

# Statutory Consultation

## City of Perth Early Childhood Centre



**Enabling  
children and  
young people  
achieve full  
potential**

# Agenda

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- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **The Proposal**
- **Questions**
- **Close and Thanks**

# Panel / Introduction

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## Name

## Title

David Macluskey

Strategic Lead: Education & Learning (Chief education Officer)

Annie Carr

Quality Improvement Officer: Early Years

Karen Robertson

Service Manager: Business Services

# The Proposal

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This meeting is with regard to the following proposal:

That subject to the outcome of this **consultation** exercise, the Council proposes to: **Permanently close the site of the original City of Perth Early Childhood Centre at McCallum Court with effect from January 2026.**

# Vision

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Our vision is for a Perth and Kinross where everyone can live life well, free from poverty and inequality.

Our Corporate Plan aims to ensure that children and young people grow up safe, respected, well-educated and confident in their ability to realise their full potential.

# Statutory Duties of a Local Authority

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## The Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010

Local authorities have a duty to apply robust consultation procedures to all proposals for school closures (including nurseries).

## A blueprint for 2020: the expansion of early learning and childcare in Scotland

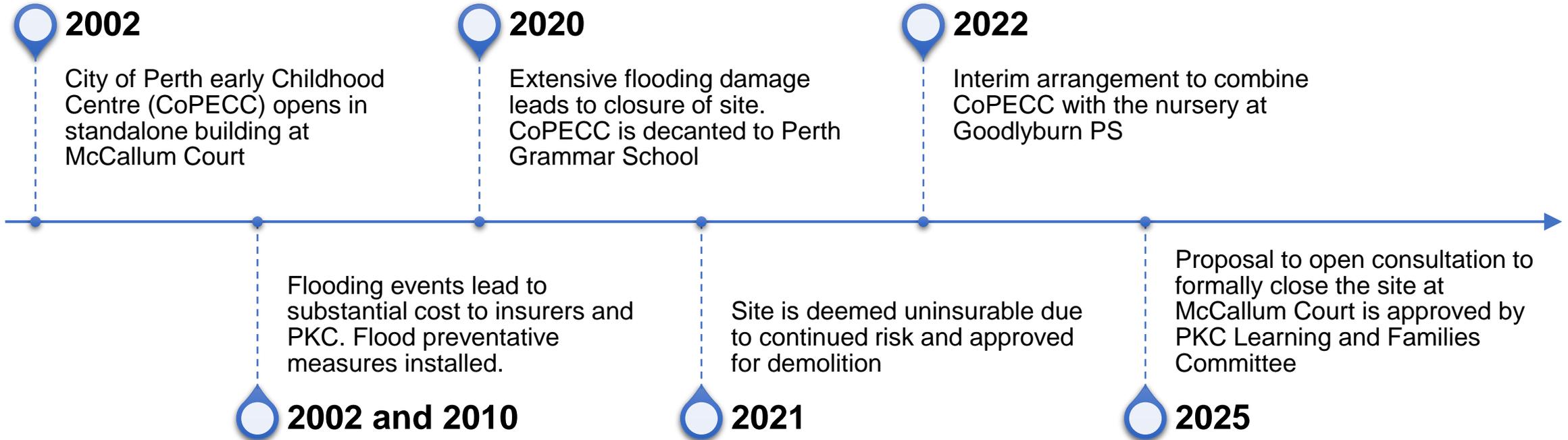
Outlines the Scottish Government's 1140 hours expansion to Early Learning and Childcare (ELC), mandating all local authorities to provide all eligible children with 1140 hours of high quality ELC.

# Delivering High Quality ELC in Perth & Kinross

- **Accessibility:** A range of ELC settings in all 11 ELC Communities across the authority
- **Affordability:** 1140 hours of funded ELC for all 3- & 4-year-olds and eligible 2-year-olds
- **Flexibility:** Providing a range of attendance patterns and increasing options to purchase additional hours of ELC
- **High-Quality:** Supporting all ELC settings to achieve or surpass the national standard through quality improvement planning



# Background



# Damage

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A Perth and Kinross where everyone can live life well, free from poverty and inequality

# ELC Provision at Goodlyburn & CoPECC

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- Continuity of ELC delivery since 2022 under the management of the Centre Leader
- Capacity to deliver ELC to 74 children in attendance at any one time
- Strong Start provision for eligible 2 year olds
- Provides a range of term-time, 45-week and 50-week attendance options to families
- Awarded inspection gradings of *Very Good* and *Good* in February 2024 by the Care Inspectorate

# ELC Provision in the North Perth ELC Community

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## 2 Further Early Childhood Centres

Letham ECC and Riverside ECC

### 5 local authority nurseries

St John's Academy Nursery

Tulloch PS Nursery

Our Lady's PS Nursery

St Ninian's PS Nursery

Methven PS Nursery

### 4 funded provider nurseries

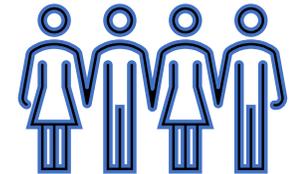
ABC Nursery

Apple Tree Nursery

Honeypot Almondbank

Muirton Community Nursery

### 5 Childminders



# Impact Assessment

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Upon assessment, any negative impacts of closure at the McCallum Court site to the families and wider community were deemed low and mitigated through the following features:

- There is continued capacity for all children in the community can access their full ELC entitlement
- The ECC continues to operate at a nearby site (Goodlyburn PS) and quality is evidenced as high
- There are a number of other ELC options within the community for families to choose from if those better suit their individual needs
- North Perth has three ECCs, more than any other ELC community within Perth & Kinross.
- No staff lost their job as a result of the closure

# Statutory Consultation Process

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- Legal Framework
- Consideration by Learning and Families Committee
- Proposal Paper including Educational Benefits Statement
- Statutory Consultation Period
- Representations from interested parties
- Involvement of Education Scotland
- Preparation of Consultation Report
- Decision by Learning and Families Committee

# Into the Future

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**The consultation is a proposal to formally close the original CoPECC site at McCallum Court**



**Delivery will continue at Goodlyburn PS while the formal consultation period is taking place**



**Maintenance of the current offer of three ECCs within the North Perth ELC Community**

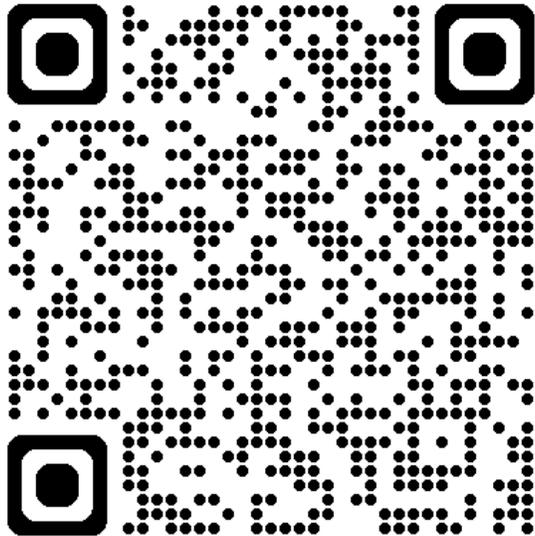


# Questions

# Thank you for coming to this consultation meeting

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Consultation E-form



Further Information and  
Accompanying Documents

