

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Education Operational Delivery
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REPORT TITLE	Lochside Academy Road Safety Update
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	1.1, 4

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides the Committee with an update on the actions taken in response to instructions issued by the previous Education and Children Services Committee, to address road safety concerns for pupils travelling to Lochside Academy.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 Welcomes the briefing sessions in May, June and July and in particular the session in June with Police Scotland regarding speeding, and instructs the Director to bring back a report after six months of the school being opened to ensure concerns regarding speeding are being addressed
- 2.2 Instructs the Director to continue support to Lochside Academy's six associated group primary schools with P4-7 and in particular P7 pupils who will transition to Lochside Academy in 2019/20 and during the following school year until 2021/22

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting of 16 November 2017, the Education and Children's Services Committee considered a report on proposals for subsidised transport and safe walking routes to the new Lochside Academy, and subsequently instructed the Head of Education & Inclusion to:
 - (i) *facilitate a meeting between representatives of the parent councils in Kincorth, Torry and Cove with appropriate representatives from Police Scotland to provide a greater understanding of the community concerns*

about speeding on the safe routes to Lochside Academy and discuss the measures that could be taken to address those concerns and to report back to the appropriate Committee on the outcomes from that meeting;

and:

- (ii) provide support to Lochside Academy's six associated group primary schools to ensure appropriate road safety programmes were in place in those schools for P4-7 prior to Lochside Academy opening in August 2018 and to report back to the appropriate Committee on the need for additional road safety programmes in the associated group primaries thereafter;*

- 3.2 With regards to the first Committee instruction above, officers have arranged to run a series of briefing sessions in May, June and July 2018, to provide updates on progress with implementing previous Committee decisions with regards to transport arrangements and road safety measures for pupils' travel to Lochside Academy. Representatives from the parent councils of Torry Academy, Kincorth Academy, and all six associated primary schools have been invited to these briefing sessions, along with representatives from the community councils of Torry, Kincorth and Cove, and all local elected members.
- 3.3 The first briefing session took place on 3 May 2018 and focused in detail on the pupil transport arrangements which are being put in place, and the physical improvements to roads and pavements which are being introduced to improve road safety.
- 3.4 The two subsequent briefing sessions in June and July will provide stakeholders with updates on progress with implementing these changes, and officers have invited colleagues from Police Scotland to attend the meeting in June, so that the concerns regarding speeding in the vicinity of the new school can be discussed.
- 3.5 As instructed by the Education and Children's Services Committee, officers will report back to members on the outcomes of that meeting once it has taken place.
- 3.6 With regards to the second Committee instruction, to ensure that road safety programmes are in place, a very successful safe travel event for all P7 pupils in all of the Associated Primary Schools took place at the Beach Ballroom on 13th March, 2018. Police Scotland were in attendance and the officer spoke to pupils about staying safe on the road.
- 3.7 Arrangements will be made for children currently in P4 to P6 to attend similar events over the course of the next academic session, as they move towards their transfer to secondary school at the end of P7.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

	Risk	Low (L), Medium (M), High (H)	Mitigation
Customer	Road safety concerns could lead to pupils being injured on their journeys to and from school	M	The agreed implementation of additional road safety measures, the delivery of road safety programmes for pupils and meetings to discuss road safety and speeding concerns are intended to help minimise this risk
Reputational	The perception amongst the local communities that the Council has not provided updates on its plans to address road safety concerns, could lead to reputational damage for the Council	M	The planned briefing sessions for parent council and community council members are intended to provide stakeholders with the relevant updates and therefore reduce this risk.

7. OUTCOMES

Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes	
	Impact of Report
Prosperous People	Children are our future : Safe and responsible – the activities described in this report are intended to help ensure children remain safe on their journeys to and from school.
Prosperous Place	People friendly city – The road safety measures which are to be implemented in the vicinity of the school will benefit the community as a whole, contributing to the desire to create a more people-

	friendly city.
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Design Principles of Target Operating Model	
	Impact of Report
Partnerships and Alliances	The briefings and updates for community members which are described in this report, contribute to the principle of fostering successful and meaningful engagement with local communities.

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment	Not required
Privacy Impact Assessment	Not required
Duty of Due Regard / Fairer Scotland Duty	Not applicable

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Education and Children's Services Committee, 16 November 2017: *Subsidised Transport and Safe Walking Routes to Lochside Academy – ECS/17/060*

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