314 refers](#)) was considered by Lifelong Learning Committee ahead of submission to the Scottish Government on 29 September 2017.
- 3.1.3 On 1 May 2018, the Scottish Government awarded an additional £14.2m grant of capital funding to Perth and Kinross Council for the delivery of the required infrastructure and property expansion. The total budget now stands at £16.4m.
- 3.1.4 Major projects at Inchtute Primary School, Letham Primary School, Oakbank Primary School, Rattray Primary School and St Ninian's Episcopal Primary School have been added to Appendix A of this report.

#### 3.2 Kinross Primary School

- 3.2.1 On 29 October 2014, Lifelong Learning Committee ([Report No. 14/467 refers](#)) approved the replacement of Kinross Primary School.
- 3.2.2 The new school building was handed over in early December 2017 and became operational on 6 December 2017. Phase 2 to demolish the old building and undertake the landscaping works has now been completed. The official opening is due to take place on 22 November 2018.

#### 3.3 Longforgan Primary School

- 3.3.1 On 22 June 2016, Council ([Report No. 17/280 refers](#)) approved funding for a number of projects as part of the Modernising Primaries Programme. Longforgan Primary School is one of these priorities.
- 3.3.2 Property Services have developed a design for the refurbishment of the Grade B listed main building and replacement of the hall, dining centre and classrooms.
- 3.3.3 Plans have now been shared with the parent body and wider community. The Planning Application was submitted at the start of October 2018.

### **3.4 Tulloch Primary School**

- 3.4.1 On 29 October 2014, Lifelong Learning Committee ([Report No. 14/467 refers](#)) approved the replacement of Tulloch Primary School.
- 3.4.2 The new school building was handed over in late January 2018 and became operational on 20 February 2018. Phase 2 to demolish the old building and undertake the landscaping works has now been completed. The official opening took place on 25 June 2018.

## **4. FORWARD PLANNING**

### **4.1 Capital Programme**

- 4.1.1 A meeting of Perth and Kinross Council was held on 20 June 2018 ([Report No. 18/212 refers](#)) which set a new ten year Composite Capital Budget.

### **4.2 Investment in the School Estate Programme**

- 4.2.1 The new Composite Capital Budget combined the Modernising Primaries, Modernising Secondaries and Accessibility programmes to form an Investment in the School Estate Programme. An additional £32.5m was awarded to this programme which now has funding of £49.4m over the 10 year period.

### **4.3 Perth High School**

- 4.3.1 In addition, a replacement Perth High School has been funded with a budget of £50m. A project team is currently being formed. This project will feature in future Committee Reports.

## **5. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 This report updates the Property Sub-Committee on the progress of the Education and Children's Services School Estate capital projects approved through the Capital Programme.
- 5.2 The Committee is requested to note significant milestones achieved since the previous Property Sub-Committee meeting held on 16 April 2018:
- On 1 May 2018 the Scottish Government awarded £14.2m of additional funding to Perth and Kinross Council for delivery of the ELC expansion plan (3.1);
  - Phase 2 of Kinross Primary School was completed in May 2018 (3.2);
  - The Planning Application for Longforgan Primary School was submitted in October 2018 (3.3); and
  - Phase 2 of Tulloch Primary School was handed over in August 2018 and the official opening took place on 25 June 2018 (3.4).
- 5.3 The Committee is also requested to note that, under the new 2018/2028 Composite Capital Budget, a new Investment in the School Estate Programme

was formed with funding of £49.4m (4.2). In addition, the budget for the replacement Perth High School was set at £50m (4.3).

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

<b>Strategic Implications</b>	<b>Yes / None</b>
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
<b>Resource Implications</b>	
Financial	Yes
Workforce	No
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	Yes
<b>Assessments</b>	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	Yes
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	Yes
Legal and Governance	Yes
Risk	Yes
<b>Consultation</b>	
Internal	Yes
External	Yes
<b>Communication</b>	
Communications Plan	No

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### 1.1 Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

The proposals relate to the delivery of the Perth and Kinross Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement in terms of the following priorities:

- (i) Giving every child the best start in life;
- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens;
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.

This report relates to all of these objectives.

#### Corporate Plan

#### 1.2 The Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2013-2023 and Perth and Kinross Council Corporate Plan 2013/2018 set out five strategic objectives:

- (i) Giving every child the best start in life;
- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens;
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.

This report relates to all of these Objectives.

- 1.3 The report also links to the Education & Children's Services Policy Framework in respect of the following key policy area:

- Maximising Resources

## **2. Resource Implications**

### Financial

- 2.1 The meeting of the Council on 20 June 2018 approved the Composite Capital Budget 2018/2028 ([Report No. 18/212 refers](#)).

- 2.1.1 Any additional revenue implications identified through either the existing capital programme, or future capital programmes will require to be submitted as part of an expenditure pressure with a corresponding saving through the ECS revenue budget process.
- 2.1.2 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report other than those reported within the body of the main report and related business cases.

### Workforce

- 2.2 There are no direct workforce implications arising from this report.

### Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 There are no direct asset management implications arising from this report other than those reported within the body of the main report.

## **3. Assessments**

### Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.1.1 The information contained within this report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome and has been assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA.
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### Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.2 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.
- 3.2.1 However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report. This is because these matters relate to the School Estate Strategy which is being considered under the Act as part of The Council's Asset Management Plan.

### Sustainability

- 3.3 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions.

The information contained within this report has been considered under the Act. However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report.

### Legal and Governance

- 3.4 The Head of Legal and Governance Services has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

### Risk

- 3.5 Individual risk profiles are in place for individual projects listed.

## **4. Consultation**

### Internal

- 4.1 The Head of Democratic Services, Head of Finance, Head of Legal and Governance Services and Head of Property Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

### External

- 4.2 Participation and involvement of the community are critical to the ongoing and future success of school estate investment and an emphasis is placed on ensuring consultation, over and above that which might be required in terms of planning requirements and statutory consultation requirements.

4.2.1 A User Reference Group (URG), or equivalent, is set up for all major and large projects. The purpose of the URG is to assist with providing relevant local input to allow the Design Team to develop the outline concept design into an operational design. The formation of a URG is an invaluable source of information, and any project is reliant on this level of local detail.



## **5 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 5.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

## **6 APPENDICES**

Appendix A – Detailed Updates on Current Projects.