



Statutory Consultation Public Meetings for Blairingone Primary School

6 September 2018



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Agenda



- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Format of meeting**
- **The Proposal**
- **Presentation**
- **Questions**
- **Close and Thanks**



Panel / Introduction



Name

Title

Councillor Caroline Shiers

Convener of Lifelong Learning Committee

Sharon Johnston

Head of Service (Early Years & Primary)

Karen Robertson

Service Manager, Business Services



Vision



- Perth and Kinross Council works to enhance quality of life, make best use of public resources and ensure continuously improving services.
- It aims to optimise the educational experience for every pupil by providing:
 - a range of social and emotional experiences;
 - an enriched and broad learning experience; and
 - the best possible education which meets the needs of all learners.



The Proposal



This meeting is with regard to the following proposal:

- Provision of a school at Blairingone Primary School be permanently discontinued with effect from 28 June 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter;
- That the pupils of Blairingone Primary School catchment area permanently receive their education at Fossoway Primary School, from 1 July 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter; and
- That the delineated catchment area of Fossoway Primary School be permanently extended to subsume the whole delineated catchment area of Blairingone Primary School from 1 July 2019.



Background



Current Arrangements and Options



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Likely Effect of Proposal on the Local Community



Likely Effect Caused by Different Travelling Arrangements



Educational Benefits



Summary



- The Options Appraisal supports the proposal to close Blairingone Primary School, zone pupils to Fossoway Primary School and redelineate the catchment area of Blairingone Primary School to Fossoway Primary School.
- Fossoway Primary School can accommodate all projected and potential pupils from the combined catchment areas.
- A higher occupancy level maximises use of the school estate and represents good asset management.



Summary



- Although the school is described as important to the community, a large number of pupils attend alternative primary schools.
- It is unlikely the school roll will increase to a sustainable level.
- Travel distances to Fossoway Primary School are not excessive and transport will be provided for pupils by the Council.
- As there will be no impact on community groups or community events by the closure of Blairingone Primary School, the sustainability of the community would not be significantly impacted by the proposal.



Statutory Consultation Process



- Legal Framework
- Consideration by the Lifelong Learning Committee
- Proposal Paper including Educational Benefits Statement
- Statutory Consultation period
- Representations from interested parties



Statutory Consultation Process



- Involvement of Education Scotland
- Preparation of Consultation Report
- Decision by Lifelong Learning Committee
- Notification to Scottish Ministers



Questions?