

SERVICE UPDATE

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Background

Established in 1874, Harlaw Academy is a six-year secondary school located on Albyn Place in the city centre. It is B Listed by Historic Environment Scotland and described in their Statement of Historic Interest as "one of his [Archibald Simpson's] most distinctive buildings". Designed and built as a hospital for orphan and destitute girls, the building was opened in 1840 and later became the High School for Girls. The school was extended in 1892 and 1902 when the corridors were also built to link the original school to the slightly earlier flanking villas. Further extensions were added to the rear in the 1940s and 1950s and the final major addition was the Sports Hall in the mid 1990s.

The outdoor PE facilities are located on Groats Road in Hazlehead. The pupils are bussed daily to this facility for delivery of the PE curriculum.

The Council's School Estate Plan was approved in September 2022 by the former Education Operational Delivery Committee, when officers were instructed to take forward a detailed action plan to develop and improve the school estate. This included an instruction to carry out a feasibility study, to identify options for improving the suitability of Harlaw Academy.

Design Development

Following committee approval works started on the detailed proposals, the development of these proposals were shaped in conjunction with the school.

The work packages have been split into enabling works, internal refurbishment work and the new extension. Each package is on a separate timeline to allow the works to start in summer 2025, however the some elements cannot start until the extension has been completed and handed over to maintain continuity of services, such as the kitchen and dining room arrangements.

The planning application for the extension has been submitted and is currently to be determined by the Planning Authority.

The Design teams are currently working on the final tender package.

Procurement

In order to achieve these dates, and de-risk the construction programme, a Main Contractor was appointed early in the design process to support the design team and to carry out enabling works in advance of the main works.

We working towards market testing and receiving a cost by June 2025 with a proposed start date of summer 2025.

It is anticipated that the final tender amount will be ready early July 2025. Once it has been checked the FBC can be completed and submitted to the next F&R Committee