Agenda Item



Subject:

Report to:Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area CommitteeDate of Meeting:22 September 2009Report by:Executive Director (Education Resources)

Schools' Modernisation Programme Update (Cambuslang and Rutherglen)

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-
 - provide an update on the current status of the primary and secondary schools' modernisation programme within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
 - (1) that the contents of the report be noted.

3. Background

3.1. SLC Secondary Estate

In December 2001, the Executive Committee agreed to the submission of an Outline Business Case to the then Scottish Executive, which outlined the Council's strategy to address the deteriorating condition of its secondary school stock and the projected reductions in pupil numbers due to the changing demographic profile. Following an extensive procurement and design exercise, the contractor inspirED was appointed as preferred bidder in 2005 and work began to construct 15 high schools and 2 ASN (additional support needs) high schools. The remaining two high schools were to be refurbished.

3.2 SLC Primary Estate

In order to address the condition of its primary school estate, the Council in 2004 embarked on an ambitious programme of modernising all of its primary schools. Phase 1 of this programme is now complete, with Phase 2 works underway. The primary schools' project is being implemented through the Council's capital programme and will consist of 108 new builds and 16 refurbishments, as approved by the Executive Committee in September 2007.

4. Current Position

4.1 Secondary Estate

Following pupil occupation of Trinity High and completion of Stonelaw High refurbishment works in August 2009, all 4 secondary schools within the Rutherglen/ Cambuslang areas have been upgraded and are now operational. These are:-

- Cathkin High
- Rutherglen High
- Trinity High
- Stonelaw High

4.2 Primary Estate

Five new primary schools and 1 standalone nursery have now been built in the area, with St Anthony's Primary School planned for completion in 2010. Extensions to Burnside, Hallside and West Coats primary schools have also been undertaken.

New schools completed to date are:-

- Calderwood Primary School
- Burgh Primary School
- Cathkin Primary School
- St Columbkille's Primary School
- Loch Primary School
- Glenburgh Nursery

5. Future Programme - Phase 2

- 5.1. In terms of phase 2 of the programme, approved plan target start dates for the next 2 years are as follows:-
 - St Charles Primary 2010
 - Hallside Primary refurbishment 2010
 - Cairns Primary 2010
 - St Cadoc's Primary 2011

6. General/Other Implications for the Council

6.1. Under the secondary schools contract, South Lanarkshire Council's partner inspirED has full responsibility for all aspects all of the secondary school buildings and its grounds, including building security and all repairs and maintenance work. Other aspects of facilities management i.e. catering, cleaning and non building related janitorial tasks remain within the responsibility of SLC Community Resources.

Within the primary estate, South Lanarkshire Council retains responsibility for building security and all aspects of building repairs and maintenance. Further, the facilities management of the primary schools estate remains within the responsibility of South Lanarkshire Council.

7. Employee Implications

7.1. None

8. Financial Implications

8.1. All costs can be met from the Schools' Modernisation budget.

9. Other Implications

9.1. None

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. There is no requirement to undertake an impact assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.
- 10.2. Consultation has taken place with all relevant stakeholders.

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8 September 2009

Link(s) to Council Objectives

- Efficient and effective use of resources
- Raise educational attainment for all

Previous References

Executive Committee of 12 September 2007

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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