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Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	7 September 2011
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	Crawfordjohn Primary School
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Update the Committee on progress with the Crawfordjohn Primary School site and seek approval to recommence modernisation of the school.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the modernisation of Crawfordjohn Primary School is resumed under the Council's Primary Schools Modernisation Programme.

3. Background

- 3.1. Work to modernise Crawfordjohn Primary School started in August 2009. However, during the excavation of the site, it was discovered that the ground was a historic burial site and construction work was suspended to enable the identification and reburial of the human remains.
- 3.2. These works and the subsequent archaeological report resulted in a significant delay in the project. In July 2011 confirmation was received to enable this planning condition to be purified and the associated planning restriction to be discharged.
- 3.3. During this period, Crawfordjohn Primary School was decanted initially to Douglas Primary School and subsequently to Abington Primary School.
- 3.4. The suspension of the modernisation of Crawfordjohn Primary School was approved by the Executive Committee on the 26 January 2011. Following on from this, informal consultation was undertaken with parents and carers of pupils at Crawfordjohn Primary School on possible future options. The conclusion of this consultation was that the parents and carers supported continuation and modernisation of the school.
- 3.5. The original design and location on the site of the new Crawfordjohn Primary School cannot now be delivered. Specifically, this design included two external walls of the school which were demolished to conclude the archaeological works. Building new walls at this location could require further disruption to the adjacent cemetery. A revised design proposal is required and a new planning application will require to be submitted.

4. School Roll

- 4.1. The historical and current school roll figures at Crawfordjohn Primary School are as follows:

Year	Number of Pupils
2003/2004	16
2004/2005	17
2005/2006	18
2006/2007	13
2007/2008	14
2008/2009	12
2009/2010	10
2010/2011	7
2011/2012	9

5. Proposal

- 5.1. It is proposed that the suspension of the Crawfordjohn Primary School Modernisation Project is removed and that a revised design is undertaken prior to commencement of the project. Subject to statutory consents the target date for commencement of construction would be 2012 with the target date for occupation in 2013.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. None.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. The construction of the new build Crawfordjohn Primary School can be funded from within the Primary Schools Modernisation budget as approved by the Executive Committee on 26 January 2011.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. The decant of Crawfordjohn Primary School pupils to Abington Primary School would continue 2013.
- 8.2. There are no particular issues in terms of risk and sustainability associated with the recommendations in 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. Appropriate consultation has taken place as outlined in paragraph 3.4 of this report.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives/Improvement Themes/Values

- Supporting successful Communities

Previous References

- Executive Committee 26 January 2011.

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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