

7 June 2021 at 2 pm.

A Special Meeting of the **EDUCATION AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor McNally, Convener; Councillor Quigley, Vice-Convener; Councillors J. Ashraf, Barclay, Brannan-McVey, Burgess, Campbell, Castles, Douglas, Fisher, Fotheringham, Goldie, Hogg, C. Johnston, T. Johnston, Jones, Kelly, Larson, Lennon, Linden, Loughran, Magowan, Masterton, McPake, McVey, Mooney, Shevlin, Stephen, Stubbs, Wilson and Woods; Mr. D. Hannan; Ms. L. McBride and Mr. I. Scott.

ALSO PRESENT

In accordance with Standing Order 64(A) Councillors Gourlay and Watson attended as substitutes for Councillors Burrows and Gallacher respectively.

CHAIR

Councillor McNally (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Executive Director (Education and Families), Executive Director (Enterprise and Communities), Head of Education (North), Head of Education (Central), Head of Children, Families and Justice Social Work Services, Senior Education Manager, Business Finance Manager (Strategy), Vocational Education Manager, Principal Officer – Inclusion and Democratic Services Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Burrows, Fannan, Gallacher and McManus; W. Cunningham and G. Paterson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. There were no declarations of interest.

RECONFIGURING INTENSIVE ASN SYSTEMS AND SERVICES

2. A presentation was given by the Executive Director (Education and Families) providing a summary of the reconfiguration programme and, specifically, proposals for each school detailed in the reports being considered by the Committee at this meeting.

(PO 35.1) RECONFIGURING INTENSIVE ASN SYSTEMS AND SERVICES: PROPOSAL TO CREATE A WE ASPIRE COLLEGE (PENTLAND SCHOOL)

3. There was submitted a report by the Head of Education (South) (1) reminding the Committee that, in November 2020, it had approved a report entitled “reconfiguring intensive ASN systems and services”; (2) explaining that the reconfiguration of the Council’s additional support needs (ASN) systems and services is a principle aim of the Council; (3) indicating that, as part of The Plan for North Lanarkshire, the Council aim to ensure that all of its young people benefit from high quality facilities and that this is further supported by the recommendations of the ASN review which took place in 2019; (4) reporting

that, as part of the Council's wider Capital Plan, there is a year one planned investment of £2.2m to repurpose a number of the Council's newer campuses to accommodate the significant needs of learners and their families which had been approved by the Policy and Strategy Committee in March 2021; (5) provide an update on the outcome of the statutory consultation process with regards to the proposed relocation of pupils from Pentland School to the Townhead Community Centre as part of the We Aspire College and in particular, providing detail on (a) formal feedback received from Education Scotland addressing the educational aspects of the proposal, attached as Appendix 1 to the report; (b) the services response to key points to be considered by Education Scotland as part of the former outcome report, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, and (c) next steps for this proposal should a final approval to proceed be granted.

Decided:

- (1) that the formal feedback of reports from Education Scotland be noted;
- (2) that the statutory consultation outcome report be noted, and
- (3) that the relocation of pupils from Pentland School to Townhead Community Centre (We Aspire College) be approved.

(PO 35.1) RECONFIGURING INTENSIVE ASN SYSTEMS AND SERVICES WE ASPIRE COLLEGE (FALLSIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL)

4. There was submitted a report by the Head of Education (South) (1) reminding the Committee that, in November 2020, it had approved a report entitled "reconfiguring intensive ASN systems and services"; (2) explaining that the reconfiguration of the Council's additional support needs (ASN) systems and services is a principle aim of the Council; (3) indicating that, as part of The Plan for North Lanarkshire, the Council aim to ensure that all of its young people benefit from high quality facilities and that this is further supported by the recommendations of the ASN review which took place in 2019; (4) reporting that, as part of the Council's wider Capital Plan, there is a year one planned investment of £2.2m to repurpose a number of the Council's newer campuses to accommodate the significant needs of learners and their families which had been approved by the Policy and Strategy Committee in March 2021; (5) provide an update on the outcome of the statutory consultation process with regards to the proposed relocation of pupils from Fallside School to the Coltness High School (We Aspire College) and in particular, providing detail on (a) formal feedback received from Education Scotland addressing the educational aspects of the proposal, attached as Appendix 1 to the report; (b) the services response to key points to be considered by Education Scotland as part of the former outcome report, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, and (c) next steps for this proposal should a final approval to proceed be granted.

Decided:

- (1) that the formal feedback of reports from Education Scotland be noted;
- (2) that the statutory consultation outcome report be noted, and
- (3) that the relocation of pupils from Fallside School to Coltness High School (We Aspire College) be approved.

(PO 35.1) RECONFIGURING INTENSIVE ASN SYSTEMS AND SERVICES WE ASPIRE COLLEGE (PORTLAND SCHOOL)

5. There was submitted a report by the Head of Education (South) (1) reminding the Committee that, in November 2020, it had approved a report entitled "reconfiguring intensive ASN systems and services"; (2) explaining that the reconfiguration of the Council's additional support needs (ASN) systems and

services is a principle aim of the Council; (3) indicating that, as part of The Plan for North Lanarkshire, the Council aim to ensure that all of its young people benefit from high quality facilities and that this is further supported by the recommendations of the ASN review which took place in 2019; (4) reporting that, as part of the Council's wider Capital Plan, there is a year one planned investment of £2.2m to repurpose a number of the Council's newer campuses to accommodate the significant needs of learners and their families which had been approved by the Policy and Strategy Committee in March 2021; (5) provide an update on the outcome of the statutory consultation process with regards to the proposed relocation of pupils from Portland School to the Skills Academy (We Aspire College) and in particular, providing detail on (a) formal feedback received from Education Scotland addressing the educational aspects of the proposal, attached as Appendix 1 to the report; (b) the services response to key points to be considered by Education Scotland as part of the former outcome report, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, and (c) next steps for this proposal should a final approval to proceed be granted.

Decided:

- (1) that the formal feedback of reports from Education Scotland be noted;
- (2) that the statutory consultation outcome report be noted, and
- (3) that the relocation of pupils from Portland School to the Skills Academy (We Aspire College) be approved.

(PO 35.1) RECONFIGURATION OF INTENSIVE ASN SYSTEMS AND SERVICES STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE PRIMARY AGED PUPILS FROM MAVISBANK SCHOOL TO THE DRUMPARK/GREENHILL CAMPUS

6. There was submitted a report by the Head of Education (South) (1) reminding the Committee that, in November 2020, it had approved a report entitled "reconfiguring intensive ASN systems and services"; (2) explaining that the reconfiguration of the Council's additional support needs (ASN) systems and services is a principle aim of the Council; (3) indicating that, as part of The Plan for North Lanarkshire, the Council aim to ensure that all of its young people benefit from high quality facilities and that this is further supported by the recommendations of the ASN review which took place in 2019; (4) reporting that, as part of the Council's wider Capital Plan, there is a year one planned investment of £2.2m to repurpose a number of the Council's newer campuses to accommodate the significant needs of learners and their families which had been approved by the Policy and Strategy Committee in March 2021; (5) provide an update on the outcome of the statutory consultation process with regards to the proposed relocation of pupils from Mavisbank School to Drumpark/Greenhill Campus (We Aspire College) and in particular, providing detail on (a) formal feedback received from Education Scotland addressing the educational aspects of the proposal, attached as Appendix 1 to the report; (b) the services response to key points to be considered by Education Scotland as part of the former outcome report, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, and (c) next steps for this proposal should a final approval to proceed be granted.

Decided:

- (1) that the formal feedback of reports from Education Scotland be noted;
- (2) that the statutory consultation outcome report be noted, and
- (3) that the relocation of pupils from Mavisbank School to Drumpark/Greenhill Campus (We Aspire College) be approved.

(PO 35.1) RECONFIGURATION OF INTENSIVE ASN SYSTEMS AND SERVICES STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE CLYDEVIEW SCHOOL TO DAISYPARK COMMUNITY CENTRE WITHIN FIRPARK/CATHEDRAL SCHOOL CAMPUS

7. There was submitted a report by the Head of Education (South) (1) reminding the Committee that, in November 2020, it had approved a report entitled “reconfiguring intensive ASN systems and services”; (2) explaining that the reconfiguration of the Council’s additional support needs (ASN) systems and services is a principle aim of the Council; (3) indicating that, as part of The Plan for North Lanarkshire, the Council aim to ensure that all of its young people benefit from high quality facilities and that this is further supported by the recommendations of the ASN review which took place in 2019; (4) reporting that, as part of the Council’s wider Capital Plan, there is a year one planned investment of £2.2m to repurpose a number of the Council’s newer campuses to accommodate the significant needs of learners and their families which had been approved by the Policy and Strategy Committee in March 2021; (5) provide an update on the outcome of the statutory consultation process with regards to the proposed relocation of pupils from Clydeview School to the Firpark/Cathedral Primary School Campus (We Aspire College) and in particular, providing detail on (a) formal feedback received from Education Scotland addressing the educational aspects of the proposal, attached as Appendix 1 to the report; (b) the services response to key points to be considered by Education Scotland as part of the former outcome report, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, and (c) next steps for this proposal should a final approval to proceed be granted.

The Convener referred Members to the Addendum to the report, which contained additional narrative, and which had been issued to Members of the Committee.

Councillor C. Johnston, seconded by Councillor Magowan, moved as an Amendment that an additional fourth recommendation be included as detailed below:-

“Agrees that Council Officers shall continue to effectively engage with Parents and Stakeholders as the plans progress and further, agrees that issues such as Ventilation, Natural Lighting, Classroom Space-Making, Breakout Space and potential loss of Community Space Amenity will be addressed moving forward.”

The Committee agreed that the additional recommendation be incorporated into the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the formal feedback of reports from Education Scotland be noted;
- (2) that the statutory consultation outcome report be noted;
- (3) that the relocation of pupils from Clydeview School to the Firpark/Cathedral Primary School Campus (We Aspire College) be approved, and
- (4) that Council Officers shall continue to effectively engage with Parents and Stakeholders as the plans progress and further, agrees that issues such as Ventilation, Natural Lighting, Classroom Space-Making, Breakout Space and potential loss of Community Space Amenity will be addressed moving forward.