

EDUCATION, LEARNING AND LEISURE COMMITTEE : 23 MAY 2013

PROPOSED ABERDEENSHIRE PRIMARY SCHOOL CAPACITIES

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 **Adopt the new primary school capacities for all Aberdeenshire primary schools as outlined in Appendix B.**
- 1.2 **Agree to a future up-dated report evaluating the management of capacity within schools.**

2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 This report is part of the Education, Learning and Leisure, School Estate Review (which is a key priority in the EL &L Service Plan 2012/3) approved by EL&L Committee on 7 June 2012.
- 2.2 The revised methodology for assessing Primary School Capacities in Aberdeenshire was approved by the Education Learning and Leisure Committee, 7 February 2013. Instead of the “blanket” approach to calculating primary school capacity, it was agreed that each primary school’s capacity is assessed on its own merits, dependent upon its design, core facilities and the effective delivery of the 21st Century Curriculum.
- 2.3 The EL&L Committee on 21 March, approved the first tranche of schools reassessed under the new methodology.
- 2.4 The assessment of school capacity takes into account only the permanent and linked temporary accommodation. The assessment excludes non-linked accommodation. This was agreed by E&R Committee at its meeting on 26 February 1998 and has been confirmed by the Committee on subsequent occasions when it has considered up-dating reports.
- 2.5 School capacity profiles are collated for each primary school ensuring that all managers are aware of the spaces identified as appropriate classrooms/areas and general purpose spaces. Limitations of the buildings are also specified to assist in identifying areas of enhancement.
- 2.6 Each school capacity is shown as a range. This range correlates which the staffing structure complement according to roll as described in Circular 1029 (See Appendix A). This allows for the configuration of composite classes and the varying class sizes as shown below. The proposed capacities are shown in Appendix B.
 - The maximum size of a composite class is 25
 - A composite class will not be formed with fewer than 4 pupils from one of the stages represented in it
 - Single stage maximum of 25 in P1, 30 in P2 & 3 and 33 in P4 – 7

- 2.7 While the revised capacities in this report and the reports of 21 March, state the preferred capacities for Aberdeenshire Primary schools under the new methodology, these may be altered as and when appropriate to meet changing educational requirements in the future. Further reports will outline policies to support head teachers in managing capacity within schools.
- 2.8 School capacity figures are required to allow the Authority to fulfil its legal obligation for considering placing requests made by parents in respect of their children. These figures are also used by the Planning Service to assist with the process of planning local housing development.
- 2.9 The Head of Finance has been consulted on this report and notes that financial implications may arise.

3. Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

- 3.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because this report is for information only.
- 3.2 There are no significant staffing implications at this stage of the review. However, there may be financial implications because some schools could reach 100% capacity either earlier or later depending on whether the proposed capacity goes up or down.

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**NUMBER OF TEACHERS TO BE EMPLOYED IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS
(IN ACCORDANCE WITH CIRCULAR 1029, AS AMENDED)**

Number of P1-7 Pupils in Attendance	Number of Teachers
1 – 19	1
20 – 47	2
48 – 71	3
72 – 96	4 **
97 – 120	6*
121 – 145	7*
146 – 171	8*
172 – 198	8
199 – 225	9
226 – 252	10
253 – 279	11
280 – 306	12
307 – 333	13
334 – 360	14
361 – 387	15
388 – 415	16
416 – 442	17
443 – 469	18
470 – 496	19
497 – 523	20
524 – 550	21
551 – 577	22
578 – 604	23
605 – 631	24
632 – 658	25

The specified number of teachers includes the Head Teacher and other promoted staff.

* Includes additional teacher to enable Head Teacher to be fully non class committed.

** 5 teacher entitlement where school has nursery

Appendix B

Figures highlighted in red are for Committee approval

Network	School	Current Capacity	Proposed Capacity
Aboyne	Aboyne PS	265	199-225
Aboyne	Ballater	145	121-145
Aboyne	Braemar	47	20-47
Aboyne	<i>Crathie</i>	47	20-47
Aboyne	<i>Finzean</i>	71	48-71
Aboyne	<i>Kincardine O Neil</i>	71	48-69
Aboyne	<i>Logie Coldstone</i>	47	20-47
Aboyne	<i>Lumphanan **</i>	71	72-96
Aboyne	Tarland	145	121-145
Aboyne	Torphins	200	200
Alford	Alford PS	145	145
Alford	Cluny **	96	72-96
Alford	Craigievar	47	20-47
Alford	Dunecht	71	48-71
Alford	<i>Echt *</i>	71	20-47
Alford	<i>Keig</i>	47	20-46
Alford	Lumsden	71	20-47
Alford	Midmar	47	20-47 tbc
Alford	<i>Monymusk*</i>	71	48-71
Alford	<i>Strathdon</i>	47	40-47
Alford	Tough	47	20-47
Alford	Towie	47	20-46
Alford	Tullynessle	47	20-47
Banchory	Banchory PS	600	524-550
Banchory	Crathes	19	19
Banchory	Drumoak	47	20-47
Banchory	Durris	71	48-59
Banchory	Hill of Banchory	325	307-333
Banchory	<i>Strachan*</i>	47	20-47 tbc
Banff	Aberchirder	170	199-225
Banff	Banff PS	415	388-415
Banff	<i>Bracoden</i>	145	121-145
Banff	<i>Fordyce</i>	47	20-47
Banff	Macduff	450	361-387
Banff	Ordiquill	96	72-96
Banff	Portsoy	200	226-252
Banff	Whitehills	145	121-134
Ellon	<i>Ardallie</i>	47	20-42
Ellon	<i>Arnage</i>	71	48-71
Ellon	Auchterellon	450	416-442
Ellon	Balmedie	385	388-415
Ellon	Ellon PS	325	334-345
Ellon	Foveran	47	20-47
Ellon	Hatton (Cruden)	145	121-145
Ellon	Meiklemill	295	280-306
Ellon	Newburgh Mathers	170	146-171

Ellon	Slains	47	20-47
Ellon	Tipperty	47	20-47
Network	School	Current Capacity	Proposed Capacity
Fraserburgh	<i>Crimond</i>	200	172-191
Fraserburgh	Fraserburgh North	200	172-198
Fraserburgh	Fraserburgh South Park	450	524-550
Fraserburgh	<i>Inverallochy</i>	265	119-214
Fraserburgh	Lochpots	265	226-252
Fraserburgh	Rathen	71	48-71
Fraserburgh	Rosehearty	170	172-198
Fraserburgh	Sandhaven	96	72-96
Fraserburgh	St Andrews	415	362
Fraserburgh	<i>St.Combs</i>	96	72-96
Fraserburgh	<i>Tyrie*</i>	71	48-71
Huntly	Cairney	47	20-47
Huntly	<i>Clatt</i>	47	20-47
Huntly	Drumblade	71	20-47
Huntly	Forgue	19	19
Huntly	Gartly	47	20-47
Huntly	<i>Glass</i>	47	20-47
Huntly	Gordon PS	325	307-333
Huntly	Insch	265	199-210
Huntly	Kennethmont	71	20-47
Huntly	Largue	47	19*
Huntly	Premnay	19	19
Huntly	Rhynie	71	48-71
Inverurie	Chapel of Garioch	71	48-71
Inverurie	Hatton of Fintray **	47	20-43
Inverurie	Inverurie Marketplace	200	199-219
Inverurie	Keithhall	47	20-47
Inverurie	Kellands	355	416-442
Inverurie	Newmachar	325	280-306
Inverurie	Oyne	71	48-71
Inverurie	Port Elphinstone	170	146-171
Inverurie	Strathburn	450	416-442
Kemnay	Alehousewells	170	146-171
Kemnay	Kenmay PS	230	226-252
Kemnay	Kinellar	230	253-279
Kemnay	Kintore	415	443-469
Laurencekirk	Auchenblae *	96	72-96
Laurencekirk	Fettercairn	120	72-96
Laurencekirk	Laurencekirk	295	280-306
Laurencekirk	<i>Luthermuir *</i>	96	72-95
Laurencekirk	Marykirk	47	20-47
Laurencekirk	Redmyre	71	48-71
Laurencekirk	St Cyrus	170	121-145

Network	School	Current Capacity	Proposed Capacity
Meldrum	Barthol Chapel	47	20-47
Meldrum	Cultercullen	96	72-96
Meldrum	<i>Daviot**</i>	96	97-120
Meldrum	Logie Durno	19	19
Meldrum	Meldrum PS	415	388-415
Meldrum	Methlick	145	97-120
Meldrum	Old Rayne	47	20-47
Meldrum	Pitmedden	170	199-225
Meldrum	Rayne North	71	48-65
Meldrum	Rothienorman	120	121-145
Meldrum	Tarves	170	146-171
Meldrum	<i>Udny Green</i>	120	72-96
Mintlaw	<i>Auchnagatt</i>	71	48-71
Mintlaw	Fetterangus	71	48-71
Mintlaw	Kininmonth	47	20-47
Mintlaw	Longside	170	172-198
Mintlaw	Maud	120	97-120
Mintlaw	Mintlaw	170	146-171
Mintlaw	<i>New Deer</i>	200	172-191
Mintlaw	New Pitsligo & St Johns	145	121-145
Mintlaw	Pitfour	145	121-145
Mintlaw	Strichen	145	121-145
Mintlaw	Stuartfield *	120	72-93
Peterhead	Boddam	170	146-171
Peterhead	Buchanhaven	415	416-442
Peterhead	Burnhaven	47	20-47
Peterhead	Clerkhill	475	416-442
Peterhead	Dales Park	265	280-306
Peterhead	<i>Longhaven</i>	47	20-47
Peterhead	Meethill	265	253-279
Peterhead	Peterhead Central	265	253-279
Peterhead	Port Errol	200	199-200
Peterhead	St Fergus	120	97-120
Portlethen	Banchory Devenick	71	48-70
Portlethen	Fishermoss	450	334-358
Portlethen	Newtonhill	415	388-415
Portlethen	Portlethen PS	475	307-333
Stonehaven	Arduthie	505	388-415
Stonehaven	Bervie	230	226-252
Stonehaven	<i>Catterline</i>	96	72-94 tbc
Stonehaven	Dunnottar	170	172-195
Stonehaven	Glenbervie	96	72-95
Stonehaven	Gourdon	96	72-96
Stonehaven	Johnshaven	71	20-47
Stonehaven	Kinneff	47	20-47 tbc
Stonehaven	Lairhillock	120	121-145
Stonehaven	Mill o'Forest	385	416-442

Network	School	Current Capacity	Proposed Capacity
Turriff	<i>Auchterless</i>	71	48-71
Turriff	Crudie	47	20-47
Turriff	Easterfield	19	19
Turriff	<i>Fintry</i>	47	20-46
Turriff	Fyvie	200	199-225
Turriff	King Edward	71	20-47
Turriff	Markethill	355	334-360
Turriff	Monquitter	170	172-198
Turriff	<i>Fisherford</i>	47	20-47
Westhill	Crombie	325	307-333
Westhill	Elrick *	385	361-387
Westhill	Skene	71	48-71
Westhill	Westhill PS	415	307-333

Key	
School Names	
Bold	Continuing trend of over capacity
Bold *	Short term increase but within capacity by 2018
Bold **	Short term increase but within capacity by 2020
<i>Italics</i>	Continuing trend of below 50% capacity
<i>Italics *</i>	Below 50% capacity by 2018
<i>Italics **</i>	Below 50% capacity by 2020

Proposed Capacity	
Regular	First tranche approved on 21st March
Bold	Second tranche