

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

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Summary

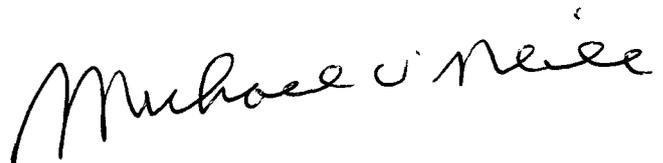
This report updates the committee on the progress of the education PPP for the refurbishment of schools.

Recommendation

The education committee is recommended to note the progress made with the development of an education PPP for the refurbishment of schools.

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1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In June 2000 the education committee approved the development of a PPP package for the refurbishment of schools. This was in response to two main factors. Firstly, it was acknowledged that conventional capital funding sources were inadequate to cover the repairs backlog of £80 -100 m. Secondly, efforts to refurbish Airdrie Academy under PPP failed because of the small size of the project.
- 1.2 In September 2000 the Executive invited bids for support to develop the early stages of PPP projects. From a budget of £5 m an allocation of £443,000 has been made to North Lanarkshire.

2 PROGRESS WITH THE PPP PROJECT

- 2.1 Following these developments action was taken to collate comprehensive information from all schools, including building fabric, accommodation quality, and future needs and options. On that basis, a long list of possible PPP projects is under development and will be subject to consideration in the officer-member working group. Agreed proposals will be submitted to the education committee as soon as possible for further discussion and approval.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The education committee is recommended to note the progress made with the development of an education PPP for the refurbishment of schools.

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