

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Capital Programme Committee
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REPORT TITLE	Torry Primary School (including Community Hub) – Progress Report
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	1.1

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the committee on the progress of Torry Primary School (including Community Hub) following the Council meeting held on 5 March 2019 to procure appropriate works and services and enter into any contracts necessary for the delivery of the project.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 Note that this project forms part of the Education New Build Programme presented to the Capital Programme, Strategic Commissioning and City Growth and Resources Committees in September 2018. The project will also contribute to the delivery of Aberdeen City Council's Early Learning and Childcare Expansion Programme of works.
- 2.2 Note the grant award of £2,000,000 made, in respect of the Community Hub part of this project, by the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund on 25 April 2019.

- 2.3 Note the current on-going works leading to an opening of the new Torry Primary School towards the end of 2021.
- 2.4 Instruct the Chief Officer Capital to provide a further update on progress at the Capital Programme Committee in June 2020.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The special committee meeting of Education & Children’s services on 1 March 2017, instructed the development of a proposal to locate and construct a proposed new primary school for Torry, to include early learning and childcare provision and a Community Hub on the site of the existing Old Torry Academy.
- 3.2 The new Torry Hub will bring together in one place a range of services which will create synergies and a shared purpose to provide an environment where social, economic, educational, recreational and cultural activities can occur, service provision gaps can be closed and new opportunities to address system failures can be designed and implemented.
- 3.3 A new school would need to be a two stream school and will provide :
 - Capacity for 434 pupils
 - Early Learning & Childcare (EL&C) provision for 100 pupils
 - 3G 7 a-side-pitch
 - External outdoor play and learning
- 3.4 Aberdeen City Council’s Early Learning and Childcare Programme is to expand the current offer of 600 hours to 1,140 hours for vulnerable two year olds, three and four year olds, by 2020. The policy intention is to ensure we deliver high quality Early Learning and Childcare services to improve outcomes for children and to remove barriers for working parents to support economic growth in Aberdeen. It is estimated that to compliment the Early learning and Childcare expansion programme, 100 early years places would need to be provided for the Torry community which can deliver a minimum of 1140 hours funded care per year, per child.

Design Team Procurement

- 3.5 The Council have appointed Hub North Scotland to procure the design consultants and contractor to design the project with construction approval to follow.

Timescale

- 3.6 The design team are now progressing with the production of the developed design in accordance with the agreed programme. It is intended that the contractor will be appointed to construct the works in Spring 2020 with completion anticipated by the end of 2021.

Milestone	Indicative Timescale
Concept Design	Complete

Developed Design	Autumn 2019
Planning Consent	Autumn 2019
Building Warrant	Autumn 2019
Tender Documentation	Autumn 2019
Market Test	Autumn 2019
Confirmation to Proceed	Spring 2020
Construction Complete	End of 2021

3.7 A more detailed breakdown of the construction milestones will be provided following confirmation of construction to proceed.

3.8 The demolition works of the former Torry Academy are on-going and are due to be complete in Spring 2020; in advance of the works start for the new Torry Primary School and Hub.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Torry Primary School (including Community Hub) forms part of the General Fund Capital Programme approved by Council on 5th March 2019.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None at this time.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

	Risk	Low (L), Medium (M), High (H)	Mitigation
Financial	Inability to deliver the Council's desired outcomes within the approved budget.	L	The estimated spend profile is being constantly updated as the design of the project progresses. Take immediate action if the estimated cost exceeds the approved budget.
Employee	None	L	Not applicable
Customer	Poor communication with stakeholders.	L	The Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord has prepared a communication plan that will ensure that the appropriate stakeholders are kept informed as appropriate.
Environment	That the design of the proposed building increases the Council's carbon footprint and has an adverse effect on the environment.	L	Design proposals have been developed in accordance with Aberdeen City Council's Building Performance Policy ensuring that environmental risks remain low.

	That the activities of the contractor will have a negative impact on local residents	M	The tender documents will include a requirement that the site is registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme that will require the contractor to be a good neighbour.
Technology	That the project does not make best use of available technology during the design, construction and use phases of the project.	L	The design team are utilising the latest software to ensure that the design process is as effective and efficient as possible, this will ensure that the building will be delivered with all the information necessary to run and maintain the building as cost effectively as possible.
Reputational	The reputational risk of not being in a position to provide sufficient pupil places to support a growing school population	M	This is being mitigated through early planning and close working between teams across Aberdeen City Council.

7. OUTCOMES

Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes	
	Impact of Report
Prosperous Economy	<p>The delivery of the new Torry School will help to grow Aberdeen as a city of learning that will empower local residents to put lifelong learning at the heart of the community.</p> <p>The Early Learning and Childcare Programme, which this project is part of, requires an investment in our Early Years Estate as well as an investment in staffing to ensure we are providing high quality provision that meets the needs of children and families in all localities.</p> <p>This project supports the delivery of LOIP Stretch Outcome 1 – 10% increase in employment across priority and volume growth sectors by 2026. The investment in our estate is interlinked with the investment in our workforce. To staff the expanding estate the Early Years team will contribute to the diversification of the local economy by offering flexible pathways into the Early Years Sector and increasing the number of people employed in this growth sector.</p>
Prosperous People	<p>This project supports the LOIP Stretch Outcome 3 – 95% of children (0-5 years) will reach their expected developmental milestones by the time of their child health reviews by 2026. The project will be designed to support outdoor learning and the free flow of direct access to the outside environment. Outdoor learning, exercise and play benefits school children by encouraging them to be physically active. This will help address many of the health challenges outlined in the LOIP.</p>

	Children will have daily access to outdoor play and will regularly experience outdoor play in a natural environment. Outdoor learning will significantly contribute to a child's development and wellbeing.
Prosperous Place	<p>The Council is committed to ensuring that Aberdeen is a welcoming place to invest, live and visit and operate to the highest environmental standards. The new replacement Torry School contributes to this objective.</p> <p>This project supports the delivery of LOIP Stretch Outcome 13 – No one in Aberdeen will go without food due to poverty by 2026. Increasing the accessibility of nursery provision will contribute to transforming the lives of families. Every child attending a funded early learning and childcare session will receive a healthy meal. The accessibility of provision will lead to an increase in the uptake of the Early Learning and Childcare funded offer and help ensure that no child in Early Learning and Childcare will go hungry.</p>
Enabling Technology	The new Torry School will provide the potential for enabling people to learn and develop themselves in ways that meet their needs, interests and ambitions.

Design Principles of Target Operating Model	
	Impact of Report
Customer Service Design	The creation of a new school and Community Hub in Torry presents an exciting opportunity to design education provision into the fabric of the place, recognising the central role which schools and learning play in the life of a community. The new primary school will strive to play a central role in the life of the community and enable a range of non-school activities to take place at the end of the school day.
Organisational Design	This promotes quality relationships between the citizens of Aberdeen and the Council. This is a core aspect of the interim structure of the Early Intervention and Community Empowerment structure and culture.
Governance	This continues robust management of the assets of Aberdeen City Council.
Workforce	There will be new staff opportunities within the new Torry School.
Process Design	The design team are utilising the latest computer aided design software to ensure that the design process is as effective and efficient as possible, this will ensure that the building will be delivered with all the information necessary to run and maintain the building as cost effectively as possible.
Technology	Examples of the latest proven technology have been incorporated into the design to ensure that the building is as energy efficient and sustainable as is reasonably possible.
Partnerships and Alliances	The Council is working closely with the current owner, developer and their agents to ensure a smooth transfer of the site and construction of the access road and services.

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment	Not required in relation to this Report
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required in relation to this Report
Duty of Due Regard / Fairer Scotland Duty	<p>The Duty of Due Regard applies to all pupils in receipt of early learning and childcare provided under section 47 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014</p> <p>The proposals have considered inequalities of outcomes for those pupils experiencing them and plans to address them and comply with the (Education (additional support for learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 Section 3B.</p>

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Item 8 Education New Build Programme 2018; Capital Programme Committee; 12th September 2018

Item 14 New Schools Development Programme 2018; Strategic Commissioning Committee; 13th September 2018

Item 21 New Schools Development Programme 2018; City Growth and Resources Committee; 18th September 2018

Item 3 General Fund Revenue Budget 2019/20 to 2023/24; and General Fund Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2023/24; Council Meeting; 5th March 2019

10. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Site Plan

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Appendix 1 – Site Plan

