



# Statutory Consultation Public Meetings for Abernyte Primary School

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• *Enhancing quality of life* • *Making the best use of public resources*

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- The Proposal
- Statutory Consultation Process
- Presentation
- Questions
- Close and Thanks

# Panel / Introduction



## Name

## Title

Councillor Caroline Shiers

Convener of Lifelong Learning Committee

Sheena Devlin

Executive Director  
(Education and Children's Services)

Sharon Johnston

Head of Service  
(Early Years & Primary)

Karen Robertson

Service Manager,  
(Business Services)

Carol Taylor

Service Manager,  
(Resource Management)



# The Proposal

This meeting is with regard to the following proposal:

- Provision of a school at Abernyte Primary School be permanently discontinued with effect from 1 July 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter;
- That the pupils of Abernyte Primary School catchment area permanently receive their education at Inchturre Primary School, from 2 July 2020 or as soon as possible thereafter; and
- That the delineated catchment area of Inchturre Primary School be permanently extended to subsume the whole delineated catchment area of Abernyte Primary School from 2 July 2020.

# 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



# 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.

# Background





# Current Arrangements and Options



# 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 Abernyte Primary School, zone pupils to Inchtute Primary School and redelineate the catchment area of Abernyte Primary School to Inchtute Primary School.
- Inchtute 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 valued by the community, a number of pupils attend alternative primary schools.
- It is unlikely the school roll will increase to a sustainable level.
- Travel distance to Inchtute Primary School is not excessive and transport will be provided by the Council.
- As there will be limited impact on community groups or community events by the closure of Abernyte Primary School, the sustainability of the community would not be significantly impacted by the proposal.



# Questions?

