

CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL

Report to Council of 27th September 2007

Subject: 3 - 12 Review

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1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1. The Council set up an independent commission in March 2006 to review the provision made for nursery and primary education in Clackmannanshire. The commission has produced a report, a copy of which is appended to this report. The commission's findings and its main recommendations are summarised in this report. This report recommends that the Council should accept the commission's findings and main, concluding recommendations

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. Council is recommended to receive the 3-12 Review Report and refer it to the 3-12 Review Working Group for formulation of recommendations which will then be subject of wider public consultation.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1. Clackmannanshire Council established an Independent Commission to consider the current educational provision for all 3 – 12 year olds within Clackmannanshire and to make recommendations to council for all future provision in terms of a preferred strategic framework and any operational issues arising from its strategic recommendations.
- 3.2. The Commission was set up by Clackmannanshire Council on 20th March 2006 with a membership of six parents, two specialist advisers and an independent chairperson (see Appendix 1 of the Commission's Report). The terms of reference were agreed and have formed the basis of the work of the Commission (see Appendix 2 of the Commission's Report).
- 3.3. The conduct of the Commission's work is described in the attached report.
- 3.4. The Commission's key findings are set out in the attached report. Its concluding recommendations are set out below.

The Commission recommends that a long-term, 10 year, strategy, informed by the contents of this report, should be set out to address the vital issues of future staffing, recruitment, promotion and structures. In essence, this and

related Commission recommendations would involve the production of an updated version of 'Learning to Succeed in Clackmannanshire' and its widespread circulation thereafter.

The Commission asks that its report should be passed to the School Estate Review sub-group of CAMPT (Corporate Asset Management Planning Team) for its information and so that its more specific recommendations and underpinning principles can be taken account of when matters relating to the development of the 3-12 School Estate are being considered.

The Commission recommends that the Council should undertake a review of 12-18 provision, essentially a review of its secondary school provision as a necessary complement to its review of pre-5 and primary provision.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1. The findings and conclusions of the 3-12 Review should be welcomed as a potentially significant contribution to the development of the Council's strategies for the provision of education services to pre-school and primary school pupils in the 21st Century and as a potentially significant contribution to future debates about the development of the 3-12 School Estate, particularly in relation to the suitability of that estate for the delivery of a curriculum for the 21st Century, a 'curriculum for excellence'. The prosecution of these matters will be enhanced by consideration of the recommendations arising from the review.

5.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. The adoption of the report's recommendations would, over time, be likely to have positive implications.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. There are no direct financial implications.

6.2. Declarations

- (1) The recommendations contained within this report support or implement Corporate Priorities, Council Policies and/or the Community Plan:

- **Corporate Priorities (Key Themes)** (Please tick)

Achieving Potential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maximising Quality of Life	<input type="checkbox"/>
Securing Prosperity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Enhancing the Environment
Maintaining an Effective Organisation

- **Council Policies** (Please detail)

The next relevant and related Council policies are:

- Learning to Succeed in Clackmannanshire
- The Council's Asset Management Plan

- **Community Plan (Themes)** (Please tick)

Community Safety
Economic Development
Environment and Sustainability
Health Improvement

(2) In adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. (Please tick)

(3) The full financial implications of the recommendations contained in this report are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. (Please tick)

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