

Request for Deputation

Name

Gary Forsyth, Chair of Torry Academy Parent Council

Committee

ES&S, Thursday 28th March

Agenda Item

Proposed closure of Torry & Kincorth Academies and establishment of a new secondary School at Bobby Calder Park.

The action I wish the Council/Committee to take

Vote against the proposal to go to formal consultation on this issue on the basis of a pre-determined site. Instead vote for the council officers to carry out a formal consultation process based on a comparative Educational Benefits Statement for 5 sites.

- The status Quo, No change
- Bobby Calder Park
- Tullos
- Kincorth Academy
- Abbotswell road

If the EC&S decide it not possible to move ahead on this educational basis then I would move that a vote of this magnitude which is currently based on planning permission and funding alone is not within the remit of the EC&S committee – referred to here –

1. To be accountable for all services provided by the Education, Culture and Sport Service.
2. To receive and scrutinise performance information for the Education, Culture and Sport Service.
3. To take financial decisions concerning the Education, Culture and Sport Service budget where there will not be an adverse impact.
4. To develop and approve policies and strategies for all functions of the Council as education authority.
5. To oversee the functions of the Council as education authority under the Education (Scotland) Act and all other relevant legislation and regulations relating thereto.
6. To ensure that it delivers the services of the Education, Culture and Sport Service within the overall resources and management strategies as set by the Council and overseen by the Finance and Resources Committee; and to ensure that it achieve maximum value for money and best value in service delivery.
7. To approve changes to staffing structures and establishment within the agreed budget.
8. To develop and agree service policies.
9. To approve HR policies for teaching staff including instrumental music instructors, advisors and educational psychologists.

Therefore this decision should go to full council