

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Education and Children's Services
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REPORT TITLE	Naming of the New School Building in Torry
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	1.1.1

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform committee of the outcome of the consultation process for the new school building in Torry and to seek formal endorsement of the new name.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee -

- 2.1 Note the outcome of the consultation process and formally endorse the name of the new school as Greyhope School, to take effect immediately in preparation for the opening of the new school building, anticipated to be in Autumn 2023.

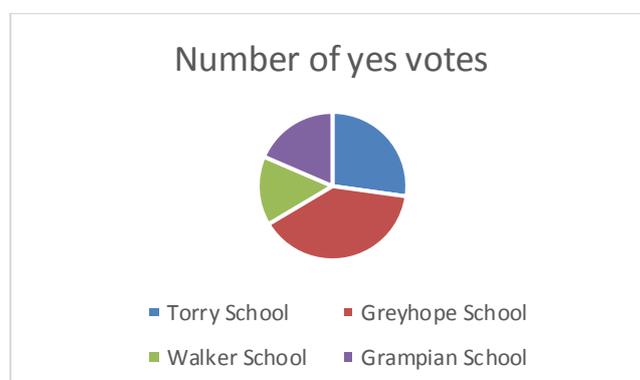
3. CURRENT SITUATION

Background

- 3.1 On 21 March 2023 the Education and Children's Services Committee approved the relocation of Walker Road School to a new school building at Tullos Circle in Torry, Aberdeen with effect from 21 August 2023, or as soon as possible thereafter.
- 3.2 The consultation proposal document indicated that if the proposed move went ahead, the name of the school was likely to need to be reviewed, given that the school would no longer be located at Walker Road. Retaining the Walker Road name may cause some confusion in the future for anyone who is trying to find the school for the first time, including emergency services.

Consultation

- 3.3 Consultation with parents, staff and pupils resulted in a short-list of possible names based on research on the names of local geographical features and place names. The 4 short listed names were:
- Torry School
 - Greyhope School
 - Walker School
 - Grampian School
- 3.4 Consultation was carried out through the Consultation HUB on the Aberdeen City Council website to ensure the widest possible audience. The consultation ran from 3 April to 20 April 2023.
- 3.5 A link to the form on the Consultation HUB was sent out to all parents/carers of Walker Road School on 3rd April and shared through Community links, the local library and other partners the school engages with on a regular basis. Hard copies of the survey were available at Torry library.
- 3.6 The consultation was shared widely using the Education Service and Council's social media platforms.
- 3.7 The head teacher sent out a reminder to all parents and community partners on 17 April 2023 encouraging them to cast their vote by 20 April. Hard copies of the consultation were made available in the school for those who wished to cast their vote in this way.
- 3.8 The head teacher ensured that all pupils in school and the Early Learning and Childcare provision were supported and encouraged to participate in the consultation process and to cast their vote. This included assemblies, classroom discussions, providing access to the online voting form and hard copies in school.
- 3.9 There were a total of 579 responses with a 45.77% yes vote for the name to be Greyhope School.



- 3.10 Based on the outcome of the consultation it is recommended that the name of the new school in Torry is Greyhope School.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report other than the requirement for officer time to implement the required arrangements.
- 4.2 The change of school building and name of school will be notified to the Scottish Government and may require the creation of a new Scottish Exchange of Educational Data Code (SEED) identification code which will be supported through existing Service budgets.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.
- 5.2 The change of school building and name of school will be notified to the Scottish Government.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

7. RISK

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H) *taking into account controls/control actions	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
Strategic Risk	No significant risks identified			
Compliance	No significant risks identified			
Operational	Staff, pupils and the wider school community not fully engaged with the	Consultation on the name of the new school building shared as widely as possible and engagement actively promoted by the head teacher.	Low	Yes

	naming process.			
Financial	No significant risks identified			
Reputational	Staff, pupils and the wider school community not fully engaged with the naming process.	Consultation on the name of the new school building shared as widely as possible and engagement actively promoted by the head teacher.	Low	Yes
Environment / Climate	No significant risks identified			

8. OUTCOMES

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN 2022-2023</u>	
Impact of Report	
Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement	The proposals within this report support the delivery of the following aspects of the policy statement:-
<u>Working in Partnership for Aberdeen</u>	Child friendly city where all decisions which impact on children and young people are informed by them.
<u>Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2016-26</u>	
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	<p>The proposal within this report supports the delivery of Children & Young People Stretch Outcome 8 in the LOIP.</p> <p>The paper seeks approval for the name for the new school building in Torry which was identified following a full consultation with all stakeholders.</p> <p>The consultation process ensured that children and young people received accessible information and opportunities to engage and participate in the decision making about the name of the new school building.</p> <p>The new school shares the site with a new multi-agency Family Hub Service available to all families where a wide range of supports/activities will be</p>

	<p>available, or signposted which will support a large number of the improvement projects within the LOIP. These include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase uptake of parenting and family support by 10% by 2022. • Increase by 80% the use of digital wellbeing resources for children and young people’s mental health and wellbeing by 2022 • Increase the number of care experienced young people by 10% receiving multiagency throughcare/aftercare support by 2023. • Increase number of young people who need support in relation to trauma and bereavement having access to such support by 50% by 2023
<p>Regional and City Strategies <u>City Strategies and Strategic Plans</u> Children’s Services Plan</p>	

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	Integrated Impact Assessment Stage 1 attached
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required
Other	None

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 CONSULTATION REPORT Proposed Relocation of Walker Road School
Education and Children’s Services Committee, 21 March 2023

11. APPENDICES

11.1 none

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