

Councillor Greig moved, seconded by Councillor Mennie:-

That the Council approve the recommendations contained within the report.

Councillor Blake moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor McLeod:-

That the Council -

- (a) notes the content of the report;
- (b) regrets the lack of a proper and open consultation with all the people of Aberdeen on the possibility of establishing a Catholic Secondary School in Aberdeen;
- (c) welcomes the pause in recommending any changes to the Roman Catholic school estate;
- (d) instructs the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to establish a working group consisting of representatives from Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council, representatives from the Catholic Church, parent representatives and staff representatives. This group would work in a spirit of co-operation and partnership to explore what is an appropriate level of provision of Catholic schools in the city and produce a costed plan as to how this level of provision might be realised;
- (e) instructs the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to continue to monitor pupil numbers at all three primary schools and report back on this and the findings of the above working group to the Education and Children's Services Committee in September 2025;
- (f) decides to take the opportunity provided by this pause to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to engage with all the people of Aberdeen on the possibility of establishing a Catholic secondary school in the city; and
- (g) agrees that the pause proposed in the paper will in no way delay the urgently needed work to provide for the refurbishment of St. Peter's School.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (24) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Bouse, Hazel Cameron, Clark, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Davidson, Fairfull, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Nicoll, Radley, van Sweeden and Yuill.

For the amendment (18) - Councillors Ali, Blake, Bonsell, Brooks, Crockett, Cross, Graham, Grant, Houghton, Kuszniir, Lawrence, Macdonald, McLeod, Malik, Mrs Stewart, Tissera, Thomson and Watson.

Absent from the division (2) - Councillors Boulton and Massey.

**The Council resolved:-**

to adopt the motion.

**In terms of Standing Order 32.8, Councillors Ali, Blake, Bonsell, Brooks, Crockett, Cross, Grant, Houghton, Lawrence, Malik, Mrs Stewart, Thomson, Tissera and Watson intimated their dissent against the foregoing decision.**

Councillor Radley moved as a procedural motion, seconded by Councillor Greig:-  
That the Council suspend Standing Order 40.2 to enable the meeting to continue beyond six hours upon the conclusion of the Special Council meeting.

On a division, there voted:-

For the procedural motion (24) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Bouse, Hazel Cameron, Clark, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Davidson, Fairfull, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Nicoll, Radley, van Sweeden and Yuill.

Against the procedural motion (18) - Councillors Ali, Blake, Bonsell, Brooks, Crockett, Cross, Graham, Grant, Houghton, Kuszniir, Lawrence, Macdonald, McLeod, Malik, Mrs Stewart, Tissera, Thomson and Watson.

Absent from the division (2) - Councillors Boulton and Massey.

**The Council resolved:-**

to reject the procedural motion as it failed to attract the necessary two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote in terms of Standing Order 41.1.