

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Education Committee	Subject Fire Damage Reinstatement of Baird Memorial Primary School
From: Director of Education	
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Ref: MM/IR/MS	

Purpose of Report

This report is an update on the design proposals for the reinstatement of Baird Memorial Primary School, Cumbernauld and the provisional settlement arrangements made with the council's insurers.

Recommendations

The education committee is recommended

- (i) to approve the design proposals for the fire damage reinstatement works of Baird Memorial Primary School, Cumbernauld
- (ii) to note the arrangements made with the council's insurers for the reinstatement of the school and the funding of the temporary relocation
- (iii) to request further progress reports on the design of the school to the education resources sub-committee

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NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

FIRE DAMAGE REINSTATEMENT OF BAIRD MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Report by the Director of Education

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting in October 2000 the education committee noted the fire loss of Baird Memorial Primary School, Cumbernauld and the arrangements made for the temporary relocation of the school.
- 1.2 The committee approved the reinstatement of the school, subject to agreement on re-build costs with the council's insurers. The approval included a building to the same overall size to include accommodation for a reduced number of primary pupils, a nursery and community facilities. Before the fire Baird Memorial had a pupil roll of 180 pupils and a capacity of 462.

2. CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 The following provisional agreement on the design brief for the new school and on the funding of reinstatement works has been reached with the council's insurers.
- 2.2 Accommodation

The accommodation will comprise:

- A primary school to accommodate 231 pupils together with the usual assembly hall/gymnasium, dining hall, kitchen, general purpose rooms, parents' room etc.
- A nursery centre to accommodate 63 children.
- A community facility in line with a brief agreed with the department of community services. This will provide a youth work base incorporating specialist accommodation for ICT, music and video editing.
- A base for the area education network support team.
- Enhanced car parking and improved vehicle access arrangements.

2.3 Insurance Arrangements

The council's insurers have given agreement to design works in line with 2.2 above and to the issue of tenders for the new reinstatement works. In due course the general manager, Construction Services will seek approval from the council and the insurers for the contract to be awarded to the selected tender.

The actual costs of the reinstatement works will be based on that tender and will be reimbursed to the council by the insurers on the basis of monthly payment certificates issued by the Department of Construction Services.

3. **COST OF INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS**

3.1 The council has incurred substantial costs in temporarily relocating Baird Memorial Primary School. These include repairs, pupil transport and the provision of resources.

3.2 Negotiations between the council's insurers and the director of finance on the recovery of these costs are in progress.

4. **PROGRAMME FOR THE REINSTATEMENT WORKS**

4.1 A design brief has been issued to the Department of Construction Services and a detailed programme for the design and construction of the new school is being prepared. Although details are not finalised, construction work is likely to start early in 2002 for completion early in 2003. This is subject to the usual consents being obtained and the approval of the insurers to the actual tender costs.

4.2 Progress reports on the design and construction works will be made to the education resources sub committee.

5. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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