

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - SCHOOL ESTATE TRANSFORMATION

### Q1. Why is a review of the school estate being undertaken?

The review is part of a wider programme of transformation across the Council. The purpose of this transformation review is to support the delivery of better outcomes for all of our young people through more effective use and management of the school estate.

The basis of the review is the **occupancy, suitability** and **condition** of the school. The outcome of the review will be a more efficient and fit-for-purpose school estate.

### Q.2 Which schools are involved in the School Estate Transformation Programme?

The following schools will be involved in the **first phase** of the programme;

- Abernyte Primary School
- Balhousie Primary School
- Blairingone Primary School
- Braco Primary School
- Forteviot Primary School (currently mothballed)
- Greenloaning Primary School (currently mothballed)
- Logiealmond Primary School
- Methven Primary School
- North Muirton Primary School
- St Ninian's Episcopal Primary School

The following schools are proposed to be involved in **future phases** of the programme;

- Balbeggie Primary School
- Cleish Primary School
- Collace Primary School
- Coupar Angus Primary School
- Glendelvine Primary School
- Grandtully Primary School
- Kettins Primary School
- Logierait Primary School
- Meigle Primary School
- Pitlochry High School
- Ruthvenfield Primary School
- Stanley Primary School
- Strategic sites at Almond Valley, Bertha Park, Perth West

It should be noted when taking forward detailed proposals for individual schools, it may be necessary to bring **neighbouring schools** within the scope of an options appraisal even when these schools do not meet the criteria. If we were to propose changes to a particular school the impact on neighbouring schools would have to be considered as the catchment of the neighbouring school may change.

### **Q3. How long will the School Estate Transformation Programme take to complete?**

It is anticipated that the first phase of options appraisals will take place between December 2016 and December 2017. A timescale for options appraisals for those schools involved in future phases will be communicated towards the end of the first phase.

### **Q4. What is an options appraisal?**

An options appraisal looks in detail at a wide range of information related to the school. These are likely to include aspects of the local area/community, the school within the community, future pupil projections, population, planned house building, the condition and suitability of the school, improvements to the school buildings, travel arrangements, financial information, educational benefits and community impact. An [example of an option appraisal](#) can be seen on the Council website.

### **Q5. How will staff, pupils, parents and the wider community be involved in the process?**

There will be **informal drop-in sessions** for each school that is being considered as part of an options appraisal. People will be able to ask questions and give feedback about the options appraisal. People can suggest options that the Council has not thought about. Depending on the outcome of the options appraisal, further formal consultation may take place (see Q7).

### **Q6. Who approves the recommendation of the options appraisals?**

Perth & Kinross Council's Lifelong Learning Committee will be asked to consider and approve the recommendations.

### **Q7. If the options appraisal is approved, what happens next?**

- If there is a recommendation to close a school, change the catchment or make changes to the stages of education e.g. a split site, then a **Statutory Consultation** must take place.
- If there is a recommendation that works need to take place in the school, then an **outline business case** will be developed to bid for future funding.
- If there is a recommendation for a shared headship, this will be progressed through the Council's **Human Resources** processes.

### **Who should I contact should I have any questions or queries in regards to the School Estate Transformation Programme?**

Questions/queries can be emailed to [ecsresources@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecsresources@pkc.gov.uk).