

## Appendix A

# Aberdeen City Council School Estate Plan

## Annual Update September 2024

### 1. Introduction

Aberdeen City Council's School Estate Plan, approved by the former Education Operational Delivery Committee in September 2022, included an instruction to officers "*to present an annual update to the School Estate Plan to the Education and Children's Services Committee, commencing from September 2023, to report on progress with the agreed actions and to update these as appropriate*".

This annual update report therefore provides information on progress to date with the actions and instructions which were agreed within the School Estate Plan, and provides further recommendations as appropriate, to help ensure that Aberdeen City's school estate can continue to be developed and improved, in line with the principles of the School Estate Plan.

The full School Estate Plan, approved in September 2022, can be accessed [here](#).

This report provides updates to the following key elements which form part of the School Estate Plan:

- The **Action Plan** which sets out the proposed practical actions and decisions which need to be taken to address the identified priorities for individual assets and areas of the city;
- The **Implementation Plan** which provides detail on the anticipated timescales for carrying out the actions identified within the Action Plan.

## 2. Updated Action Plan

### Update On Existing Projects

- The updated action plan below includes a summary of the projects identified within the School Estate Plan, and provides information on the current status of any previous Committee instructions which are associated with these. It also includes any revised or new recommendations on further priorities and actions which need to be taken to continue developing the school estate. Projects which were reported in last year's annual update as completed, have been removed from the Action Plan.

Area / ASG / School	SEP Priority	SEP Objective	Previous Committee Decisions	Current Status	Update
City-wide Strategic Priorities	A1: There is a requirement to reduce carbon emissions from the school estate	Net zero carbon emissions through the Council's assets and operations by 2045	08/09/22: Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to adopt an approach which favours the improvement and repurposing of existing assets, over the construction of new school buildings, where this is appropriate, and to ensure that where new school buildings are required, these are designed from the outset, to comply with the low carbon criteria set out within the Learning Estate Investment Programme (LEIP), and where appropriate, with the Net Zero Public Sector Buildings Standard. <b>(Recommendation A1)</b>	On Track (Ongoing)	Feasibility studies carried out in the past year have focused on improving and repurposing existing assets. The specification and brief for our new school buildings has been updated to reflect LEIP criteria. The planned new Hazlehead Academy building will comply with LEIP criteria.
	A2: We need an efficient estate, with over-provision and under-provision of school places kept to a minimum	All new primary schools to be constructed with a minimum pupil capacity of 434, and all new secondary schools to be constructed with a minimum pupil capacity of 1000	08/09/22: Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to ensure that all new primary schools are designed with a minimum pupil capacity of 434, and all new secondary schools are designed with a minimum pupil capacity of 1000, in order to support high quality learning and teaching. <b>(Recommendation A2)</b>	On Track (Ongoing)	Plans for new schools continue to be based on these minimum capacity requirements.

	<p><b>A3:</b> Some existing schools are operating significantly under capacity, and are forecast to remain under capacity, due to population changes over time</p>	<p>Future capacity of all operational schools to be managed, with a target to maintain occupancy levels at a minimum of 80% of available capacity, to ensure the efficiency and sustainability of the school estate</p>	<p>08/09/22: Notes that potential changes in pupil population across the city are likely to require a reduction in the number of operational schools over the next 10 years, and that within this and future editions of the School Estate Plan, officers will bring forward specific options and recommendations for making changes to the school estate to ensure optimum efficiency and sustainability of the estate as a whole. <b>(Recommendation A3)</b></p>	<p>On Track (Ongoing)</p>	<p>Work undertaken to date within the School Estate Plan, and any future recommendations will continue to be focused on maintaining school occupancy levels at 80% to 95% where possible</p>
	<p><b>A4:</b> Where there is spare capacity within schools, in the short to medium term this may be better utilised by other appropriate services</p>	<p>Short to medium term spare capacity within schools to be used flexibly and creatively to ensure efficiency and sustainability of the estate, where appropriate to do so</p>	<p>08/09/22: Notes that where appropriate, officers will seek opportunities to make use of available capacity within schools for other purposes, including the delivery of additional services, in order to make efficient use of available space within the estate which also benefits local communities. <b>(Recommendation A4)</b></p>	<p>On Track (Ongoing)</p>	<p>Officers will continue to consider options for repurposing spaces for other uses where this is appropriate.</p>
	<p><b>A5:</b> the Council has made a commitment through the Schools Accessibility Plan, to improve signage in schools</p>	<p>Augmentative and alternative signage to be provided in all schools where required</p>	<p>08/09/22: Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to carry out a review of signage in all schools and upgrade / replace signage where required to improve accessibility for all users and agrees to refer this to the budget process. <b>(Recommendation A5)</b></p>	<p>Delayed (In Progress)</p>	<p>A set of minimum standards for school signage has been drafted based on advice from a specialist consultant. This has been shared with schools and requirements for individual buildings to enable them to meet the minimum standard are now being collated. New signage will then be procured and installed on a priority basis, from October 2024 onwards.</p>

		A6: Plans for the school estate need to be continually reviewed using the latest available data	The School Estate Plan to be updated regularly based on the latest available school roll forecast and other key data	08/09/22: Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to present a delivery plan for implementing the agreed actions in this report to the next meeting of the Education and Children’s Services Committee, and thereafter, to present an annual update to the School Estate Plan to the Education and Children’s Services Committee, commencing from September 2023, to report on progress with the agreed actions and to update these as appropriate, in light of the most recently available data. <b>(Recommendation A6)</b>	On Track (In Progress)	This updated Action Plan and the updated Implementation Plan below fulfil the requirement to provide an annual update to the Committee.
<b>City-wide Priorities: Denominational Primary Schools</b>	St Peter’s RC School, St Joseph’s RC School and Holy Family RC School	RC1: Poor suitability and lack of capacity at St Joseph’s RC School, and forecast excess capacity at St Peter’s School and Holy Family School	Ensure sufficient and sustainable long term denominational primary school provision for the city	08/09/22: Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study and stakeholder engagement to identify options for ensuring appropriate and sustainable long term denominational primary school provision for the city to meet forecast demand, and report back to the Education and Children’s Services Committee with recommendations. <b>(Recommendation RC1)</b>	On Track (In Progress)	The feasibility study was completed in Summer 2024. A separate report on this Priority is due to be presented to the Committee in September 2024.
<b>North Area Priorities</b>	Grandhome / Oldmachar / Bridge of Don	NA1: Requirement for secondary school provision for Grandhome / potential over supply of places across Grandhome, Oldmachar and Bridge of Don	Reduce the predicted long term excess secondary school capacity in Grandhome, Oldmachar and Bridge of Don	08/09/22: Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study and stakeholder engagement to identify options for reducing the predicted long term excess secondary school capacity in Grandhome, Oldmachar and Bridge of Don, and report back with an outline business case for consideration by the Education and Children’s Services	<b>Timescale Revised (Not Yet Started)</b>	The feasibility study was scheduled to be carried out in Summer/Autumn 2024. It is recommended that the feasibility study is not progressed at this time, as any new secondary provision is not expected to be required in the short to medium term. Officers

				Committee. <b>(Recommendation NA1)</b>		will continue to monitor numbers and progress with the Grandhome development and will provide further updates to the Committee as appropriate.
	Bucksburn / Dyce	<b>NA2:</b> Forecast long term lack of capacity at Bucksburn Academy / low pupil numbers at Dyce Academy	Ensure sufficient and sustainable long term secondary school provision for Bucksburn and Dyce	<i>08/09/22:</i> Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study and stakeholder engagement to identify options for ensuring appropriate long term secondary school provision for Bucksburn and Dyce, and report back with an outline business case for consideration by the Education and Children’s Services Committee. <b>(Recommendation NA2)</b>	<b>Timescale Revised (In Progress)</b>	The feasibility study was completed in Summer 2024. An outline business case was scheduled to be presented to the Committee in November 2024. To help free up resources to focus on the proposed review of ASN spaces and review of assets in Northfield, the target date for reporting the outline business case has been revised to Summer/Autumn 2025.
<b>Central Area Priorities</b>	Victorian School buildings	<b>CA1:</b> Issues with suitability and capacity of Victorian School buildings	Ensure sufficient school places are available within city centre schools and improve the suitability of Victorian school buildings	<i>08/09/22:</i> Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study and options appraisal to improve the suitability, accessibility and capacity levels of Victorian schools within Aberdeen City, and to report back to the Education and Children’s Services Committee with recommendations and estimated costs. <b>(Recommendation CA1)</b>	<b>On Track (In Progress)</b>	The Feasibility Study is currently under way, and the findings are due to be presented in an outline business case in January / February 2025.
<b>Bucksburn ASG Priorities</b>	Bucksburn Academy	<b>B1:</b> Requirement to increase capacity at Bucksburn Academy in the medium term	Ensure sufficient capacity at Bucksburn Academy in the medium term	<i>08/09/22:</i> Notes that officers have completed a feasibility study on the proposed permanent extension to Bucksburn Academy, and instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to report back	<b>On Track (In Progress)</b>	Design work for the new extension is continuing, and a full business case is targeted for being presented for

				to the Finance and Resources Committee with an outline business case for consideration. <b>(Recommendation B1)</b>		committee approval in Spring 2025
	Brimmond School	<b>B2:</b> Additional primary school provision likely to be required for Bucksburn / Newhills	Ensure sufficient primary school places will be available to serve the new communities in Bucksburn / Newhills	<p>08/09/22: Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to engage with developers to track progress with the Bucksburn / Newhills developments, in order to determine options and appropriate timing for new primary school provision to serve the new housing developments, and to report back to the City Growth &amp; Resources Committee with an outline business case. <b>(Recommendation B2)</b></p> <p>04/07/23: to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to carry out a statutory public consultation on the proposal to establish a new primary school at Bucksburn/Newhills, and on proposed changes to the existing school catchment area for Brimmond School, to create a new catchment area which would be served by the proposed new school.</p>	On Track (In Progress)	It was reported to the Committee in February 2024 that there was no immediate requirement to start work on constructing a new school to serve the Newhills development area. Officers are continuing to monitor progress with the development and its impact on pupil numbers at Brimmond School, and will bring forward plans for a consultation on the new primary school provision at the appropriate time.
Oldmachar ASG Priorities	New Grandhome primary provision	<b>O1:</b> New primary school provision may be required to meet forecast demand from new Grandhome community	Ensure sufficient and sustainable primary school places will be available to serve the new Grandhome community	08/09/22: Notes that officers are currently engaging with developers to track progress with the Grandhome development, to determine any requirements for new primary school provision and to relieve forecast pressure on pupil numbers at Forehill School. <b>(Recommendation O1)</b>	On Track (Ongoing)	Officers are continuing to monitor progress with the Grandhome development and will bring forward plans for new primary school provision as and when required.
	Greenbrae School	<b>O4:</b> Dual zone issue with Balmedie School in	Remove dual zone issue with Balmedie School	12/09/23: Instructs the Chief Officer (Corporate Landlord) to carry out a public consultation on	Complete	A consultation was carried out in Spring 2024, after which the

		Aberdeenshire, which creates ambiguity		<p>a proposal to alter the school catchment area for Greenbrae School, so that it aligns with the city boundary. (<b>Recommendation O4</b>)</p> <p><i>02/07/24:</i> Agrees to implement changes to the catchment areas for Greenbrae School and Scotstown School, ...with effect from 1 August 2024</p>		Committee agreed to implement the proposed changes to the catchment area from August 2024.
	Danestone School / Glashieburn School / Middleton Park School	<b>O3:</b> Forecast combined over-provision of pupil places at Danestone School, Glashieburn School and Middleton Park School	Reduce predicted excess capacity in primary schools in the Oldmachar ASG	<p><i>08/09/22:</i> Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study and stakeholder engagement to identify options for reducing the number of primary schools in the Oldmachar ASG, in order to minimise potential excess pupil capacity, and to report back to the Education and Children’s Services Committee as appropriate. (<b>Recommendation O3</b>)</p> <p><i>12/09/23:</i> Instructs the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to carry out further work to identify potential future options for improving and consolidating primary school provision in the Oldmachar ASG, alongside the planned work to review secondary school provision in this area of the city, and to report back to the Committee with recommendations and next steps as appropriate.</p>	<b>Timescale Revised (In Progress)</b>	The Committee agreed in September 2023 to instruct officers to consider options for the primary schools alongside Priority NA1, which will assess future secondary school requirements for Oldmachar, Bridge of Don and Grandhome. As noted for Priority NA1 above, it is recommended that this work is paused, to help free up resources to focus on the proposed review of ASN spaces and review of assets in Northfield. Officers will continue to monitor pupil numbers and provide further updates to the Committee as appropriate.
<b>Bridge of Don ASG Priorities</b>	Scotstown School / Braehead School	<b>BD1:</b> Short term excess capacity at Scotstown School and lack of capacity at Braehead School	Ensure appropriate balance of provision across Scotstown School and Braehead School	<i>08/09/22:</i> Notes that officers will continue to monitor forecast rolls at Braehead School and Scotstown School, and that any required actions will be reported in future updates to the School	<b>On Track (Ongoing)</b>	Officers have assessed that no further action is required at this time, however they will continue to monitor pupil numbers at these



				Estate Plan. <b>(Recommendation BD1)</b>		schools and report back to Committee with recommendations in future as required.
	Scotstown School	<b>BD2:</b> Dual zone issue with Balmedie School in Aberdeenshire, which creates ambiguity	Remove dual zone issue with Balmedie School	<p>12/09/23: Instructs the Chief Officer (Corporate Landlord) to carry out a public consultation on a proposal to alter the school catchment area for Scotstown School, so that it aligns with the city boundary. <b>(Recommendation BD2)</b></p> <p>02/07/24: Agrees to implement changes to the catchment areas for Greenbrae School and Scotstown School, ...with effect from 1 August 2024</p>	Complete	A consultation was carried out in Spring 2024, after which the Committee agreed to implement the proposed changes to the catchment area from August 2024.
St Machar ASG Priorities	Riverbank School	<b>S1:</b> New school building at Tillydrone under way to replace Riverbank School, which will provide additional pupil capacity which is no longer required by Riverbank School.	Consider options to avoid potential excess capacity at the new school	08/09/22: Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to carry out an options appraisal on potential uses of the additional capacity to be provided by the new school at Tillydrone, and to report back to the Education and Children’s Services Committee with recommendations as appropriate. <b>(Recommendation S1)</b>	On Track (In progress)	Officers are currently assessing the options for future use of available space at the new Riverbank School building, and are due to report back to the Committee with recommendations in November 2024.
	Sunnybank School	<b>S2:</b> Forecast lack of capacity at Sunnybank School	Ensure sufficient capacity is available at Sunnybank School for rising pupil numbers	08/09/22: Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to consider the options for relocating other services accommodated within the Sunnybank School building, and to report back to the Education and Children’s Services Committee with recommendations. <b>(Recommendation S2)</b>	On Hold (Not Yet Started)	Latest pupil roll figures indicate that there is currently no significant pressure on classroom space at Sunnybank School, so to avoid unnecessary disruption, the proposal to relocate services has not been progressed. Officers will continue to monitor pupil numbers and provide updates to the Committee as required.



	St Machar Academy	<b>S3:</b> Requirement for investment in outdoor space at St Machar Academy	Ensure there is sufficient and good quality outdoor space available at St Machar Academy	<i>08/09/22:</i> Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study to consider the options for the removal of unused modular classroom buildings at St Machar Academy, and for carrying out general improvements to the outdoor space at the school, and to present a costed outline business case to the Finance and Resources Committee for consideration. <b>(Recommendation S3)</b>	On Track (In Progress)	The feasibility study was completed and an outline business case was approved by Committee in May 2024. Work has started on site to remove the unused modular buildings and to make way for the planned outdoor space improvements.
Northfield ASG Priorities	Westpark School and Heathryburn School	<b>N1:</b> Forecast lack of capacity at Heathryburn School and over-provision of places at Westpark School in the short to medium term	Ensure appropriate balance of provision across Westpark School and Heathryburn School in the short to medium term and in the longer term to accommodate pupils generated by the planned Greenferns development	<i>08/09/22:</i> Notes that officers will continue to monitor pupil numbers at Westpark School and Heathryburn School, considering the likely long term impact of the planned new Greenferns development, and that recommendations as required will be included in future updates to the School Estate Plan. <b>(Recommendation N1)</b>	On Track (Ongoing)	Latest forecast data indicates that the pressure on space at Heathryburn School has reduced, so no further action is required at this time. However officers will continue to monitor pupil numbers at the school and report back to Committee with recommendations in future as required.
	All Northfield primary schools	<b>N2:</b> Forecast combined over-provision of pupil places at primary schools in Northfield	Reduce predicted excess capacity in primary schools in Northfield ASG	<i>08/09/22:</i> Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study and stakeholder engagement to identify options for reducing the number of primary schools in the Northfield ASG, in order to minimise excess pupil capacity, and to report back to the Education and Children’s Services Committee with recommendations as appropriate. <b>(Recommendation N2)</b>	On Track (In Progress)	As detailed below, a new priority (N3) has been identified with a recommendation for officers to undertake a wider review of the schools and other public buildings in Northfield, which will address the issues covered by this priority. To avoid any confusion or duplication, this priority has been removed from the

						timeline below and combined with Priority N3.
<b>Hazlehead ASG Priorities</b>	Hazlehead Academy / Countesswells secondary provision	<b>HH1:</b> Concerns about condition and suitability of Hazlehead Academy building / requirement for new secondary school provision to serve Countesswells	Improve the condition and suitability of the Hazlehead Academy building and ensure there is sufficient secondary school provision to serve Hazlehead and Countesswells	<p>08/09/22: Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to assess the feasibility of creating new secondary school provision to serve the communities of Hazlehead and Countesswells, to put this forward to the Scottish Government as a priority project for funding in Phase 3 of the Learning Estate Investment Programme, and to report back to the Education and Children’s Services Committee with an update on the outcomes of the funding bid and recommendations on next steps. (<b>Recommendation HH1</b>)</p> <p>02/07/24: Notes the decision of Council on 13 December 2023, to construct a new 1600 pupil campus on the current Hazlehead Academy playing fields to provide secondary school provision for the Hazlehead and Countesswells Associated School Groups; and:</p> <p>Agrees to implement changes to the existing Countesswells and Hazlehead secondary school catchment areas, ...to create a new catchment area which will be served by the new Hazlehead Academy, with effect from 1 August 2027;</p>	On Track (In Progress)	Council agreed in December 2023 to proceed with the construction of the planned new school building at Hazlehead, and the Committee agreed in July 2024 to implement changes to the catchment area for Hazlehead Academy, to include the communities of Countesswells and Kingswells, with effect from August 2027. Design work for the planned new school building at Hazlehead is currently in progress.
	Countesswells School	<b>HH2:</b> Additional pupil capacity may be required in the future to accommodate pupils from the new	Ensure there is sufficient school capacity available to accommodate future pupil numbers likely to	<p>08/09/22: Notes that officers will continue to monitor the situation with the housing development at Countesswells and will bring forward recommendations as</p>		On Track (Ongoing)

		Countesswells development.	be generated by the Countesswells development	appropriate regarding requirements for additional primary school capacity to serve the development, in future annual updates to the School Estate Plan <b>(Recommendation HH2)</b>		pupil numbers at the school and report back to Committee with recommendations in future as required.
	Hazlehead School	<b>HH3:</b> Possible increase in pupil numbers which may result in Hazlehead School exceeding its available pupil capacity	Ensure there will be sufficient capacity at Hazlehead School to accommodate pupil numbers	08/09/22: Notes that officers will continue to monitor pupil numbers at Hazlehead School and will include any required recommendations for action in future updates to the School Estate Plan. <b>(Recommendation HH3)</b>	On Track (Ongoing)	Officers have assessed that no further action is required at this time, however they will continue to monitor pupil numbers at the school and report back to Committee with recommendations in future as required.
Aberdeen Grammar ASG Priorities	Aberdeen Grammar School	<b>AG1:</b> Possible further additional capacity requirements at Aberdeen Grammar School	Ensure there will be sufficient capacity at Aberdeen Grammar School to accommodate pupil numbers	08/09/22: Notes that officers will continue to monitor pupil numbers at Aberdeen Grammar School and will include any required recommendations for action in future updates to the School Estate Plan. <b>(Recommendation AG1)</b>	On Track (Ongoing)	Funding has been included within the Capital Programme to assist with creating additional space for learning and teaching to accommodate rising pupil numbers at the school. This work will be taken forwards over the next year.
	Mile End School	<b>AG2:</b> Pupil numbers at Mile End School are over the school's stated capacity and are likely to rise again from August 2022.	Ensure there is sufficient capacity at Mile End School to accommodate pupil numbers	08/09/22: Notes that officers will continue to monitor pupil numbers at Mile End School, and include any required recommendations in future annual updates to the School Estate Plan. <b>(Recommendation AG2)</b>	On Track (Ongoing)	Latest forecast data indicates that the pressure on space at Mile End School has reduced, so no further action is required at this time. However officers will continue to monitor pupil numbers at the school and report back to Committee with recommendations in future as required.
Harlaw ASG Priorities		<b>H2:</b> Harlaw Academy is expected to exceed its capacity, and the age	Identify costed options for future improvements to the	08/09/22: Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a	On Track (In Progress)	The feasibility study was completed and an outline business case

		and layout of the building present challenges for effective curriculum delivery	suitability of the Harlaw Academy building and to ensure the school will have sufficient capacity to accommodate future pupil numbers	feasibility study to identify potential future options for improving the condition and suitability of the Harlaw Academy building, and to report back to the Education and Children's Services Committee with recommendations and costs. <b>(Recommendation H2)</b>		was approved by Committee in May 2024. Design work for the planned improvements at the school is currently in progress.
	Ferryhill School	<b>H3:</b> Insufficient dining space and issues with building layout creates difficulties for ELC provision, flow of pupils and supervision of children	Ensure there is sufficient dining capacity, appropriate ELC facilities, and that the layout of the building is suitable	<i>08/09/22:</i> Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study to identify potential options for improving the dining capacity, layout and ELC facilities at Ferryhill School, and to report back to the Education and Children's Services Committee with recommendations and costs. <b>(Recommendation H3)</b>	On Track (In Progress)	The feasibility study was completed and an outline business case was approved by Committee in May 2024. Design work for the planned improvements at the school is currently under way.
<b>Cults ASG Priorities</b>	Cults Academy	<b>C1:</b> Possible further additional capacity requirements at Cults Academy	Ensure there will be sufficient capacity at Cults Academy to accommodate pupil numbers	<i>08/09/22:</i> Notes that officers will continue to monitor pupil numbers at Cults Academy, and include any required recommendations in future annual updates to the School Estate Plan. <b>(Recommendation C1)</b>	On Track (Ongoing)	Opportunities for reconfiguring spaces within the school to provide additional capacity for learning and teaching have been identified, and plans are being progressed by officers, with a view to these being funded by developer contributions which have been received by the Council. Officers will continue to monitor pupil numbers at the school and will bring forward recommendations for further action as and when required

	Culter School	<b>C2:</b> Forecast over-provision of places at Culter School	Ensure sufficient and sustainable primary school provision for the Peterculter community	<i>08/09/22:</i> Notes that officers will monitor pupil numbers and use of space at Culter School, and consider options for alternative use of any available space, with any recommendations to be included in future updates to the School Estate Plan as appropriate. <b>(Recommendation C2)</b>	On Track (Ongoing)	Officers have assessed that no further action is required at this time, however they will continue to assess opportunities for making use of any excess space at the school and will report back to Committee with recommendations in future as required.
<b>Lochside ASG Priorities</b>	Loirston Loch	<b>L1:</b> New primary school places required to serve new housing at Loirston Loch	Ensure sufficient and sustainable primary school places are available to serve the new Loirston Loch development	<i>08/09/22:</i> Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study and stakeholder engagement to identify options for creating the required additional school capacity to serve the planned Loirston Loch development, and report back to the Education and Children’s Services Committee with recommendations as appropriate. <b>(Recommendation L1)</b>	On Hold (Not Yet Started)	It was reported to the Committee in February 2024 that there has been limited progress with the Loirston Loch development to date, which means any required additional school capacity is not likely to be required for some time. Officers will continue to monitor progress with the proposed new development to determine when would be the optimum time to commence the feasibility study.

## New Priorities and Recommendations – September 2024

### Facilities to support pupils with Additional Support Needs

At its meeting in April 2024, the Committee instructed the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to: “include in the annual School Estate Plan update a workstream to evaluate the physical ASN provision in individual settings and include a timescale within the plan on when recommendations on potential space for future ASN purposes could be brought forward”.

### Review of Northfield Academy and Northfield Primary Schools

To fulfil the Committee’s instructions relating to the future of Northfield Academy and each of the primary schools in the Northfield ASG, officers have recommended that a wider review of all public buildings within the Northfield area should be undertaken, to identify opportunities for consolidating buildings and improving the range of Council services available to this community.

It is therefore recommended that the following two new priorities are added to the School Estate Action Plan:

Area / ASG / School	Issue	Objective	Proposed Action	Resource Requirement	Priority	
	<i>Where are we now?</i>	<i>Where do we want to be?</i>	<i>How do we get there? It is recommended that the Committee:</i>	<i>What additional resource is needed to carry out the proposed action?</i>	<i>How soon does the Objective need to be fully realised?</i>	
<b>City-wide Strategic Priorities</b>	<b>A7:</b> There is a requirement to evaluate the provision of physical spaces in our schools which support pupils with additional support needs	Consider options for improving the provision and suitability of spaces in schools for supporting pupils with additional support needs	Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to carry out a review of spaces currently available within schools for supporting pupils with additional support needs, and in consultation with the Chief Officer – Education and Lifelong Learning, to report back to the Committee with recommendations for improving such spaces where this is required.	No additional resource required (if lower priority projects are placed on hold as detailed above)	Short Term (1-2 years)	
<b>Northfield ASG Priorities</b>	<b>Northfield Academy and Northfield ASG Primary Schools</b>	<b>N3:</b> There is a presence of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) within the Northfield Academy building, and a forecast combined over-provision of pupil places at primary schools in the Northfield ASG	Provide a solution to address the presence of RAAC within the Northfield Academy building, and reduce predicted excess capacity in primary schools in the Northfield ASG	Agrees the intended scope of the proposed asset review in Northfield to include all public assets and instruct the Chief Officer Corporate Landlord to proceed with this review and to commence engagement with all partners working in the wider Northfield area	No additional resource required (if lower priority projects are placed on hold as detailed above). Costs of feasibility study to be met from existing budgets.	Short Term (1-2 years)

The proposed timescales for bringing forward recommendations for future action on these new priorities are included within the updated implementation plan in Section 3 below.



### 3. Updated Implementation Plan

Tasks marked with a \* are subject to further Committee approvals, and are dependent on the outcomes of the preceding tasks - they are presented here to give an indication of the likely programme and timescales if they are required, and should the necessary approvals be granted .

Recommendation / Key Tasks & Milestones	Current Status	Updated Indicative Timescale
<b><u>Projects Completed in the Last Year</u></b>		
<b>O4 / BD2 – Changes to catchment areas for Greenbrae School and Scotstown School</b>	<b>Complete</b>	
<i>Statutory Consultation</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>ECS Committee Meeting - approval of recommendations (date TBC)</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Implement Decisions</i>	<i>Complete</i>	

<b><u>Projects In Progress</u></b>		
<b>HH1 - Hazlehead / Countesswells Secondary Provision - Outline Business Case (OBC)</b>	<b>On Track (In Progress)</b>	
<i>Develop and submit LEIP funding application</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<b><i>Deadline for LEIP application</i></b>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Feasibility Study, Accessibility Assessment &amp; Stakeholder Engagement</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Develop OBC</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<b><i>F&amp;R Committee Meeting - approval of OBC</i></b>	<i>Complete</i>	
<b><i>ECS Committee Meeting - approval of OBC &amp; consultation proposal</i></b>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Statutory Consultation*</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Full Business Case* - Contract Close</i>		<i>2024-2025</i>
<b><i>*Implement decisions</i></b>		<i>Winter 2027</i>
<b>A5 - Review signage in all schools</b>	<b>Delayed (In Progress)</b>	

<i>Research / project scoping</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Survey schools</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Implement Changes</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>Autumn 24</i>
<b>B2 - Bucksburn / Newhills additional primary provision - Outline Business Case (OBC)</b>	<b>On Track (In Progress)</b>	
<i>Planning &amp; Preparation</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Feasibility Study &amp; Stakeholder Engagement</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Develop OBC</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<b><i>F&amp;R Committee Meeting - approval of OBC</i></b>	<i>Complete</i>	
<b><i>ECS Committee Meeting - approval of OBC &amp; consultation proposal</i></b>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Statutory Consultation</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>ECS Committee Meeting – consider consultation feedback &amp; confirm decision on implementing proposals</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Full Business Case* - develop and obtain approval for project to proceed</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Funding approval* - Council budget meeting</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Implement Decisions*</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<b>NA2 - Bucksburn &amp; Dyce Secondary Provision - Outline Business Case (OBC)</b>	<b>Timescale Revised (In Progress)</b>	<b>Winter 23/24 - Autumn 24</b>
<i>Planning &amp; Preparation</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Feasibility Study, Accessibility Assessment &amp; Stakeholder Engagement</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Develop OBC</i>		<i>Spring/Summer 2025</i>
<b><i>ECS Committee Meeting - approval of OBC &amp; consultation proposal (date TBC)</i></b>		<b><i>July 2025</i></b>
<b><i>F&amp;R Committee Meeting - approval of OBC (date TBC)</i></b>		<b><i>August 2025</i></b>
<i>Statutory Consultation*</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Full Business Case* - develop and obtain approval for project to proceed</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Funding approval* - Council budget meeting</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Implement Decisions*</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<b>B1 - Bucksburn Academy Extension - Outline Business Case (OBC)</b>	<b>On Track (In Progress)</b>	

<i>Update and finalise OBC</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Capital Funding Allocated at Council Budget Meeting</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Full Business Case* - develop and obtain approval for project to proceed</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>2024-2025</i>
<b><i>F&amp;R Committee Meeting - approval of Full Business Case</i></b>		<b><i>Spring 2025</i></b>
<i>Final Funding approval* - Council budget meeting</i>		<b><i>March 2025</i></b>
<i>Implement Decisions*</i>		<i>Spring 2027</i>
<b>CA1 - Victorian School Building Improvements - Outline Business Case (OBC)</b>	<b>On Track (In Progress)</b>	<b>Winter 22/23 - Spring 24</b>
<i>Planning &amp; Preparation / Analysis &amp; Research</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Feasibility Study &amp; Accessibility Assessments</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>Autumn/Winter 23/24</i>
<i>Develop OBC</i>		<i>Winter/Spring 24</i>
<b><i>F&amp;R Committee Meeting - approval of OBC (date TBC)</i></b>		<b><i>Winter 24/25</i></b>
<i>Full Business Case* - develop and obtain approval for project to proceed</i>		<i>2025-2026</i>
<i>Final Funding approval* - Council budget meeting</i>		<b><i>March 2026</i></b>
<i>Implement Decisions*</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<b>H2 - Harlaw Academy Condition &amp; Suitability Improvements - Outline Business Case (OBC)</b>	<b>On Track (In Progress)</b>	
<i>Planning &amp; Preparation</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Feasibility Study &amp; Accessibility Assessment</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Develop OBC</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<b><i>F&amp;R Committee Meeting - approval of OBC</i></b>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Full Business Case* - develop and obtain approval for project to proceed</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>2024-2025</i>
<i>Funding approval* - Council budget meeting</i>		<i>March 2025</i>
<i>Implement Decisions*</i>		<i>Autumn 2026</i>
<b>S3 - St Machar Academy Outdoor Space Improvements - Outline Business Case (OBC)</b>	<b>On Track (In Progress)</b>	
<i>Planning &amp; Preparation</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Feasibility Study &amp; Accessibility Assessment</i>	<i>Complete</i>	

<i>Develop OBC</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<b><i>F&amp;R Committee Meeting - approval of OBC</i></b>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Implement Decisions*</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>Autumn 2025</i>
<b>H3 - Ferryhill School Suitability Improvements - Outline Business Case (OBC)</b>	<b>On Track (In Progress)</b>	
<i>Planning &amp; Preparation</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Feasibility Study &amp; Accessibility Assessment</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Develop OBC</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<b><i>F&amp;R Committee Meeting - approval of OBC</i></b>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Full Business Case* - develop and obtain approval for project to proceed</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>2024-2025</i>
<i>Funding approval* - Council budget meeting</i>		<i>March 2025</i>
<i>Implement Decisions*</i>		<i>Autumn/Winter 2026</i>
<b>RC1 - Denominational Primary Schools Feasibility - Outline Business Case (OBC)</b>	<b>On Track (In Progress)</b>	
<i>Planning &amp; Preparation</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Feasibility Study, Accessibility Assessment &amp; Stakeholder Engagement</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Develop OBC</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>TBC</i>
<b><i>F&amp;R Committee Meeting - approval of OBC</i></b>		<i>TBC</i>
<b><i>ECS Committee Meeting - approval of OBC &amp; consultation proposal</i></b>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Statutory Consultation*</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Full Business Case* - develop and obtain approval for project to proceed</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Funding approval* - Council budget meeting</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Implement Decisions*</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<b>St Peters' RC School Refurbishment</b>	<b>On Track (In Progress)</b>	
<i>Feasibility Study</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Stakeholder Engagement</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<i>Outline Business Case - develop</i>	<i>Complete</i>	
<b><i>ECS Committee Meeting - approval of OBC</i></b>	<i>Complete</i>	
<b><i>F&amp;R Committee Meeting - approval of OBC</i></b>	<i>Complete</i>	

<b>Full Council Meeting - approval of OBC</b>	Complete	
<b>Funding approval* - Council budget meeting</b>	Complete	
<i>Decant of pupils to former Riverbank School building</i>		Summer 2025 – Autumn/Winter 2026
<i>Refurbishment of St Peter's School</i>		Summer 2025 – Autumn / Winter 2026
<i>Pupils return to refurbished St Peter's School</i>		Autumn/Winter 2026
<b>S1 - Riverbank School Excess Capacity - Options Appraisal</b>	<b>On Track (Not Yet Started)</b>	
<i>Options appraisal</i>	<i>In Progress</i>	Summer 2024
<i>ECS Committee Meeting - approval of recommendations (date TBC)</i>		November 2024
<i>Implement Decisions*</i>		TBC

### Projects On Hold

<b>Projects On Hold</b>		
<b>L1 - Loirston Loch Additional Primary Provision - Outline Business Case (OBC)</b>	<b>On Hold (Not Yet Started)</b>	
<i>Planning &amp; Preparation</i>		TBC
<i>Feasibility Study &amp; Stakeholder Engagement</i>		TBC
<i>Develop OBC</i>		TBC
<b>F&amp;R Committee Meeting - approval of OBC (date TBC)</b>		TBC
<b>ECS Committee Meeting - approval of OBC &amp; consultation proposal</b>		TBC
<i>Statutory Consultation*</i>		TBC
<i>Full Business Case* - develop and obtain approval for project to proceed</i>		TBC
<i>Funding approval* - Council budget meeting</i>		TBC
<i>Implement Decisions*</i>		TBC
<b>S2 - Sunnybank School Relocation of Additional Services - Options Appraisal</b>	<b>On Hold (Not Yet Started)</b>	
<i>Planning &amp; Preparation</i>		TBC
<i>Implement Decisions*</i>		TBC

<b>Projects Not Yet Started</b>		
<b>NA1 - Grandhome / Oldmachar / Bridge of Don Secondary Provision AND O3: Oldmachar ASG Primary Schools - Outline Business Case (OBC)</b>	<b>Timescale Revised (Not Yet Started)</b>	
<i>Planning &amp; Preparation</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Feasibility Study, Accessibility Study &amp; Stakeholder Engagement</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Develop OBC</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<b><i>F&amp;R Committee Meeting - approval of OBC (date TBC)</i></b>		<i>TBC</i>
<b><i>ECS Committee Meeting - approval of OBC &amp; consultation proposal (date TBC)</i></b>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Statutory Consultation*</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Full Business Case* - develop and obtain approval for project to proceed</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Funding approval* - Council budget meeting</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<i>Implement Decisions*</i>		<i>TBC</i>

<b>Newly Identified Projects (subject to Committee approval)</b>		
<b>A7 – Review of spaces for Additional Support Needs</b>	<b>Pending Approval</b>	
<i>Planning and Preparation</i>		<i>Autumn 2024</i>
<i>Review of Spaces in Schools</i>		<i>Winter 24 to Spring 25</i>
<b><i>ECS Committee Meeting - approval of recommendations</i></b>		<b><i>July 2025</i></b>
<i>Implement Decisions*</i>		<i>TBC</i>
<b>N3: Northfield Academy, Northfield Primary Schools and Wider Asset Review</b>	<b>Pending Approval</b>	
<i>Planning &amp; Preparation</i>		<i>Autumn 2024</i>
<i>Feasibility Study &amp; Stakeholder Engagement</i>		<i>Winter/Spring 2025</i>
<i>Develop OBC</i>		<i>Spring/Summer 2025</i>
<b><i>ECS Committee Meeting - approval of OBC &amp; consultation proposal</i></b>		<b><i>September 2025</i></b>
<b><i>F&amp;R Committee Meeting - approval of OBC</i></b>		<b><i>November 2025</i></b>
<i>Statutory Consultation</i>		<i>TBC</i>

<b><i>ECS Committee Meeting - approval of recommendations</i></b>		<i>March 2026</i>
<i>Full Business Case* - Develop and obtain approval for project to proceed</i>		<i>2026/27</i>
<b><i>Final Funding approval* - Council budget meeting</i></b>		<i>March 2027</i>
<i>Implement Decisions*</i>		<i>TBC</i>