

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Lifelong Learning Committee – 31 August 2011

**REVIEW OF SCHOOL ESTATE:
LOGIEALMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL OPTION APPRAISAL REPORT****Report by Executive Director (Education and Children's Services)****ABSTRACT**

This Report advises the Lifelong Learning Committee of the outcome of the Options Appraisal undertaken in respect of Logiealmond Primary School and recommends further action in respect of the catchment area.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1.1 Approves the Options Appraisal attached as Appendix A;
- 1.2 Approves that Logiealmond Primary School remains open with the situation being kept under review;
- 1.3 Instructs the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) to formally consult the appropriate bodies and persons in relation to a limited review of the catchment area for Logiealmond Primary School, in terms of Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010; and
- 1.4 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 On 25 August 2010, Lifelong Learning Committee approved the report Review of School Estate - Logiealmond Primary School (Report 10/428 refers). This report instructed the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) to proceed with undertaking an Options Appraisal in respect of Logiealmond Primary School and bring a detailed report back to the Committee.
- 2.2 In conducting the review of the school estate, Logiealmond Primary School was one of four primary schools that met the criteria for further appraisal. Reports on the other three primary schools have been considered by Lifelong Learning Committee previously.
- 2.3 The initial assessment criteria considered a combination of factors including current pupil rolls, projected school rolls, school occupancy levels, number and location of future housing developments, distance to neighbouring schools and the capacities of these neighbouring schools to accommodate pupils now and in the future.

- 2.4 The Options Appraisal exercise for Logiealmond Primary School has looked beyond the initial assessment criteria to fully investigate and determine appropriate proposals for consideration. A copy of the Options Appraisal report is attached as Appendix A.

3 FINDINGS

- 3.1 Whilst the pupil roll at Logiealmond Primary School had been in decline between 2002 and 2007, it had begun to rise to a total of 9 pupils at the September 2010 census. There are 14 pupils registered for August 2011 and the rising trend is expected to continue through to 20 pupils in 2017.
- 3.2 The rising pupil numbers will lift the school outwith the minimum assessment criteria of below 15 pupils and under 40% occupancy.
- 3.3 As the whole school estate is actively managed throughout the year if there was any change to the predicted position it would be noted and reported back to Committee.
- 3.4 In undertaking the Options Appraisal for Logiealmond Primary School, representation was received on the possibility of undertaking a limited review of the catchment area for Logiealmond Primary School. This review would be limited to the area within the Glenalmond College site. As currently drawn, this site is split between Logiealmond Primary School and Methven Primary School and this could cause difficulties for families seeking continuity of primary school education for their children as families can be re-housed within the College site.

4 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 Therefore, it is proposed that Logiealmond Primary School remains open at this time and remain part of the actively managed school estate.
- 4.2 It is also proposed that a review of the catchment boundary for Logiealmond Primary School and Methven Primary School is undertaken, limited to the area within the Glenalmond College grounds.
- 4.3 The outcome of the statutory consultation regarding the catchment area will be reported back to Lifelong Learning Committee in due course.

4 CONSULTATION

The Head of Democratic Services and Head of Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Any resource implications arising from the limited statutory consultation is 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:

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

All primary schools in Perth and Kinross are actively managed throughout the year to ensure the number of pupils registering can be accommodated. Logiealmond Primary School Options Appraisal has been completed and it is recommended that this primary school remains open. In accordance with

representations received, a limited review of the catchment should be undertaken for families living within Glenalmond College grounds.

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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: Logiealmond Primary School Option Appraisal



PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

OPTIONS APPRAISAL REPORT

LOGIEALMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

27 July 2011

1. Background

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.

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, approved by the Lifelong Learning Committee in November 2007, Education and Children's Services Policy Framework Maximising Resources and with the Education and Children's Services objective to develop the range and quality of learning experiences for all.

Councils, as an Education Authority, 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 provides information on the whole of the school estate and about overall objectives and future priorities within Perth and Kinross Council.

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. Context

2.1 Strathtay Ward

Logiealmond Primary School is located in the Strathtay ward of Perth and Kinross Council and Government statistics are available at this level (Appendix 1).

2.2 Population

'The estimated population of Scotland on 30 June 2009 was 5,194,000. The population of Scotland grew by around 25,500 in the 12 months between 1 July 2008 [5,168,500]

and 30 June 2009, an increase of 0.5%.¹ The estimated population of Perth and Kinross grew by 1.2% between 2008 (144,180²) and 2009 (145,910³). The population for the Strathtay ward was estimated at 10,326⁴ in 2009, an increase of 1.7% since the 2008 mid year estimate (10,153⁵).

Table 1: 2009 Mid Year Population Estimates by Age⁶

	Children		Working Age		Pensionable Age	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Strathtay	1,779	17.23	6,297	60.98	2,250	21.79
Perth and Kinross	24,889	17.06	87,274	59.81	33,747	23.13
Scotland	912,340	17.57	3,248,815	62.55	1,032,845	19.89

Table 1 shows that, based on the estimated population, within Strathtay ward there is a lower proportion of children⁷ compared to across Scotland although higher compared to the proportion of children in Perth and Kinross as a whole.

Other ward level statistics are attached as Appendix 1 and reveal that the Strathtay ward has a lower percentage of income and employment deprivation compared to the Perth and Kinross average.

Births within the Logiealmond area are difficult to determine as they are normally registered within the districts of Perth or Crieff.

3. Initial appraisal and current situation

Detailed analysis is undertaken on an annual basis for each academic year to ensure the capacity of primary schools meets the demands arising from P1 pupils. These meetings take place between January and March with Headteachers, Education Service Managers and staff from Business and Operational Support and Asset Management, to review and agree the class structures within primary schools once the likely number of pupils attending is known. Any potential minor building works required to accommodate the pupil numbers are identified at this time.

In addition, in 2010 all the primary schools within each secondary school catchment area were examined.

¹ Source: [Scotland's Population 2009: The Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic Trends 155th Edition, GROS](#)

Figures in brackets – source: Mid Year Population Estimates, 2008, GROS from [Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics](#)

² Mid Year Population Estimate 2008, GROS from [Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics](#)

³ Mid Year Population Estimate 2009, GROS from [Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics](#)

⁴ Mid Year Population Estimate 2009, GROS from [Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics](#)

⁵ Mid Year Population Estimate 2008, GROS from [Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics](#)

⁶ Mid Year Population Estimate 2009, GROS from [Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics](#)

⁷ GROS definition Aged 0 - 15

All primary schools which had less than 15 pupils and a current occupancy level of below 40% were considered both in detail and in relation to the other schools within the secondary catchment area. The primary schools' projected rolls and the potential numbers of primary pupils that may result from planning applications received were taken into account to provide some indication of the likely future pattern of demand within the primary school catchment areas.

The impact of new housing in the Logiealmond Primary School catchment area was examined by looking at planning applications lodged with Perth and Kinross Council. As at 21 April 2011, there were 2 applications for a total of 6 houses. Applying the formula used within Perth and Kinross of 0.27 of a primary pupil being generated per house, this would equate to a requirement of 1.62 places, rounded up to 2 potential primary pupil places. This formula is based on the average number of primary pupils generated from new house building across the whole of Perth and Kinross.

The potential occupancy of Logiealmond Primary School based on the projected rolls following the September 2010 census and potential pupils from impending house building was 33.3%. As a result of the initial consideration of the school estate, Logiealmond Primary School was identified as a primary school which met the criteria of less than 15 pupils and below 40% occupancy.

However the current projected roll for the 2011/2012 academic year at Logiealmond Primary School is to increase to 14 pupils. Therefore, based on updated projections and potential pupils from impending house building, the potential occupancy of Logiealmond Primary School is currently 29.2%.

The undernoted table provides the information (updated as at 12 May 2011):

Logiealmond Primary School

School capacity	48 pupils
Pupil roll (September 2009 census)	7 pupils
Pupil roll (September 2010 census)	9 pupils
School occupancy level (September 2009)	14.6%
School occupancy level (September 2010 census)	18.8%
Highest projected school roll (to 2017/2018)	20 pupils
Projected occupancy using highest projected roll	41.7%
Potential roll including planning applications	22 pupils
Potential occupancy including planning applications	45.8%
Distance to neighbouring school (Methven PS)	4.5 miles

Methven Primary School

School capacity	229 pupils
Pupil roll (September 2009 census)	118 pupils
Current pupil roll (September 2010 census)	110 pupils
School occupancy level (September 2009)	51.5%
Current school occupancy level	48.0%
Highest projected school roll (to 2017/2018)	108 pupils
Projected occupancy using highest projected roll	47.2%
Potential roll including planning applications	185 pupils

Potential occupancy including planning applications	80.8 %
Distance to neighbouring school (Logiealmond PS)	4.5 miles

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.

The distance to the nearest school was calculated using IntraMap, a Geographic Information System (GIS) used within Perth and Kinross Council under licence from Ordnance Survey. The distance measured is the actual school to school distance for this purpose.

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 Logiealmond Primary School is 48 pupils.

The historical and projected pupil roll for Logiealmond Primary School to 2017/2018 is attached as Appendix 2.

4. Logiealmond and the local area

Logiealmond Primary School is located in Glen Almond, the valley of the River Almond, between Harrietfield and Chapelhill. The area is classed as "accessible rural" under the Scottish Government Urban Rural Classification, updated every 2 years to incorporate the most recent population estimates produced by the General Register Office for Scotland. For Logiealmond the classification criterion is "settlements of less than 3000 people and being located within 30 minutes drive time from a settlement of 10,000 people or more".

The area developed in association with textile industries and slate quarrying. There are various properties for holiday rental and bed and breakfast establishments in the area to cater for the tourist trade in this beautiful area of Perthshire. Bird species found locally include red kite and peregrine falcon.

The primary school and the land around are owned by Mansfield Estates and the Headteacher noted that the demographics in the area have changed as estate houses have become vacant. Some houses are currently below housing standard and therefore vacant whereas others have been sold and overall this has resulted in fewer pupils coming to the school.

A meeting was held on 14 September 2010 with Mansfield Estates following representation received. It was confirmed that it was the general objective to regenerate this area and the management of Mansfield Estates has plans for longer term

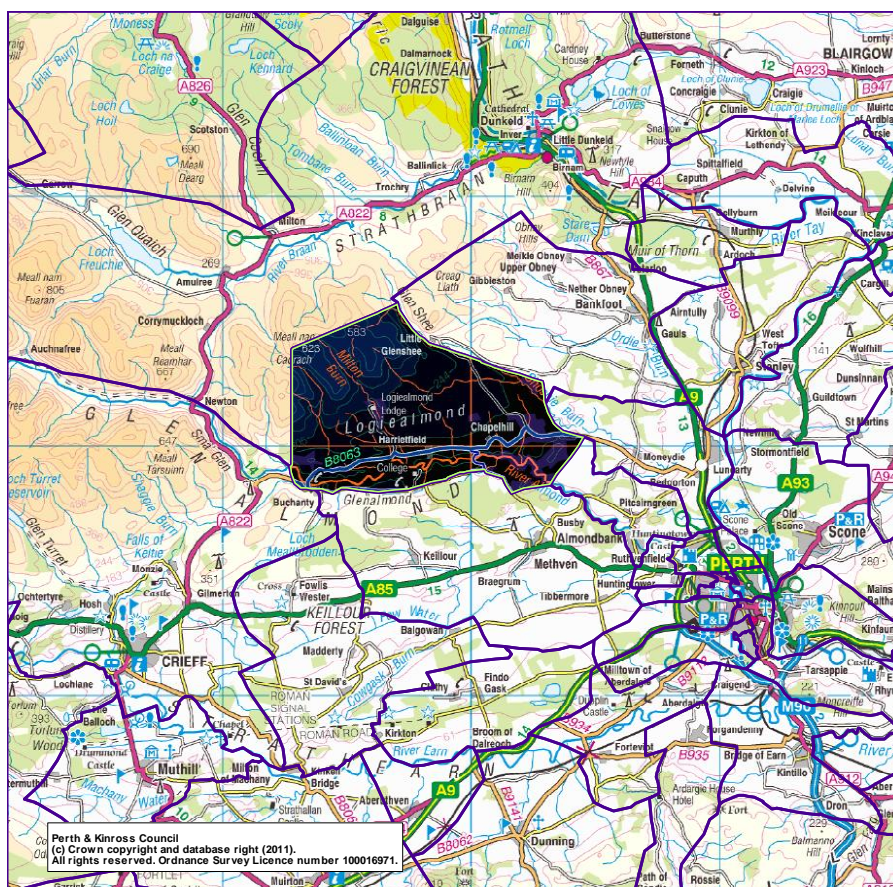
investment in the vacant residential properties and wider area. An initial draft options appraisal report was shared with Mansfield Estates at a meeting on 31 May 2011 to ensure their involvement and future objectives were accurately reflected as part of the informal consultation process. The initial draft was also discussed with the Logiealmond Primary School Parent Council Chairman, Vice Chairperson and Headteacher at a meeting on 23 June 2011 to seek their views and comments as part of the informal consultation process.

Glenalmond College and Mansfield Estates are the major employers within the area with the staff bringing families to live in the area.

In terms of potential new business ventures in the area, enquiries for advice and support to Perth and Kinross Council and Business Gateway have been checked and there have been no enquiries received over the past few years by either.

5. Logiealmond Primary School

Logiealmond Primary School is a single teacher school situated between Harrietfield and Chapelhill and the local area in the valley of the River Almond. The catchment area for the school covers an area of 60.129 square kilometres (23.216 square miles) and is detailed on the map below.



Logiealmond Primary School is classed as an “accessible rural” school under Section 14 of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. The classification of accessible rural is based on two main criteria, settlement size and accessibility based on drive time. For Logiealmond Primary School the classification criteria is “settlements of fewer than 3,000 people and within 30 minutes drive of a settlement of 10,000 or more”.

The Headteacher is supported by a Headteacher relief, visiting specialists of expressive arts and physical education and a classroom assistant/clerical assistant. Janitorial assistance is also provided. Parent helpers are involved in topics such as physical education and cooking. The Headteacher has made links with Glenalmond College and pupils from Glenalmond College carry out Duke of Edinburgh service within the school and assist in the garden. Lunches are prepared in Luncarty Primary School and served onsite in the dining room, located in a separate building. There is an active Parent Council and Pupil Council at Logiealmond Primary School.

During session 2010/2011, Logiealmond Primary School had 9 pupils attending the school, (5 were catchment pupils and 4 pupils were placing requests), and 20 pupils within the Logiealmond Primary School catchment area attended the adjacent schools of Methven Primary School and Pitcairn Primary School as a result of placing requests. Of the pupils attending Logiealmond Primary School, 5 were entitled to home to school transport as they live more than 2 miles from the school.

Logiealmond Primary School is leased from Mansfield Estates and was originally a pre – 1900 single storey stone school building under a pitched slate roof with a rendered extension to the south providing toilet facilities and an additional extension to the front of the building that forms a corridor. The school has double glazed windows throughout and is heated from an oil fired central heating boiler. The dining and kitchen servery is located within a separate building and also on site are a two section shelter shed, large storage shed, a wet weather shelter, a metal storage container and greenhouse. The school grounds are a mix of hard and soft landscaping. A private house is located in front of the school.

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

- 2 classrooms for primary education
- toileting facilities
- office/staffroom accommodation
- dining accommodation

Site plans of Logiealmond Primary School are attached in Appendix 3.

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 defects 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*

The condition surveys are undertaken on a three year rolling programme by a Perth and Kinross Council building surveying 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.

The core facts for Logiealmond Primary School categorise both the building's condition and suitability as B (Satisfactory). The sufficiency (occupancy) of the school at the September 2010 school census was 18.8%.

Expenditure/investment within the buildings at Logiealmond Primary School over the past three financial years is given below:

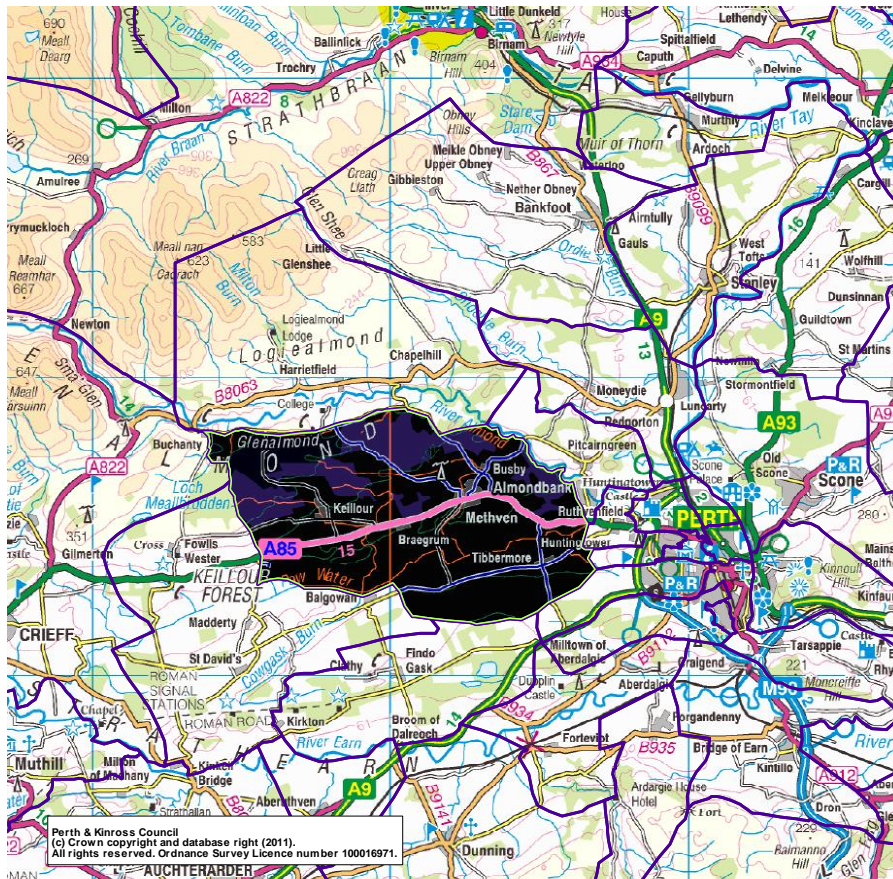
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
£'s	25,462	3,832	3,936

These figures reflect minor repairs, servicing and maintenance costs at Logiealmond Primary School. The larger figure in 2007/08 was incurred to replace the fire alarm and emergency lighting at the school.

During 2010/11, Logiealmond Primary School had evening lets for six parent group meetings and one parent contact meeting. There were no community lets held within the school.

6. Methven Primary School

Methven Primary School is a 6 teacher school with a dedicated Headteacher serving the village of Methven and the local area. The catchment area for the school covers an area of 65.016 square kilometres (25.102 square miles) and is highlighted on the map below:



Methven Primary School is classed as an “accessible rural” school under Section 14 of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. The classification of accessible rural is based on two main criteria, settlement size and accessibility based on drive time. For Methven Primary School the classification criteria is “settlements of fewer than 3,000 people and within 30 minutes drive of a settlement of 10,000 or more”.

Teachers are supported in the delivery of education in Methven Primary School by a support for learning assistant, classroom assistant, classroom auxiliary, clerical assistant and part time Headteacher support, additional support needs teacher and janitorial assistance.

During session 2010/11, 110 pupils attended Methven Primary School, of which 17 were entitled to home to school transport. In addition, there were 5 pupils with concessionary travel passes using school transport.

The main school building is a pre-1919 single storey building with faced stone and masonry rendered walls under pitched slate roofs. The annexe extension (post 1980) is a single storey building with curtain walling and timber cladding under a pitched glass reinforced polyester/upvc roof.

Two proprietary system buildings, relocated from Breadalbane Academy, house classrooms. A private nursery occupies a single storey building on site that is masonry render under a pitched asbestos sheet roof. All the above buildings are heated by gas.

A separate single storey proprietary building with clad external walls (c1950) houses the dining and kitchen servery. This building has electric heating. There is a large outdoor area with a mix of hard and soft landscaping. Also on the school site there is a shelter and timber storage shed.

The following facilities and accommodation are offered:

- 9 classrooms for primary education
- nurture room
- gym hall
- library
- ICT room
- toileting facilities
- staff room
- dining accommodation
- Headteacher's office
- reception office
- storage
- parents room
- playroom (let to playgroup)
- nursery (let to private business)

Site plans of Methven Primary School are attached in Appendix 4.

The core facts for the school categorise both the buildings' condition and suitability as B (Satisfactory). The sufficiency (occupancy) based on the 2010 school census is 48%.

Expenditure/investment within the school buildings at Methven Primary School over the past three financial years is given below:

	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
£'s	8,584	442,118	67,981

These figures reflect minor repairs, servicing and maintenance costs at Methven Primary School. The larger figures in 2008/09 reflect relocation of the two mobile classrooms, upgrading classroom lighting and upgrading the boilerhouse and in 2009/10, fire and emergency lighting, external painterwork and associated repair work

The impact of new housing in the Methven Primary School catchment area was examined by looking at planning applications lodged with Perth and Kinross Council. As at 21 April 2011, there were 43 applications for a total of 285 houses. Applying the formula used within Perth and Kinross of 0.27 of a primary pupil being generated from one house, this would generate a requirement of 76.95 primary pupil places, rounded up to 77 pupil places. This would give a potential occupancy at Methven Primary School of 80.8%.

In 2010/11, Methven Primary School hosted external lets for Methven Under 5 playgroup, 7th Perthshire Scout Group, MP surgery meeting, public consultation meeting, Christmas Fayre, Halloween Disco, car boot sales, a bingo tea and a variety of different meetings.

8. Options

The options considered as a result of the appraisal exercise were:

- a) i) keep Logiealmond Primary School open with its existing catchment area
ii) keep Logiealmond Primary School open and redelineate the catchment area to extend the catchment area
- b) mothball Logiealmond Primary School, subject to regular review
- c) close Logiealmond Primary School and transfer the pupils to Methven Primary School and redelineate the catchment area.

The provision of primary education within Logiealmond needs to be considered in the context of the needs of the pupils and the local community, both now and in the future.

Logiealmond Primary School pupil roll declined between 2002 – 2007 and has gradually increased again from 2007 – 2011. The pupil roll is projected to continue to rise to 20 pupils through to 2017. Allowing for the potential numbers of pupils arising from housing developments in the area, in addition to the projected pupil numbers, the overall occupancy of the school is maximised at 45.8%.

Future plans for potential land use in Perth and Kinross appear in the Main Issues Reports (MIR) for the TAYplan and Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan (LDP). The TAYplan estimates that to meet the population projections, between 910 - 990 additional houses will be constructed per year across Perth and Kinross.

Within the Strathearn area of the MIR of the LDP this would equate to approx 140 houses per year (at the high end development which is the upper estimate for the number of houses that could be built each year).

The TAYplan sets out a hierarchical approach to directing new development to existing settlements and identifies Crieff as the proposed second tier settlement which would take the largest proportion of any new development in the area.

The landward housing requirement in the Strathearn area is constrained to a limited range of potential areas in villages surrounding Auchterarder. Any other development identified in the area is likely to be small scale (less than 5 houses).

Logiealmond Primary School had a low pupil roll with 9 pupils at September 2010 census. However, the current roll at August 2011 is 14 pupils and is predicted to rise to 20 pupils in 2017/18.

Within the Logiealmond Primary School catchment area, parents of 20 pupils already send their children to the nearby primary schools at Methven and Pitcairn. The majority of parents, with school age primary pupils attending Perth and Kinross schools within the Logiealmond Primary School catchment already prefer to send pupils to the neighbouring schools. The travel distance from Logiealmond Primary School to Methven Primary School (4.5 miles) allows the journey to and from school to be undertaken within an acceptable time.

During consultation on the preparation of this options appraisal report, representation was received on the possibility of undertaking a limited review of the catchment area for Logiealmond Primary School. The Logiealmond Primary School catchment area, as it is currently drawn, splits the Glenalmond College site with school pupils being included in both Logiealmond Primary School catchment and Methven Primary School catchment areas. Due to operational reasons at Glenalmond College, families can be requested to move to different accommodation and thus the primary school aged pupils can then find themselves falling in to a different primary school catchment area. This can cause school transport difficulties for families seeking continuity of education at one primary school for their children. *After this point was raised by the Chairman of Logiealmond Primary School Parent Council, the Bursar of Glenalmond College would be submitting a request that the Council consider enveloping the whole of the curtilage of Glenalmond College site within one primary catchment area.*

Methven Primary School has the capacity to accommodate the forecasted pupil numbers from Logiealmond Primary School which would then represent an occupancy rate of 90%.

It is recognised that adverse weather in the winter currently impacts on travel arrangements in this area. Over the winter of 2010/11 Logiealmond Primary School was completely closed due to severe weather for 4 days and closed early on 1 day.

There are opportunity costs associated with maintaining and running an underused asset such as Logiealmond Primary School. From an asset management perspective, it becomes more efficient to rationalise into one resource with improved sufficiency levels.

The future projected pupil figures for Logiealmond Primary School are above the criteria established for the initial assessment of the school estate (less than 15 pupils and lower than 40% occupancy) with 14 pupils registered at Logiealmond Primary School for the start of academic session 2011/12, projected to rise to 20 in 2017/18. The highest projected roll together with the potential numbers from impending house building gives an occupancy level of 45.8%. The roll and occupancy at Logiealmond Primary School is anticipated to continue to rise year on year.

9. Resource Implications

The financial savings which could be generated from closing Logiealmond Primary School amount to £76,696 on an annual basis. This saving is predominantly made up of staff costs and building running costs. The detailed savings are shown in Appendix 5.

On 30 June 2010, the Council approved the report Securing the Future – Towards 2015 and Beyond (Report 10/357 refers). This report set out our 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 Services Service Review Programme within this report contains a re-design project to "review the school estate".

On 25 August 2010, the Lifelong Learning Committee approved the report Review of School Estate – Logiealmond Primary School (Report 10/428 refers). This report sought approval to proceed with undertaking an Options Appraisal and, if appropriate, produce a Proposal Paper containing an Educational Benefits Statement in respect of Logiealmond Primary School

Therefore, any savings arising from a proposed option to close Logiealmond Primary School would be allocated against Education and Children's Services budget savings targets which have currently been set for the period 2011-2014.

Logiealmond Primary School is leased from Scone Estates and the building would revert to their estate if no longer required as a primary school. Any per capita budgets relating to individual pupils would continue to be budgeted against the school that these pupils would attend if Logiealmond Primary School was to close.

10. Environmental Impact

The main environmental impacts of the options are as follows:

- Remaining open Logiealmond Primary School would need power, heat and light to service the building to provide primary education services.
- If Logiealmond Primary School was to close and the pupils transfer to Methven Primary School there would be an environmental impact from the transporting of approximately 14 pupils. However, this would be offset by the requirement to no longer run Logiealmond Primary School. At Methven Primary School, the 14 additional pupils could be accommodated without any significant additional impact.

11. Impact on the Community

The impact on the vibrancy of the community is unlikely to be affected significantly as none of the community events are held within Logiealmond Primary School. There is a

local community centre located one mile from Logiealmond Primary School and community events take place within this centre.

Community capacity workers could assist in developing alternatives if there were particular occasions during the academic year when school pupils and community members come together.

12. Conclusion

Taking into account the rising pupil numbers at Logiealmond Primary School and the representations received, it is recommended that option a) ii) keep Logiealmond Primary School open and redelineate the catchment area to extend the catchment area is chosen as the preferred option. The scale of this catchment review is proposed to be limited to the Glenalmond College site.

In common with all other primary schools in Perth and Kinross, the primary education services at Logiealmond Primary School will be kept under the routine annual review which monitors pupil numbers and occupancy levels. Should the anticipated numbers of pupils not materialise and the school roll and occupancy levels drop below the set criteria, further consideration will be given to the local circumstances at this future time.

Therefore, this options appraisal recommends that primary education services at Logiealmond Primary School continue at this time, a statutory consultation exercise is undertaken focussed only on a limited change to the Logiealmond Primary School catchment area relating to the Glenalmond College site and any variance in the potential pupil numbers be highlighted as part of the routine annual monitoring of the school estate.

Ward Profile Information

Strathtay (Ward 5)

Population

Last updated | 14/10/2010

Population Profile

Population Estimates 2009	Ward 5	PKC	Scotland
Total population	10,326	145,910	5,194,000
Population aged 16-19	615	6,887	264,187
% children	17.2%	17.0%	17.6%
% pensionable age	21.8%	23.1%	19.9%
% working age	61.0%	59.8%	62.6%
Male working age	3,444	46,288	1,679,890
Female working age	2,853	40,986	1,568,925

Source: GROS 2009 Small area population estimates, 2010 Population available Sep 2011

Population information is also available from the 2001 Census for Ward 5 and can be accessed from the [Strathtay Census Profile](#).

The population profile of the Strathtay Ward is similar to the Perth and Kinross average. There is a slightly higher percentage of working age population and a slightly lower percentage of pensionable age population. There is no single large population centre of the ward and the population is distributed between a number of towns. The largest towns within the Strathtay Ward are Luncarty, Stanley, Bankfoot, Dunkeld and Birnam. The main population distribution of the Ward broadly follows the route of the A9 through the area. Economy

Economic Profile

Last updated | 13/01/2011

Economic Activity, Benefits and Tax Credits 2009	Ward 5	Perth and Kinross	Scotland
% population who are income deprived	7%	11%	17%
% working age population who are employment deprived	6%	8%	12%
% population aged 16-24 claiming JSA*	3.1%	3.1%	6.1%
% population aged 25-49 claiming JSA*	1.4%	2.3%	4%
% population aged 50-pensionable age claiming JSA*	0.3%	1.4%	2.4%

Economic Activity, Benefits and Tax Credits 2009	Ward 5	Perth and Kinross	Scotland
% population aged 60+ claiming guaranteed pension credits	10.5%	12.5%	18.4%
Income support claimants (Quarter 2 Apr-Jun 2010)	160	2,980	182,550

* JSA (Job Seekers Allowance)
Source: SNS extracted June 2010

The Strathtay ward has a lower percentage of income and employment deprivation compared to the Perth and Kinross average and the numbers of JSA claimants is also much lower than average.

The largest employer based on staffing numbers in the Strathtay Ward is:

- Hilton Dunkeld House Hotel

There are no other employers on our records with more than 25 employees within the ward boundaries.

Housing

Last updated | 14/10/2010

Housing Profile

There is no local Housing office within Ward 5 and details of the nearest Housing office can be obtained from the [Housing and Benefits contacts page](#).

Council Tax Bands - 2009	Ward 5	PKC	Scotland
% of dwellings in band A	10.89%	13.2%	22.4%
% of dwellings in bands A-C	46.35%	51%	62.1%
% of dwellings in bands D-E	32%	30.6%	25.8%
% of dwellings in bands F-H	21.65%	18.4%	12.1%

Source: SNS extracted June 2010

House Types - 2009	Ward 5	PKC	Scotland
Total number of dwellings	4,453	68,507	2,479,954
Flats	13.45%	17,794	948,153
Terraced dwellings	13.77%	10,518	512,411
Semi detached	21.56%	14,367	492,320
Detached dwellings	51.04%	25,695	514,480
Unknown attachment	0.18%	133	12,590

Source: SNS extracted June 2010

Occupancy	Ward 5	PKC	Scotland
% of dwellings that are occupied	94%	95%	96%
% of dwellings that are vacant	2%	3%	3%
% of dwellings that are second homes	3%	3%	1%
% of dwellings that are occupied exemptions	1%	1%	3%
% of dwellings that are single adult discount	29%	34%	38%

Source: SNS extracted June 2010

Education

Last updated | 03/03/2011

Pupil Profile

Pupils - 2009	Ward 5	PKC	Scotland
Primary Pupils - Male	359	4,987	186,450
Primary Pupils - Female	313	4,703	1 78,369
Primary Pupils - Total	672	9,690	364,819
Secondary Pupils - Male	268	3,915	151,359
Secondary Pupils - Female	258	3,925	150,152
Secondary Pupils - Total	526	7,840	301,511

Source: SNS extracted June 2010

School Rolls

Individual School Pupil Roll Numbers	2007	2008	2009
Auchtergaven Primary School	110	112	113
Glendelvine Primary School	64	60	51
Logiealmond Primary School	5	7	7
Luncarty Primary School	157	150	150
Murthly Primary School	57	61	62
Royal School of Dunkeld	133	143	132
Stanley Primary School	110	105	104

Source: PKC Annual School Census

School Information

School	Hand Book	Inspection Reports
Auchtergaven Primary School	Auchtergaven School Handbook 2010 [pdf: 155Kb]	Auchtergaven HM Integrated Inspection 2009 [pdf: 47Kb]
Glendelvine Primary School	Glendelvine School Handbook 2010 [PDF: 207Kb]	Glendelvine HM Inspection Report 2009 [PDF: 56Kb]
Logiealmond Primary School	Logiealmond School Handbook 2010 [PDF: 261Kb]	Logiealmond HM Inspection Report 2009 [PDF: - 56Kb]
Luncarty Primary School	Luncarty School Handbook 2010 [pdf 667KB]	Luncarty HM Inspection Report 2004 [PDF: 260Kb]
Murthly Primary School	Murthly School Handbook 2010 [pdf 570KB]	Murthly HM Inspection Report 2005 [PDF: 122Kb]
Royal School of Dunkeld	Not yet available	Royal School of Dunkeld HM Inspection Report 2006 [PDF: 246Kb]
Stanley Primary School	Stanley School Handbook 2009 [PDF: 570Kb]	Stanley HM Inspection Report 2010 [PDF: 56Kb]

The Strathtay ward does not contain any Council run secondary schools and therefore secondary pupils in the area attend schools in neighbouring wards based on their catchment areas.

Physical Environment

Last updated | 26/04/2011

Pollution Profile

Pollution Measures	Ward 5	PKC	Scotland
NO ² concentration: 2002-2004 (Microgrammes per cubic meter)	5.4	9.3	14.4
PM10 concentration: 2002-2004 (Microgrammes per cubic meter)	10.7	11.9	26.6
% of people within 0-500m of any site derelict pre 1991: 2006	3%	5.2%	*
% of people within 0-500m of any derelict site: 2006	7.5%	18.2%	*

Source: SNS extracted June 2010

* Information is only measured at Local Authority Level

Planning

To view planning application in your area you can search using the Public Access system available through the [main planning pages](#).

Waste Services

Waste Bin collection dates can be found by using the [find my nearest](#) search.

The local recycling centre in Ward 5 is located in Bankfoot at Stanley Road. The percentage of waste recycled from the Bankfoot site in 2009 was 37%. Recycling services in the area are also available to residents through the kerbside recycling scheme

Recycling points are also located at the following locations:

Birnam - Willowbank
Dunkeld - Atholl Street Car Park
Luncarty - Memorial Hall, Woodside
Murthly - Village Hall
Snaigow - Loch of Lowes Visitor Centre
Stanley - Stanley Primary School

Further details on Waste and recycling services are available from the main [Waste and Recycling Pages](#).

Burial Grounds

The Council is also responsible for maintaining 18 Burial grounds within Strathtay at the following locations:

Amulree - Churchyard
Caputh Cemetery
Clunie Cemetery
Auchtergaven Churchyard
Churchyard Extension, Auchtergaven
Dowally Churchyard
Kinclaven Churchyard
Kirkhill Cemetery, Luncarty
Lagganallachie Cemetery, Dunkeld
Lethendy Churchyard
Little Dunkeld Churchyard
Logiealmond Cemetery (New), Chapelhill
Logiealmond Cemetery (Old), Chapelhill
Logiebride Cemetery
Moneydie Parish Churchyard
Redgorton Churchyard
Shian Cemetery
Stanley Graveyard

Further information is available on the main [Bereavement Services pages](#)

Historical and Projected Pupil Roll Data for Logiealmond Primary School

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
15	16	20	21	20	16	13	7	5	7	9

Source: Scottish Government – School Education - Datasets

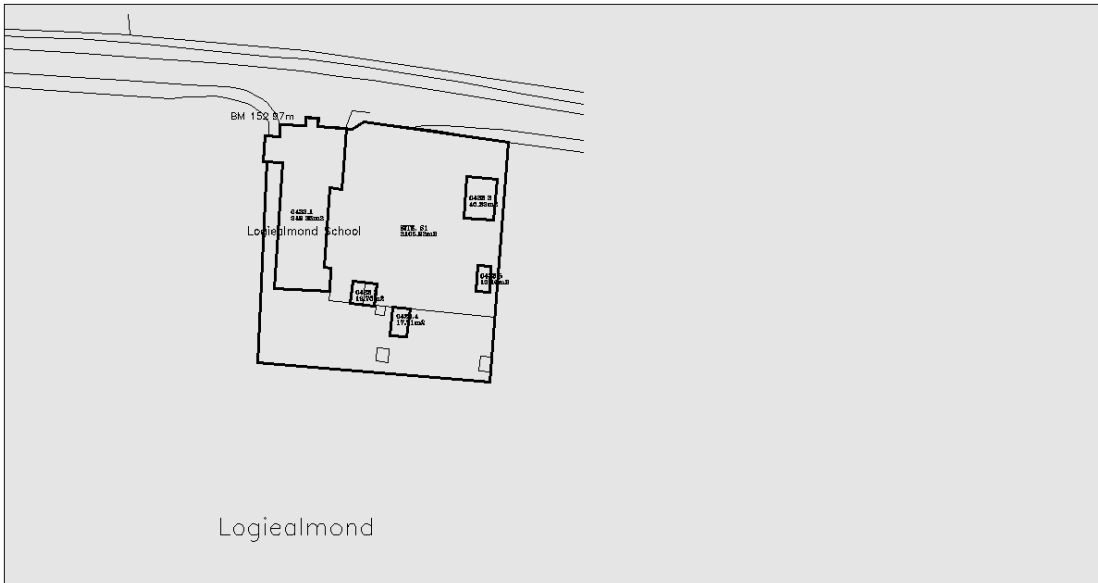
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
9	14	14	15	17	19	19	20

Historical and Projected Pupil Roll Data for Methven Primary School

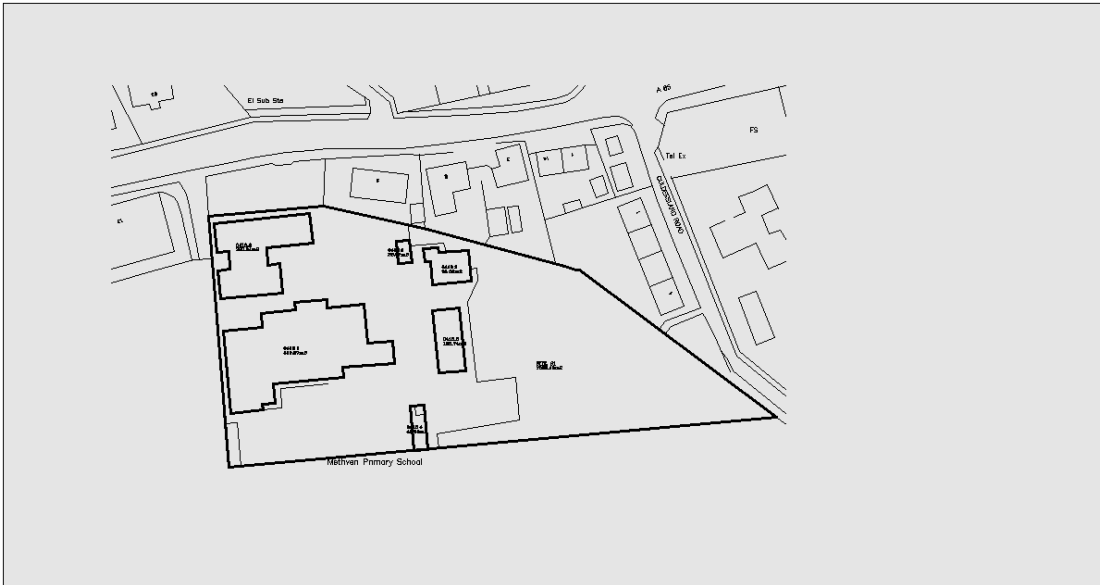
1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
134	138	129	136	136	122	134	133	131	120	118

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
110	108	100	103	99	104	103	103

Logiealmond Primary School Site Plan



Methven Primary School Site Plan



Logiealmond Costings

<u>Logiealmond DSM Budget Heading</u>	2011-2012 Budget	<u>Options</u>			
		<u>A (i)</u> Costs/ (Savings) £	<u>A (ii)</u> Additional Costs £	<u>B</u> Costs/ (Savings) £	<u>C</u> Costs/ (Savings) £
Staff	80,180	0	41,863	(81,166)	(81,166)
Supply	947	0	895	(979)	(979)
Staff Training and Review	950	0	0	(950)	(950)
Property	9,613	0	0	(9,613)	(9,613)
Supplies & Services	1,153	0	0	(639)	(639)
Transport	371	0	75	(371)	(371)
Total DSM	93,214	0	42,833	(93,718)	(93,718)
Home to school transport	17,022	0	17,022	17,022	17,022
Potential Mothball Costs	0	0	0	6,000	0
Net Cost/(Saving)	110,236	0	59,855	(70,696)	(76,696)

Comments:

Additional cost in option A (ii) as additional teacher required at Logiealmond Saving in options B, C & D as staff will be redeployed into other vacancies Budget cost/(saving) as budget based on staffing FTE and not pupil numbers

Budget saving as increased pupil numbers would have no impact on other schools' budget allocation

Budget saving only achievable in full if property returned to Mansfield Estates otherwise mothball costs incurred (see notes)

Only small school allowances and flat rate allocations can be saved

Budget cost/(saving) as budget based on staffing FTE and not pupil numbers

Estimated Transport costs

Estimated costs for basic maintenance and water/ energy. Under options C & D mothballing costs would also be incurred if the property was not returned to Mansfield Estates.

NOTES:

All costs/savings shown are assumed to be full year savings

Option A (i) No change to current budgets so no finance implications.

Option A (ii) Based on estimated numbers of children (15) moving to Logiealmond from Methven, Methven would require to be a two teacher school, meaning an increase of 1 Teacher.

Option B Almost all the Devolved School Management (DSM) budget would be saved in this option. This is offset by increased transport costs which are estimated at this stage. Note that any decision to mothball the school will require £6k per annum to be retained to cover these costs.

Option C The saving with this option is equal to option B excluding mothballing costs.

Other Any consequential short term costs arising from the implementation of the proposed option, such as redundancy or the removal of fixtures and fittings are considered minimal and will be met from existing ECS revenue budgets.

