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Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 May 2018
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	Non-denominational Primary Schools in Strathaven - Proposal to Realign Catchment Area
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide an update to the Executive Committee on new housing developments in Strathaven and the impact on primary school rolls in the area
- ◆ request approval to undertake a statutory consultation on realigning the catchment area of both Kirklandpark and Wester Overton Primary Schools to more appropriately link new housing developments to the local non-denominational primary schools

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that a statutory consultation be undertaken under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 to realign the school catchment areas of both Kirklandpark and Wester Overton Primary Schools to take account of new housing developments and to more effectively balance pupil numbers between these two schools.

3. Background

3.1. The current catchment areas for both Kirklandpark Primary School and Wester Overton Primary School are shown in Appendix 1.

3.2. This is an historic boundary arrangement that has been in place for some considerable period of time. Due to significant changes in the housing and population distribution within Strathaven over time, it is proposed to realign the catchment areas to more appropriately link housing areas to each non-denominational primary school and more equitably balance the pupil population.

4. Housing Developments in Strathaven

4.1. There are two major housing developments underway in the Strathaven Area:-

- ◆ **East Overton** – potential of 500 houses.
This development is zoned to Wester Overton Primary School and this is the closest local, non-denominational primary school;

- ◆ **Strathaven West / Colinhill Farm** – potential of 300 houses.
The majority of this development is at present zoned to Wester Overton Primary School but a smaller part of the development is zoned to Kirklandpark Primary School, (see Appendix 1).

- 4.2. The number of pupils expected to be generated from these developments is shown in table 1 below.

Table 1

Housing Development	Nursery aged children	Non-denominational	Denominational
East Overton	15	79	26
Strathaven West / Colinhill Farm	9	47	16

- 4.3. Given the location of the Strathaven West/Colinhill Farm development and its proximity to Kirklandpark Primary School it is proposed that this whole area is re-aligned to Kirklandpark Primary School. This would help to address the anomaly of the current catchment area in the knowledge that the school has the capacity to accommodate the projected pupil numbers from the housing development.

5. School rolls in context and school capacity

5.1. Wester Overton Primary School

The current pupil roll is 349 (census September 2017). Trends based on the average of the last three years' P1 intake figures suggest the roll will remain at a similar level over the next 3 to 7 years not accounting for new house building.

5.2. Kirklandpark Primary School

The current pupil roll is 265 (census September 2017). Trends based on the average of the last three years' P1 intake figures suggest the roll will drop to around 200 pupils over the next 3 to 7 years not accounting for new house building.

6. Proposals

- 6.1. Appendix 1 shows the current catchment area. Appendix 2 shows the suggested change to the catchment area that would more equitably split the Strathaven area between the two non-denominational primary schools. The blue line shows the proposed catchment split which would run through the town along Glasgow Road, Barn Street, Waterside Street, Todshill Street and Lesmahagow Road.
- 6.2. Given the capacity of both Kirklandpark and Wester Overton Primary Schools and the assumptions on expected pupil numbers coming from new housing developments, it is anticipated that there is sufficient non-denominational primary school accommodation to cope with the predicted numbers of new children generated from new housing. Any resultant adaptation or extension, if needed, in the future would be funded via developer contributions.
- 6.3. There is no proposed change to the catchment area for St Patrick's Primary School, Strathaven.

7. General/Other Implications for the Council

- 7.1. If approval is given to consult on the proposed changes to the catchment areas of both schools, arrangements will be to let parents of any pupils registering in January 2019 of the consultation and the implication for their child / children.
- 7.2. The planned timetable for the consultation, if approved, would begin in June, with a report on the outcome of the consultation being reported to the Executive Committee around November/December 2018.

8. Employee Implications

- 8.1. Employee resources at each school would continue to be provided by means of existing staffing protocols and agreed management structures.

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1. The proposal demonstrates a Best Value approach to effectively managing the primary school estate and the Council's property portfolio.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. Under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, any proposals to vary any of the admission arrangements for a school, including its catchment area, would necessitate a statutory consultation. The views of a range of stakeholders will be sought including parents/carers, young people, trade unions and members of the community.
- 10.2. There is no requirement to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment in terms of The proposal in this report.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Objectives

- ◆ Raise educational achievement and attainment
- ◆ Achieve efficient and effective use of resources

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

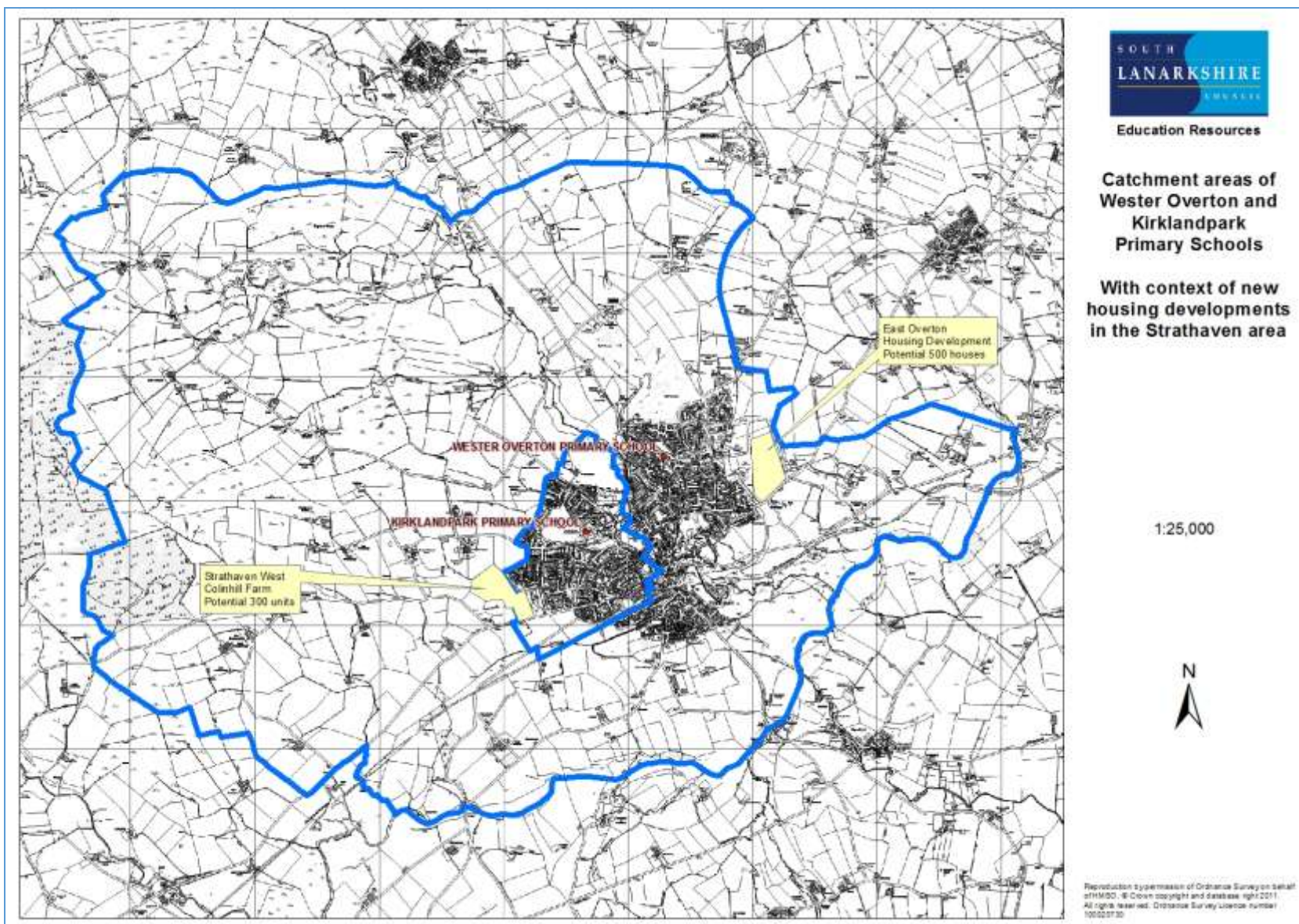
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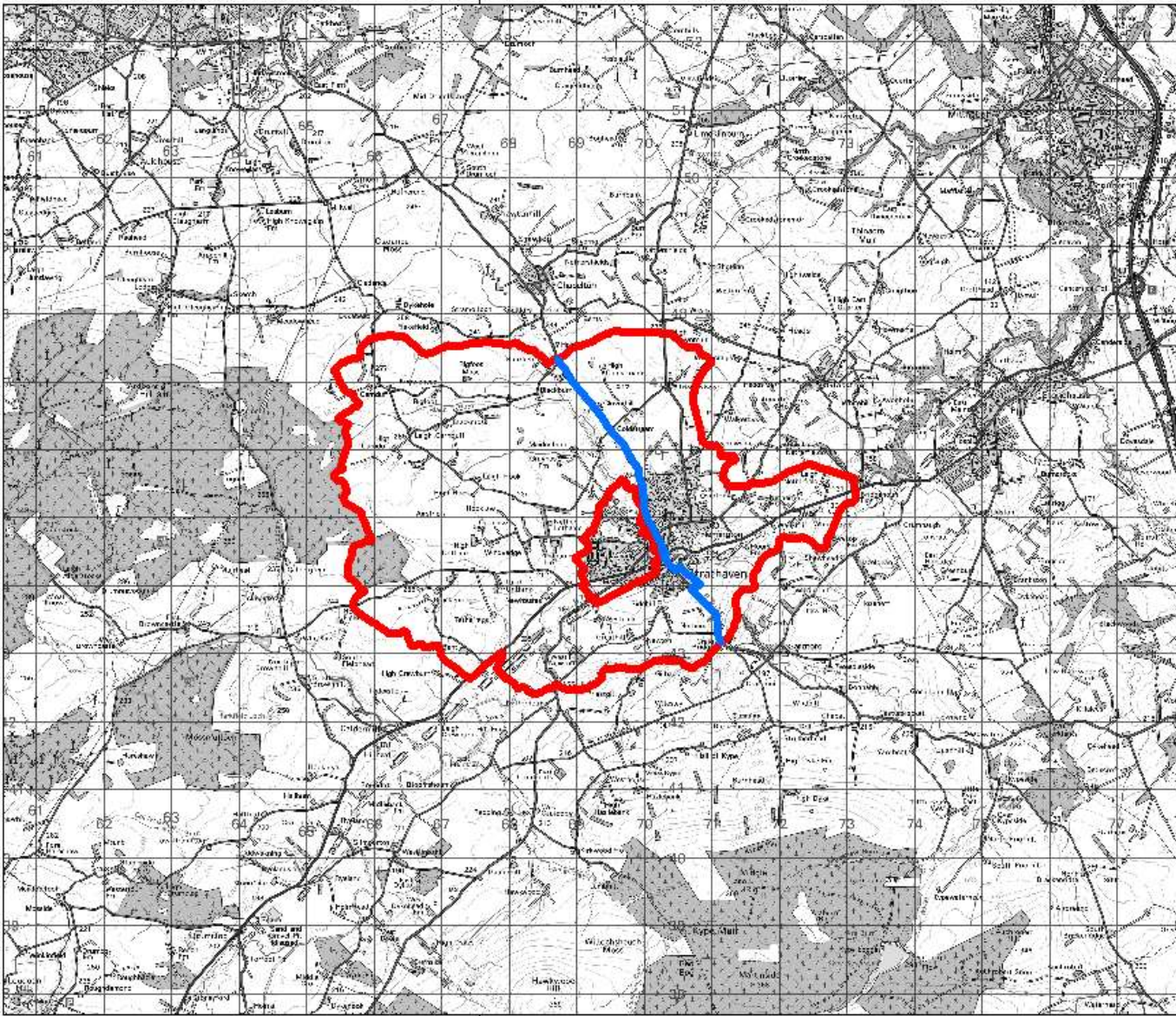
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Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Catchment areas of
Wester Overton and
Kirkandpark Primary Schools

Blue line denotes
suggested new catchment split of
Strathaven area
between the two
non-denominational
primary schools

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