



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held Via MS Teams, on FRIDAY 10 JULY 2020 at 9.30AM.**

**PRESENT**

Provost Tina Murphy (In the Chair)  
Councillor Donald Balsillie  
Councillor Martha Benny  
Councillor Dave Clark  
Councillor Kenneth Earle  
Councillor Ellen Forson  
Councillor Craig Holden  
Councillor Darren Lee  
Councillor Helen Lewis  
Councillor Graham Lindsay  
Councillor Kathleen Martin  
Councillor George Matchett QPM  
Councillor Jane McTaggart  
Councillor Les Sharp  
Councillor Mike Watson  
Father Michael Freyne (Religious Representative)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Nikki Bridle, Chief Executive  
Fiona McOmish, Strategic Director, People  
Stuart Crickmar, Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance  
Lindsay Sim, Senior Service Manager, Partnership & Performance  
Chris Alliston, Senior Manager HR and Workforce Development, Partnership and Performance  
Carla MacFarlane, Communications Officer, Partnership and Performance  
Lindsay Thomson, Senior Service Manager, Partnership and Performance (Clerk to the Council)  
Lynne Clark, Members' Services, Partnership and Performance  
Morgan Kerr, Members' Services Partnership and Performance

The Provost advised the meeting had been called at her request and invited the Council to agree to suspend Standing Order 7.2 which provides for five working days notice of the business on the agenda . The Clerk confirmed that the statutory notice period of three working days had been given. The Council unanimously agreed to suspend Standing Orders.

**CC.315            APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Chris Dixon and Councillor Derek Stewart.

**CC.316            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **CC.317            LEARNING ESTATE – URGENT MATTERS**

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director (Place) and Chief Education Officer, informed Council of a number of property related issues that have arisen in the Alloa South learning estate; together with the implications that this has on the Council's ability to meet its statutory duties in relation to educational provision for the services in affected establishments. The paper set out the issues and identified a range of solutions for consideration.

### **Motion**

That Council agrees the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden. Seconded by Councillor Graham Lindsay.

### **Decision**

The Council agreed to:

1. Note the issues with the Clackmannanshire Secondary Support Service building at Bedford Place, Alloa; and noted that the service will be temporarily relocated to the former St Bernadette's Primary School in Tullibody, pending further consideration of the issues at the Bedford Place premises and additional support needs in the wider estate strategy.
2. Note the options set out in Appendix A which had been considered but which were not suitable for recommendation.
3. Note that the Park Primary Nursery extension has been delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions, requiring urgent action to create accommodation space for two Primary 1 classes; and noted that the Primary Support Service which is currently located in Park Primary will be temporarily relocated to the former St Bernadette's Primary School in Tullibody in order to create this space, pending further consideration of additional support needs in the wider learning estate strategy.
4. Note that a number of financial risks have arisen with the Park Primary Nursery Extension project and that a separate paper is being prepared by officers with the intention of presenting the matter at a Special Council meeting to be scheduled at the end of July 2020.
5. Note that, subject to further specified structural roof strengthening works, the ABC Nursery building has been assessed as structurally safe for use in the short term and that the intention is to recommence early years' services at this location between August and October 2020.
6. Note that officers are assessing further options for the provision of early years' services currently provided at ABC Nursery beyond October 2020, and that a separate paper is being prepared with the intention of presenting the matter at a Special Council meeting to be scheduled at the end of July 2020.
7. The proposed refurbishment of the former St Bernadette's Primary School to enable the temporary relocation of CSSS and PSS establishments, thereby ensuring that the Council is able to meet its statutory educational duties relating to these pupils. Council had previously accepted that this site could form part of the wider learning estate strategy following options appraisal. This temporary use will not impact on that decision and an options appraisal will still go ahead in due course.
8. Fund the refurbishment works as follows:
  - Capital:    £238,000 from the existing Capital plan, re-phasing the capital allocation for the Parking Management Scheme (£380,000) into 2021/20 financial year.

Revenue: The estimated costs of £307,000 to be funded from within the existing approved education budget, with any shortfall met from uncommitted reserves.

**Action**

Strategic Director (Place) and Chief Education Officer

**CC.318 CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER UPDATE: LOCAL PHASING PLAN**

The report, submitted by the Chief Education Officer, presented the updated information on the Education Service Local Phasing Plan as required by the Scottish Government Advice note of 28 May 2020.

**Motion**

That Council agrees the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Craig Holden.

**Decision**

Having provided comment on the approach to developing the Plan as set out in the report, the Council agreed to:

1. Note the preparations which have been undertaken to date on the Education Service Local Phasing Plan ("the Plan") for the return of schools in August; and
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Education Officer to finalise the Plan and noted that this will require the Education Service to continue to respond quickly to emerging health and safety advice, and Scottish Government directives in relation to the safe opening of schools in August.

**Action**

Chief Education Officer

Ends: 10.54 am

