

SERVICE UPDATE

<u>Name of Function:</u>	Resources
<u>Date:</u>	12 th September 2023
<u>Title of Update:</u>	Oldmachar Primary Schools Outline Business Case – update on decision by Education & Children’s Services Committee
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UPDATE:

At its meeting on 8 September 2022, the former Education Operational Delivery Committee approved the Council’s School Estate Plan, which included an instruction to officers to carry out a feasibility study, to identify options for reducing the number of primary schools within the Oldmachar Associated Schools Group (ASG), in order to minimise excess pupil capacity.

The feasibility study has been completed, and an outline business case has been drafted to summarise the options available. This was due to be reported to the Finance and Resources Committee for approval at its meeting on 13th September 2023.

However, after completing the business case, officers concluded that more work is needed before a preferred option can be identified, so at this stage there is no requirement for the Finance and Resources Committee to approve the outline business case. The outline business case has therefore not been included in the agenda for the committee meeting on 13th September.

A report on the matter was presented to the Education and Children’s Services Committee at its meeting on 12th September 2023, and a copy of the report is available here:

<https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=71936>

Following consideration of the report, the Committee resolved to: *“instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to carry out further work to identify potential future options for improving and consolidating primary school provision in the Oldmachar ASG, alongside the planned work to review secondary school provision in this area of the city, and to report back to the Committee with recommendations and next steps as appropriate.”*

Officers will undertake this additional work as instructed by the Education and Children’s Services Committee, as part of the planned review of secondary school provision for Oldmachar, Bridge of Don and Grandhome, and will report back to the appropriate committee(s) with any new recommendations following the conclusion of that work.