

Report to:Executive CommitteeDate of Meeting:16 November2011Report by:Executive Director (Education Resources)

# Subject: Rezoning of the James Aiton Primary catchment area from Cathkin High School to Stonelaw High

## 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-
  - request approval to realign the James Aiton Primary School catchment area from Cathkin High School to Stonelaw High School from August 2012.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
  - (1) that Stonelaw High School's catchment area be rezoned to include the James Aiton Primary School catchment area from August 2012;
  - (2) that Cathkin High School catchment area be rezoned to exclude James Aiton Primary School's catchment area from August 2012; and
  - (3) that children attending James Aiton Primary School, or living within the James Aiton Primary School catchment area but attending other schools as a result of a placing request, who have brothers or sisters currently in Cathkin High can enroll in Cathkin High without the need for a placing request until August 2019.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. In September 2010 the Executive Committee agreed that a consultation be undertaken on proposals arising from a review of catchment areas within Cambuslang and Rutherglen. The catchment are review was required to determine school modernisation options for the area within the context of significant shifts in the pupil population. Education Resources subsequently undertook the consultation in line with the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.
- 3.2. On 7 September 2011 the Executive Committee further considered the issue and agreed that a report on the consultation be published recommending that:
  - Stonelaw High School's catchment be rezoned to include the James Aiton Primary School catchment area; and
  - Cathkin High School's catchment area be rezoned to exclude the James Aiton Primary School catchment area.
- 3.3 The report considered by the Executive Committee on 7 September 2011 also noted that a further report seeking a final decision on the realignment of the James Aiton Primary School catchment area from Cathkin High School to Stonelaw high School would be presented for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee.

## 4. Current Position

- 4.1. Education Resources published the detailed Consultation Report on 3 October 2011. This included information on the consultation process and an account of all of the feedback received by Education Resources in relation to the proposals. A letter providing a summary of the consultation outcomes and the recommendations was sent to all parents and carers of the schools affected. Copies of the full Consultation Report were made available within the schools, Q&A offices and libraries within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area. The report was also published on the Council website.
- 4.2 Education Resources received no formal or informal representations or responses to the Consultation Report including the recommendations.

## 5. Proposals

- 5.1. It is proposed that:
  - Stonelaw High School's catchment area be rezoned to include the James Aiton Primary School's catchment area
  - Cathkin High School's catchment area be rezoned to exclude the James Aiton Primary School's catchment area
- 5.2 It is further proposed that that children attending James Aiton Primary School, or living in the James Aiton catchment area but attending other schools as a result of a placing request, who have brothers or sisters currently in Cathkin High School can enroll in Cathkin High School without the need for a placing request until August 2019.

## 6. Employee Implications

6.1. None

## 7. Financial Implications

7.1. The proposals in this report can be met from within existing resources

## 8. Other Implications

There are no significant risk implications in terms of the information contained within this report.

8.2. There are no implications for sustainability in terms of the information contained within this report.

#### 9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. There is no requirement to carry out an impact assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.
- 9.2. The consultation has been managed in line with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

# Larry Forde

## **Executive Director (Education Resources)**

3 November 2011

## Link(s) to Council Objectives

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

#### **Previous References**

- Executive Committee meeting of 22 September 2010
- Executive Committee meeting of 7 September 2011

#### List of Background Papers

- Consultation Proposal Document published on 1 October 2010
- Consultation Report published on 3 October 2011

#### **Contact for Further Information**

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