

Lifelong Learning Committee – 31 October 2012

STATUTORY CONSULTATION – RELOCATION OF CRIEFF PRIMARY SCHOOL

Report by Executive Director (Education and Children's Services)

ABSTRACT

This Report seeks approval from the Lifelong Learning Committee for the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) to commence formal consultations on the proposal to relocate the existing Crieff Primary School to a new school on a site adjacent to Strathearn Community Campus from Tuesday 19 August 2014. It also seeks approval of the Proposal Paper (Appendix A) which is attached.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1.1 Approves the Proposal Paper attached as Appendix A;
- 1.2 Instructs the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) to formally consult the appropriate bodies and persons in relation to the proposal to relocate the existing Crieff Primary School to a new school, in terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010; and
- 1.3 Instructs the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) to report back to the Committee on the outcome of these consultations in due course.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Education Authorities have a statutory duty in terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 to make adequate and efficient provision of school education across their area. This duty applies in respect of both the current school population and future pattern of demand. In addition, Councils have a statutory duty to secure best value in terms of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.

Most importantly, the Education Authority would wish to optimise the educational experience for every pupil by providing:

- a range of social and emotional experiences
- an enriched and broad learning experience
- the best possible education which meets the needs of all learners.

- 2.2 On 30 June 2010, the Council approved the report Securing the Future – Towards 2015 and Beyond (Report 10/357 refers). This report set out its continuing strategy for securing the future, aiming to support the delivery of savings through revised service delivery models and ongoing improvement activities in the Council. Education and Children's Service's Service Review Programme within this report contains a re-design project to "review the school estate".

- 2.3 On 8 March 2012, the Lifelong Learning School Estate Sub-Committee approved the report Capital Programme 2012/13 – 2016/17 (Report 12/114 refers). Contained within this report was the recommendation to approve a statutory consultation takes place regarding the proposal to relocate the existing Crieff Primary School to a new school on a site adjacent to Strathearn Community Campus from Tuesday 19 August 2014.

3 PROPOSALS

- 3.1 It is therefore proposed to formally embark upon consultations with regard to relocating the existing Crieff Primary School to a new school on a site adjacent to Strathearn Community Campus from Tuesday 19 August 2014.
- 3.2 This would be undertaken in terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.
- 3.3 A formal Proposal Paper containing an Educational Benefits Statement has therefore been prepared for distribution. This is attached as Appendix A.
- 3.4 The public meetings will be undertaken by the Convener of the Lifelong Learning Committee and the Head of Corporate Business Change and Information Technology, supported by appropriate officers from Education and Children's Services.
- 3.5 Following this exercise, a report will be submitted to a future Lifelong Learning Committee detailing the outcome of the statutory consultation.

4 CONSULTATION

The Head of Democratic Services, Head of Finance, Head of Legal Services and Head of Human Resources have been consulted in the preparation of this report. Further consultation on this proposal will be undertaken with key stakeholders as part of the statutory consultation exercise.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Any resource implications arising from the statutory consultation are likely to relate primarily to staff time and will therefore be contained within the Education and Children's Services revenue budget.

6 COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN OBJECTIVES 2009-2012

- 6.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2009-2012 lays out five objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. They are as follows:-
- (i) A Safe, Secure and Welcoming Environment
 - (ii) Healthy, Caring Communities
 - (iii) A Prosperous, Sustainable and Inclusive Economy
 - (iv) Educated, Responsible and Informed Citizens
 - (v) Confident, Active and Inclusive Communities

This report relates to all of the above five objectives.

6.2 The report also links to the Education & Children's Services Policy Framework in respect of the following key policy area:

- Change and Improvement

7 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EqIA)

An equality impact assessment needs to be carried out for functions, policies, procedures or strategies in relation to race, gender and disability and other relevant protected characteristics. This supports the Council's legal requirement to comply with the duty to assess and consult on relevant new and existing policies.

The procedure presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (Eq1A) with the following outcome:

- i) Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of Eq1A.

8 STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS).

The matters presented in this report were considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

9 CONCLUSION

A Proposal Paper containing an Educational Benefits Statement has been produced which will allow for informed consideration to be given to the proposal to relocate the existing Crieff Primary School to a new school on a site adjacent to Strathearn Community Campus from Tuesday 19 August 2014.

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Executive Director (Education and Children's Services)

Note: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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Appendix A: Proposal Paper



PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

PROPOSAL PAPER

The following school is affected by this proposal document:

- **Crieff Primary School**

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- The trade union representatives of the above staff
- The Community Councils
- Relevant users of the affected school
- Elected Members of Perth and Kinross Council
- The Constituency MSP and List MSPs covering the Constituency
- The Constituency MP
- The Executive Director, The Environment Service, Perth and Kinross Council
- Tayside Contracts
- HMI

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SUMMARY OF PROCESS FOR THIS PROPOSAL DOCUMENT

1. Consideration by the Lifelong Learning Committee

This proposal document has been issued as a result of a decision on 31 October 2012 of the Lifelong Learning Committee of Perth and Kinross Council. This is to seek views on the proposal in this paper.

2. Proposal document issued to consultees and published on Council website

A copy of this document will be made available free of charge to the consultees listed on the preceding page, and it will also be published on the Council website: www.pkc.gov.uk

3. Publication of advertisement in local newspapers

An advertisement will be placed in the relevant local newspapers. In addition, there may be announcements related to the Proposal process on the local radio station, Radio Tay.

4. Length of consultation period

An advertisement will be placed in local newspapers on 14 November 2012. The consultation will thereafter run until close of business on 18 January 2013, which includes a period of 36 school days.

5. Public meetings

Two public meetings will be held, the details of which are given on page 5 of this document.

6. Involvement of HMI

When the proposal document is published, a copy will also be sent to HMI by the Education Authority. HMI will also receive a copy of any relevant written representations received by the Authority from any person during the consultation period or, if HMI agree, a summary of them. HMI will further receive a summary of any oral representations made to the Authority at the public meeting which will be held and, as available (and so far as otherwise practicable), a copy of any other relevant documentation.

HMI will then prepare a report on the educational aspects of the proposal not later than 3 weeks after the Authority has sent them all representations and documents mentioned above. For the avoidance of doubt, the 3 week period will not start until after the consultation period has ended. In preparing their report, HMI may enter the affected schools and make such reasonable enquiries of such people there as they consider appropriate and may make such reasonable enquiries of such other people as they consider appropriate.

7. Preparation of consultation report

The Education Authority will review the proposal having regard to the HMI Report, written representations that it has received and oral representations made to it by any person at the public meeting.

It will then prepare a consultation report. This report will be published in electronic and printed formats and will be advertised in local newspapers. It will be available on the Council website and from Council Headquarters buildings, both at 2 High Street and Pullar House, Perth, public libraries in the vicinity of the affected schools, local offices in the vicinity of the affected schools as well as Crieff Primary School, free of charge. Anyone who made written representations to the Authority during the consultation period will also be informed about the report.

The report will include a record of the total number of written representations made to the Authority during the consultation period, a summary of the written representations, a summary of the oral representations made at the public meeting, the Authority's response to the HMI Report as well as any written or oral representations it has received, together with a copy of the HMI Report and any other relevant information, including details of any alleged inaccuracies and how these have been handled. The report will also contain a statement explaining how the Authority complied with the requirement to review the proposal in light of the HMI Report and representations (both written and oral) that it received. The consultation report will be published and available for further consideration for a period of 6 weeks.

8. Decision

This report together with any other relevant documentation will be considered by the Lifelong Learning Committee of Perth and Kinross Council, who will take forward the proposal.

9. Note on Corrections

If any inaccuracy or omission is discovered in this proposal document, either by the Council or any person, the Council will determine if relevant information has been omitted or there has been an inaccuracy. It will then take appropriate action which may include the issue of a correction or the reissuing of the proposal paper or the revision of the timescale for the consultation period if appropriate. In that event, relevant consultees and HMI will be advised.

10. Note

This consultation is being conducted having regard to the terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Two public meetings will be held in Crieff to discuss these proposals. Anyone wishing to attend either or both of the public meetings is invited to do so. The meetings, which will be convened by the Education Authority, will be addressed by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), or other senior officers of the Council.

The meetings will be an opportunity for interested parties to:

- Hear more about the proposal
- Ask questions about the proposal
- Have their views recorded so that they can be taken into account as part of the consultation process.

The meetings will be held on:

Venue – Strathearn Community Campus

Date – tbc

Time – 7.00 pm

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Date – tbc

Time – 7.00 pm

A note will be taken at the meetings of questions and views. This note will be published on the Council website, and a printed copy will be made available upon request.

**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

THIS IS A PROPOSAL DOCUMENT

Proposal:

That subject to the outcome of this proposal exercise:

- Education provision at the existing Crieff Primary School is relocated to a new school on a site adjacent to Strathearn Community Campus with effect from Tuesday 19 August 2014, or as soon as possible thereafter.

1. STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1.1 Councils have a statutory duty in terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 to make adequate and efficient provision of school education across their entire area for the current school population and future pattern of demand. The Council's School Estate Management Plan, approved by the Lifelong Learning Committee of Perth and Kinross Council in November 2007, provides information on the whole of the school estate and provides information about overall objectives and future priorities within Perth and Kinross Council.
- 1.2 Councils also have a statutory responsibility in terms of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 to achieve best value. In doing so, consideration must be given to occupancy as buildings are expensive resources. To achieve best value and optimum efficiency, the minimum number of buildings is required to deliver Council services to a particular locality. The organisation of the school estate is therefore kept under regular review, including the need for school provision and other factors, such as altering catchment areas and the implementation of shared headships.

2. VISION

- 2.1 Perth and Kinross Council works to enhance quality of life, make best use of public resources and ensure continuously improving services. Perth and Kinross Council's corporate strategy "Securing the Future" aims to ensure that individuals, families and communities experience the best possible outcomes from a range of services. Perth and Kinross Council has a strong identity and clear priorities which everyone works together to achieve, creating areas which are vibrant and successful; safe, secure, healthy and sustainable environments; educated, responsible and informed citizens; confident and active communities; and places where people are nurtured and supported.

2.2 This approach reflects the Single Outcome Agreement National Outcome 15 that “Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people’s needs”, and the Local Outcome that “Our services will be responsive, of high quality and continually improving”. This report also links with the School Estate Management Plan, Education and Children’s Services Policy Framework Maximising Resources and with the Education and Children’s Services objective to develop the range and quality learning experiences for all.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The current roll of Crieff Primary School is 329 pupils and it is forecast to rise further in the coming years. The maximum capacity of Crieff Primary School is 434 pupils.

3.2 The impact of new housing in the Crieff Primary School catchment area has been examined by looking at planning applications lodged with Perth and Kinross Council.

3.3 The undernoted table provides the information used within the initial assessment:

School capacity	434 pupils
Current pupil roll (September 2010 census)	329 pupils
Current school occupancy level	76%
Highest projected school roll (to 2017/2018)	341 pupils
Projected occupancy using highest projected roll	79%
Potential roll including planning applications	595 pupils
Potential occupancy including planning applications	137%

3.4 The projected school roll is calculated using a recommended Scottish Government formula. This takes the known number of pupils within the school and adds in an average for the numbers of pupils expected over the next seven years based on previous pupil numbers, adjusted to take account of any specific circumstances. The calculation is based on the average of the previous 5 years’ Primary 1 intake numbers. The highest potential roll takes the projected school roll and adds the number of pupils reasonably expected to materialise from proposed housing developments in the catchment area. The occupancy level of a school is calculated using the current pupil numbers divided by the school pupil capacity expressed as a percentage.

3.5 Other schools within Crieff High School secondary catchment area are Braco, Comrie, Greenloaning, Madderty and Muthill Primary Schools. Applying the same analysis to these schools reveals that Comrie and Greenloaning Primary Schools will have some spare capacity in future (40 and 13 respectively). However, this is not sufficient to accommodate the numbers of pupils above school capacity (161 places) forecast in Crieff. It is also considered that relocating pupils from Crieff to villages outwith the main burgh would not be acceptable to parents.

- 3.6 The distance to the nearest school was calculated using Location Centre, a Geographic Information System (GIS) used within Perth and Kinross Council under licence from Ordnance Survey. Comrie is 7 miles from Crieff and Greenloaning is 11 miles.
- 3.7 All Perth and Kinross Primary schools have capacities which are adjusted from time to time to reflect any building works or alterations which have taken place within the school. The approved capacity of Crieff Primary School is 434 pupils.
- 3.8 The projected pupil roll for Crieff Primary School up to 2018/2019 is attached as Appendix 3.
- 3.9 The buildings at Crieff Primary School have evolved over the past century with additional accommodation being added to the original building.
- 3.10 The existing Crieff Primary School building rates as C in terms of condition and C in terms of suitability as outlined in the Core Facts returns that are submitted to the Scottish Government as part of Perth and Kinross Council's School Estate Management Plan.
- 3.11 Funding for a replacement Crieff Primary School was approved by Perth and Kinross Council in March 2012 to proceed with the capital building project.
- 3.12 The Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 requires that when a school is to be relocated then a statutory consultation must be undertaken with all relevant stakeholders.
- 3.13 The consultation process to be carried out in consequence of the Committee's decision, and involving Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMI) and the general public, will be in terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

4. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 It is therefore proposed that:

Proposal:

- Education provision at the existing Crieff Primary School is relocated to a new school on a site adjacent to Strathearn Community Campus with effect from Tuesday 19 August 2014, or as soon as possible thereafter.

- 4.2 The Council proposes that education provision at the current Crieff Primary School on Commissioner Street in Crieff is relocated with effect from 19 August 2014 to a new school on a site adjacent to Strathearn Community Campus.
- 4.3 The catchment area for Crieff Primary School will remain unchanged.

- 4.4 The travelling times to the new Crieff Primary School would not change significantly. Given the negligible distance between the sites, it is extremely unlikely that entitlement to school transport should change for families living in outlying areas.
- 4.5 All primary pupils living outwith 2 miles of the school would have an entitlement to free home to school transport.
- 4.6 The location of the replacement Crieff Primary School is shown in Appendix 2.

5. STRATHEARN AND THE LOCAL AREA

- 5.1 The Strathearn Ward follows the broad valley of the River Earn. The main town in the ward is Crieff which is situated on a south-facing slope of the Grampians and is 17 miles from Perth and 23 miles from Stirling.
- 5.2 It was once the centre of the Pictish Kingdom of Fortren and is the location of the oldest Roman frontier in Europe. It was one of the settlements burnt by the Jacobites after the 1715 uprising. In 1731 James Drummond the 3rd Duke of Perth laid out the town's James Square and established a textile industry in the town.
- 5.3 Crieff was an ancient cattle market and where Highlanders would come for the great cattle trysts. During the October Tryst Crieff was the prototype "frontier" town. Tens of thousands of cattle were driven from all over the north of Scotland to be sold to lowland buyers.
- 5.4 It has been a popular holiday resort since Victorian times when the Crieff Hydro Hotel was established. The hotel remains one of the key reasons for people visiting the area and is also one of the main employers attracting both local and international staff.
- 5.5 Macrosty Park, Crieff was opened in 1902 and has a fine collection of mature specimen trees, activity areas for children and the Turret Burn flowing through the park. Lady Mary's Walk, a beautiful beech lined avenue, runs alongside the River Earn for about 1500m.
- 5.6 Innerpeffray Library (established c. 1680), Scotland's oldest lending library, is nearby. St. Mary's Chapel, adjacent to the library, dates from 1508.
- 5.7 The town has been immortalised in verse by William McGonagall "[Beautiful Crieff](#)" which promotes the attractions and sights of the town and recommends the health promoting quality of the climate of the area.
- 5.8 The main route through the ward is the A85 which passes through the main towns of Crieff and Comrie and largely follows the route of the River Earn.

- 5.9 The main settlements within the area are Crieff and Comrie which account for around 82% of the population of the Ward. Crieff is the larger of the settlements with around 7,500 inhabitants and there around 2,000 inhabitants in Comrie.
- 5.10 The largest employers based on staffing numbers in the Strathearn Ward are Crieff Hydro Ltd, Morrison's Academy and Perth & Kinross Council - Crieff High School.

6. CRIEFF PRIMARY SCHOOL

6.1 Crieff Primary School provides non denominational primary education to pupils from the burgh of Crieff and surrounding local area. Appendix 1 shows the present school catchment area for Crieff Primary School. Crieff Primary School is a 14 teacher school.

6.2 The school structure has 14 classes made up as follows:

P1 x 3
P2 x 2
P3
P3/4
P4
P4/5
P5
P6 x 2
P7 x 2

6.3 Historical and projected pupil roll data for Crieff Primary School is attached at Appendix 3.

6.4 Crieff Primary School is not classed as rural school under Section 14 of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. The classification of rural and remote rural is based on two main criteria, settlement size and accessibility based on drive time and Crieff does not fall into these categories.

6.5 Crieff Primary School has a roll of 328 primary pupils and 69 nursery pupils. 48 pupils within the Crieff Primary School catchment area attend 4 neighbouring Primary Schools as a result of placing requests. 19 pupils attend Crieff Primary School as a result of placing requests. All the figures in this paragraph are correct as at 20 September 2012.

6.6 Crieff Primary School site sits on a steeply sloping site amongst tarmac playgrounds and terraced games pitches surrounded by perimeter stone wall and cast-iron railings to front and high retaining wall structures to rear. Accommodation is spread across several buildings - main building, dining centre, equipment store and gas housing.

6.7 The main building is category C listed mid 19th century gothic building which was a former Presbyterian church. It is a two storey stone building under pitched slate roofs with a date stone at the entrance of 1874.

This building was extended in 1937 to provide additional classrooms. A later extension to the main building now houses the nursery which has access to a safe play area immediately outside. A single storey building with rear wall set into the boundary wall is used as an equipment store.

6.8 Within Crieff Primary School, the following facilities and accommodation are offered:

- classrooms for primary education
- toileting facilities
- hall
- storage
- staffroom
- library
- office accommodation
- nursery accommodation

6.9 Throughout Scotland, core facts are gathered and published on school buildings. The definition and assessment categorisations are set by the Scottish Government as follows:

Condition ⁽¹⁾ -is an assessment of the physical condition of the school and its grounds. Categorisation is as follows:

- A: Good – Performing well and operating efficiently
- B: - Satisfactory – Performing adequately but showing minor deterioration
- C: Poor – Showing major defect and/or not operating adequately
- D: Bad – Life expired and/or serious risk of imminent failure

Suitability ⁽²⁾ -is an assessment of the school as a whole, its buildings and its grounds and of the impact these have on learning and teaching, leisure and social activities and the health and well-being of all users. Categorisation is as follows:

- A: Good – Performing well and operating efficiently
- B: Satisfactory – Performing well but with minor problems
- C: Poor – Showing major problems and/or not operating optimally
- D: Poor – Does not support the delivery of services to children and communities

Sufficiency ⁽¹⁾ -states the occupancy – pupil roll divided by capacity expressed as a percentage.

Source: (1) *Core Facts Building Our Future: Scotland's School Estate 2003*
(2) *The Suitability Core Fact: Scotland's School Estate 2008*

- 6.10 The condition surveys are undertaken on a three year rolling programme by a Perth and Kinross Council building surveyor team led by a chartered building surveyor. The suitability assessment is undertaken by the Headteacher and validated by senior managers within Education and Children's Services. These assessments were undertaken annually until 2010, but it has now been agreed that these will be undertaken every three years unless significant building or operational change has occurred within the school.
- 6.11 The core facts for Crieff Primary School categorise both the building's condition and suitability as C (Poor). The sufficiency (occupancy) of the school at the September 2010 school census was 76%.
- 6.12 Expenditure/investment within the buildings at Crieff Primary School over the past three financial years is given below:

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
£'s	34,529	68,770	40,559

These figures reflect minor repairs, servicing and maintenance costs at Crieff Primary School.

Planned works identified for future years and subject to budget availability, include resurfacing works in 2015/15 of £20,000 and a requirement of approximately £170,000 to address identified maintenance issues.

7. THE NEW CRIEFF PRIMARY SCHOOL

- 7.1 Proposals for a new primary school in Crieff have been in the Council's capital programme for a number of years. However, the development of the project was delayed for a number of years due to land acquisition issues.
- 7.2 A feasibility study undertaken at the existing Crieff Primary School identified that the site could not be developed further and, therefore, it is intended that the new school will complement and be adjacent to the Strathearn Community Campus.
- 7.3 With the acquisition of the land required concluding in December 2011 this project can now proceed. The funding profile for the project was confirmed at the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in March 2012.
- 7.4 When determining the size of the new school consideration has been given to housing developments planned and proposed within the Crieff Primary School catchment area as shown in the table overleaf:

	Houses	Potential pupil Nos.
*Highest projected roll to 2018/2019		341
Full planning applications received to date	273	74
Outline planning applications received to date	15	5
Current Local Development Plan	59	16
Projected Sub Total		436
Windfall sites	60	17
Proposed Local Development Plan	410	111
Future Potential Total		564

7.5 It is likely that the new school will be built in phases in accordance with the projected school roll. The current analysis shows that a double stream school and associated flexible facilities will be required from the outset.

This will then be developed up to a triple stream school, in line with any revised projected roll, as more information relating to the housing output rate is known.

7.6 The new primary school will consist of:

- Classrooms for primary education
- Support accommodation including group rooms and music/drama space
- Cloak rooms and toileting facilities
- Nursery with supporting accommodation
- Hall with equipment store
- School library/resources
- General storage
- Staff room
- Office accommodation

8. EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS STATEMENT

8.1 The roll at Crieff Primary School is predicted to rise in future years.

8.2 The new Crieff Primary School will be built with a capacity for 434 primary pupils initially, but with sufficient core areas that additional accommodation could be provided for future generations. A nursery with 40 places in the morning and 40 places in the afternoon will be provided. The nursery will be designed so it can provide an extended number of places in the future.

8.3 Perth and Kinross Council is committed to delivering entitlements to learners in the 21st century according to a Curriculum for Excellence.

8.4 A new Crieff Primary School will provide a high quality learning environment offering greater flexibility for all school activities.

The suitability of the new school building will be at the heart of the design process. It should be an attractive place to learn that inspires pupils to engage with the curriculum.

- 8.5 The new building could adapt to future learning requirements, and the design process will ensure that all spaces support the learning and teaching styles of the 21st Century.
- 8.6 The condition of the building will be a significant improvement on the current school, making the environment more attractive to learners.
- 8.7 The new school will provide more space per pupil; will be fully accessible and equipped with modern ICT solutions to ensure that the best learning opportunity is afforded to every pupil.

In summary:

The children and parents of Crieff Primary School will have access to an educational establishment which meets the needs of all children.

9. LIKELY EFFECT ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

- 9.1 The new Crieff Primary School will have access to a range of purpose built sports and community facilities through its adjacency to Strathearn Community Campus.
- 9.2 There will be a slight increase in distance for some individuals attending the new school. However, it is believed that the improved quality of facilities and improved access for community use will outweigh most of the inconvenience caused by a slightly longer journey to some users.
- 9.3 It is believed that this proposal will not adversely impact on local, social or economic activities.

10. IMPLICATIONS FOR STAFF

- 10.1 On completion of the new school it is anticipated that all staff based at the existing Crieff Primary School at that time will transfer to the new school, in line with their existing contract and HR policies and procedures.
- 10.2 Consultation will take place with individual members of staff themselves and with Trade Unions representing these staff at a time closer to the opening of the new school, should this proposal be accepted.

11. LIKELY EFFECT CAUSED BY DIFFERENT TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS

- 11.1 Owing to the short distance between the existing school and the proposed site of the new school there should be no changes to school transport provision for eligible pupils or travel arrangements for staff.

12. ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSAL

- 12.1 A range of alternative possibilities have been considered as noted below:

- Continuing the status quo – this does not address the concerns regarding the future capacity of the current building and would not meet the Council's aims to provide the best possible education opportunities for the young people who are due to attend Crieff Primary School from 2014 onwards.
- Placing the new school at a different site in Crieff – an options appraisal on a number of suitable sites was carried out at an earlier stage in the planning process for this school and the land has now been acquired.

13. SUSTAINABILITY

- 13.1 Sustainability will be a key factor in the design of the new school and will be incorporated into every feasible aspect. This ranges from the materials used to the heating system and the lighting provided, and also to the landscaping of the external site to encourage biodiversity.

14. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 14.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) is a statutory requirement on the Council to assess the policies and practices necessary to meet the requirements of anti-discrimination and equalities legislation. It also affords an opportunity for the Council to consider the impact on the education service. In addition an EqIA can provide more information to develop and deliver services that meet the needs, in this case, of children and parents.
- 14.2 The aim of an EqIA is to examine policies and practice in a structured way to make sure that adverse effects on equality target groups are avoided. It is also a tool to enable the Council to assess what positive steps it can take to promote equality of opportunity and measure the results of the actions that have been taken.
- 14.3 Having regard to the replacement of the existing Crieff Primary School, it is not believed that this will have a negative impact on any of the equality target groups.

- 14.4 As part of the consultation process the Council will consult with a wide range of stakeholders, including staff, parents/carers and young people, and will address comments about equality during this consultation.
- 14.5 Under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) as amended by the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act (2001) education providers must not treat disabled pupil less favourably and should take reasonable steps to avoid putting disabled pupils at a substantial disadvantage. The new Crieff Primary School will be DDA compliant and, therefore, would not have a negative impact on any child who has a disability.

15. OTHER ISSUES

Management of Proposals

- 15.1 It is intended that pupils from the existing Crieff Primary School will be transferred to the new Crieff Primary School from the start of the 2014/2015 academic session, which commences on Tuesday 19 August 2014, or as soon as possible thereafter.
This will allow the Council to conduct the necessary consultation in accordance with the relevant statutory frameworks.
- 15.2 It is acknowledged that should the proposal be approved and implemented, forward planning will be required from Education and Children's Services and school senior staff, as a matter of good management practice. This planning is necessary in respect of curriculum delivery, staff management and associated issues.
- 15.3 It is envisaged that the existing Crieff Primary School will be considered in accordance with the Council's Disposal Policy. This should minimise security costs and also minimise the risks associated with vacant buildings.

16. CONCLUSION

- 16.1 There are strong educational and financial arguments in favour of this proposal.
- 16.2 The Council believes that the measures proposed in this document will enhance the provision of primary education in this area.
- 16.3 In summary, it is proposed that a statutory consultation exercise takes place on a proposal for the education provision at the existing Crieff Primary School be relocated to a new school on a site adjacent to Strathearn Community Campus.

- 16.4 Future pupil projections have been considered and the new Crieff Primary School can accommodate all projected and potential pupils from the catchment area.
- 16.5 Environmental impacts have been summarised and detailed work will be done as part of the environmental assessment for this proposal.
- 16.6 The local community is well served by the Community campus and two primary schools which act as focal points for community events and relocation of the school would have no impact on this.

17. RESPONDING TO THE PROPOSAL

- 17.1 Interested parties are invited to respond to the proposal by making written or electronic submissions on the proposal to Crieff Primary School Consultation, Education and Children's Services, Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth, PH1 5GD, and e-mail:
ECStatutoryconsultations@pkc.gov.uk
- 17.2 A form is provided at Appendix 5 for the convenience of those wishing to respond. Its use is not compulsory.

However, those wishing to respond are invited to state their relationship with the school – for example, “pupil”, “parent”, “grandparent”, “former pupil”, “teacher in school”, “member of the Community” etc. Responses from the Parent Councils, staff, and Pupil Council are particularly welcome.

- 17.3 Those sending in a response, whether by letter or electronically, should know that their response will be open to public scrutiny and may have to be supplied to anyone making a reasonable request to see it.
- 17.4 If they do not wish their response to be publicly available, they should clearly write on the document: “I wish my response to be considered as confidential with access restricted to elected members and council officers of Perth and Kinross Council.” Otherwise, it will be assumed that the person making the response agrees to it being made publicly available.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 18.1 The Lifelong Learning Committee of Perth and Kinross Council agrees to adopt, for the purpose of consultation, the proposal that:
 - (i) Education provision at the existing Crieff Primary School is relocated to a new school on a site adjacent to Strathearn Community Campus with effect from Tuesday 19 August 2014, or as soon as possible thereafter.

18.2 It is also recommended that:

- i) interested parties be invited to make written submissions on the proposal to:

Crieff Primary School Consultation, Education and Children's Services, Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth, PH1 5GD

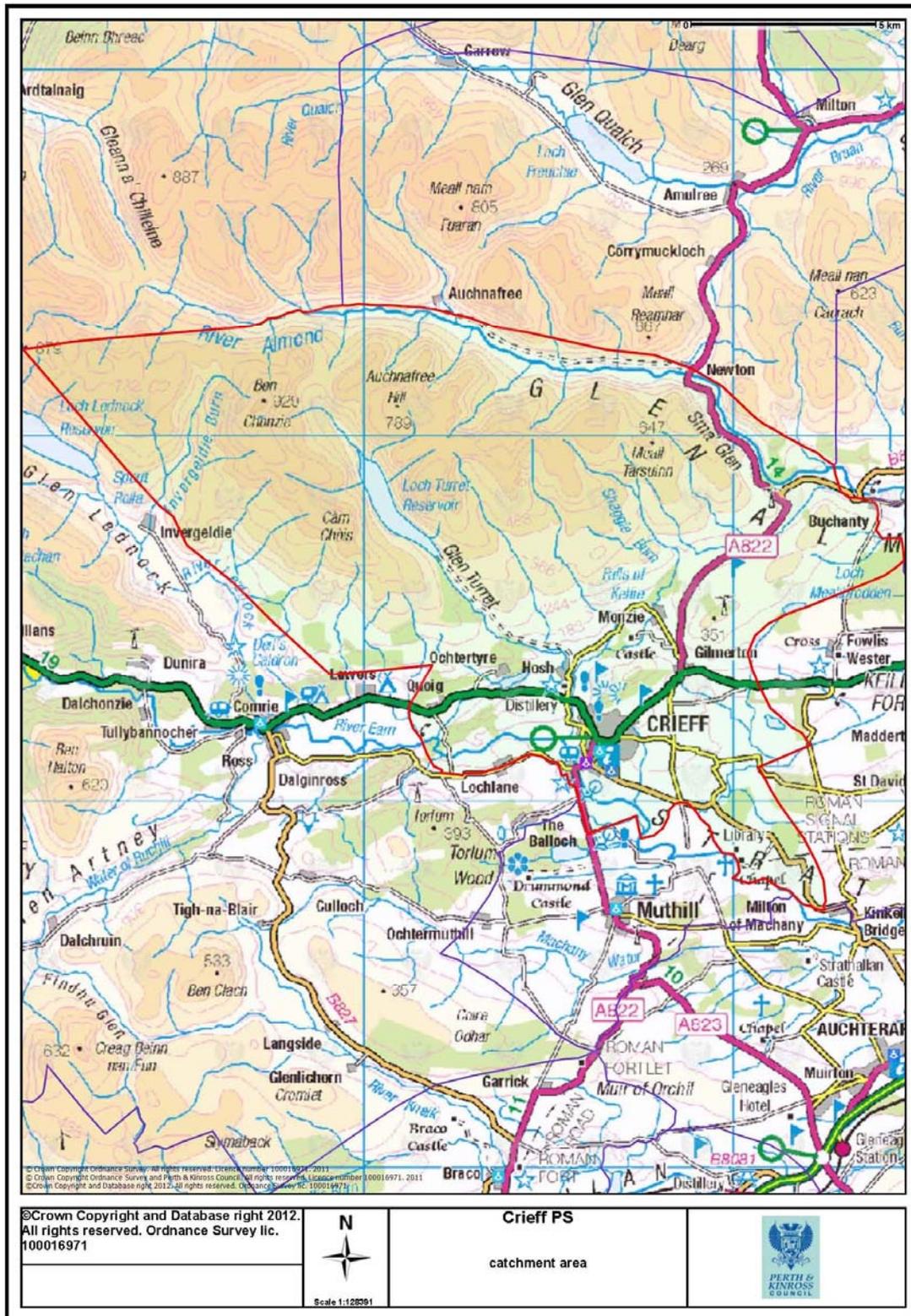
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no later than close of business on 18 January 2013.

- ii) the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) prepares a report on the results of the proposal process for consideration at a future meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee.

John Fyffe
Executive Director (Education and Children's Services)

DELINEATED AREA OF CRIEFF PRIMARY SCHOOL



Created by Gillian Holden on 10 October 2012

HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED PUPIL ROLL DATA FOR CRIEFF PRIMARY SCHOOL

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
427	418	404	413	391	378	370	324	329	330	328

Source: [Scottish Government – School Education - Datasets](#)

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
327	330	326	341	340	336

ANALYSIS OF SCHOOL/PUPIL INFORMATION

School	Capacity	Roll (Census 2012)	Highest Projected Roll – 2018/2019	Condition Rating	Suitability Rating
Crieff PS	434	328	341	C	C

- levels of both income and employment deprivation within Strathearn are lower than average for Perth and Kinross; and
- the percentage of the population seeking Job Seekers Allowance and guaranteed pension credits are lower than Perth and Kinross.

Population Profile

Population Estimates 2010	Ward 6	PKC	Scotland
Total population	11,619	147,780	5,222,100
Population aged 16-19	572	7,125	263,478
% children 0-15	16.3%	16.8%	17.5%
% pensionable age 65+	27.2%	23.2%	20.0%
% working age 16-64	56.5%	60.0%	62.6%
Male working age	3,525	47,068	1,688,551
Female working age	3,039	41,545	1,579,372

Source: GROS 2010 Small area population estimates

Population information is also available from the 2001 Census for Ward 6 and can be accessed from the [Strathearn Census Profile](#).

The Strathearn Ward has a slightly lower percentage of working age population and a higher percentage of pensionable age population. The main settlements within the area are Crieff and Comrie which account for around 82% of the population of the Ward. Crieff is the larger of the settlements with around 7,500 inhabitants and there around 2,000 inhabitants in Comrie.

Education Profile

School Rolls

Individual School Pupil Roll Numbers	2009	2010	2011
Comrie Primary School	118	116	126
Crieff Primary School	324	329	330
Crieff High School	656	647	652
St Dominic's Primary School	145	140	142

Source: PKC Annual School Census

School Information

School

Comrie PS [Comrie School Handbook 2010\[PDF: 170Kb\]](#)
[Comrie HM Integrated Inspection Report 2003 \[PDF: 16Kb\]](#)

Crieff Primary [Crieff Primary School Handbook 2010 \[PDF: 180Kb\]](#)
[Crieff Primary HM Inspection Report 2009 \[PDF:69kb\]](#)

Crieff High School Not yet available

St Dominic's
Primary

[Crieff High HM Inspection Report 2007 \[PDF: 194Kb\]](#)

Not yet available

[St Dominic's HM Inspection Report 2008 \[PDF: 47Kb\]](#)

CONSULTEE RESPONSE FORM



Education and Children's Services

Response Form

I wish my response to be considered as confidential with access restricted to Elected members and Council Officers of Perth and Kinross Council

Proposal:

That subject to the outcome of this Proposal exercise:

- Education provision at the existing Crieff Primary School is relocated to a new school on a site adjacent to Strathearn Community Campus with effect from Tuesday 19 August 2014, or as soon as possible thereafter.

This part of the form must be completed for a valid response:

Name: _____ Address: _____

 Postcode: _____

Your Interest: (please tick)

Parent Child / Young Person Staff Other *

*Other: (please specify) _____

Elected Member / MSP / MP Member of Community Council

Please state your views on the proposal (continue overleaf if necessary)

Office Use: _____

