

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES
HIGHLAND PERTHSIRE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP
DRAFT OUTLINE PLAN

Background

A report containing proposals for Pitlochry High School (Secondary), as part of the School Estate Transformation Programme was considered by the Council's Lifelong Learning Committee on 4 September 2019. The decision of the committee is as follows;

- I. Requests the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) progress with developing a detailed plan for the Highland Perthshire Learning Partnership (HPLP) with, as appropriate, both Pitlochry High School and Breadalbane Academy Senior Leadership teams, Perth College UHI, young people, parents, carers and the wider community through a working group. Engagement should take place with local elected members throughout the process, where appropriate;
- II. Requests the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) explore proposals to identify wider community use of Pitlochry High School and look at property and community facilities in conjunction with other services and partners;
- III. Requests the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) consider as part of the development of HPLP different models for the delivery of education across the two sites which should include the delivery of S5 and S6 from Pitlochry High School which would not be detrimental to the educational offer at Breadalbane Academy;
- IV. Requests that the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) undertake a scoping exercise on the possibility of making Kirkmichael Primary School catchment area a dual catchment area for both Pitlochry High School and Blairgowrie High School; and
- V. Requests that the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) report back to the Lifelong Learning Committee at its January 2020 meeting with an update on the work undertaken by the working group and to report back on the scoping exercise at the earliest opportunity.

Proposals

1. It is proposed that a Steering Group is created to agree the scope of this project, and to oversee the development of an Action Plan, which will be presented to Lifelong Learning Committee in January 2020. This work will incorporate items 1, 11, and 111 of the decision taken at the Lifelong Learning Committee meeting of 4 September 2019.

2. The Steering Group will be chaired by a Lead officer appointed by Perth and Kinross Education and Children's Services, who is external to the Council. The role of the Lead officer will be to chair the meetings, to support the Group to agree Terms of Reference, and to set out the scope of the work to be undertaken in order to deliver the Action Plan.

3. It is proposed that two sub groups are then developed to take forward the two key parts of the project:

- HPLP Learning sub group, to look at the models of delivery of Senior Phase in Highland Perthshire
- HPLP Property sub group, to explore proposals to identify wider community use of Pitlochry High School with other services and partners

These two groups will have clear remits, and there will be overlap in the work they undertake. It will be the role of the Steering Group and the Lead officer to ensure that the work of both is encapsulated in the final action plan.

Suggested Membership of the Steering Group

Membership of the Steering Group will include:

- Lead officer (Chair)
- Headteachers of Pitlochry High School and Breadalbane Academy
- Parent Council Chairs of Pitlochry High School and Breadalbane Academy
- Senior representatives of Perth College UHI
- Acting Service Manager (secondary)
- Service Manager (resource management)
- Eleanor Paul (former QIO Highland Perthshire)

Membership of the working groups will include senior leadership teams for both schools and also will have input from young people, and partners. Each will be led by the Service Managers from the Steering Group.

Timescale

A detailed action plan has been instructed to be presented to Lifelong Learning Committee in January 2020. The report for that committee will be sought by mid - December.

It is therefore proposed that the first meeting of the Steering Group takes place on Wednesday 23rd October, and dates for subsequent meetings to be agreed thereafter by Group members.

Communications

Progress updates will be regularly communicated to all stakeholders and elected members as the work progresses to Committee.