

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE:	Education, Culture and Sport
DATE:	30 May 2013
DIRECTOR:	Gayle Gorman
TITLE OF REPORT:	Naming of Replacement School for Bucksburn and Newhills Primary Schools
REPORT NUMBER:	ECS/13/043

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform committee of the outcome of the naming process for the replacement school for Bucksburn and Newhills Schools and to seek formal endorsement of the new name.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

To note the outcome of the consultation process and to formally endorse the name of the new school as **Brimmond School**, to take effect on establishment of the new school in August 2013.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no revenue or capital implications for current and future years, any financial risk arising directly as a result of this report.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal, resource, personnel, property, equipment, sustainability and environmental, health and safety and/or policy implications arising directly as a result of this report, other than the requirement for officer time to implement the required arrangements.

These include notification of change to the Learning Directorate of Scottish Government and a request the creation of a new identification (SEED) code for the new school which can be supported through exiting Service budgets.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

5.1 Background

Policy and Strategy Education Committee on 2 December 2008 resolved to approve recommendation that the existing policy for naming

schools be retained with the additional guidance that the process for choosing a name should be undertaken as soon as possible after a Committee decision has been taken to close schools and open a new school and that consultation on the school name should include parents, staff and other stakeholders.

The replacement of Bucksburn and Newhills School was originally decided at the School Estate Strategy Policy and Strategy (Education) Committee on 21 January 2009.

Subsequently the preferred site was identified and 50% funding in principle was identified from Scottish Government under *Building Scotland's Schools for the Future* Programme.

5.2 Main Issues

5.2.1 Amalgamations of existing schools

The two schools will be brought together to create the new school at the beginning of the 2013-14 school session, i.e. August 2013. Temporary arrangements have been made to the Bucksburn School site to allow decant of staff and pupils from Newhills School. This will allow demolition of the existing building and construction of the new school on the Newhills site.

5.2.2 Timing of Implementation

The new school will be established on Monday 19 August, 2013, with pupils first attending on Thursday 22 August, 2103. The new school building on the Newhills site is expected to be operational in August 2015.

5.2.3 Naming of the New School

There has been significant research on the names of local geographical features and historical place names.

Extensive consultation with parents, staff, pupils and other stakeholders, including local residents resulted in a short-list of possible names.

Supervised counting of all votes cast by all interested stakeholders identified the preferred name as **Brimmond School**.

6. IMPACT

Corporate - The first high-level priority within Smarter People (Social and Human Capital) of the administration's policy document '*Aberdeen – the Smarter City*' states,

'We will provide a high quality education service within our schools and communities which will improve attainment and

life chances of our children and young people to achieve their full potential in education, employment or training’.

Public – There will be public interest in this report. Residents have a strong feeling of local identity and there has been involvement by a significant number of local Individuals and community groups.

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

The assessment of risk associated with this report is low, as the local consultation on the name has been extensive.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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