
NAMING OF ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS PROVISION IN EARLSTON

Report by Service Director Children and Young People

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

17 January 2017

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report requests approval to formally name the new Additional Support Needs Building in Earlston.**
- 1.2 At its meeting on 16 August 2016, the Executive Committee agreed that:
- (a) A statutory consultation be undertaken in terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 on the proposals to:
 - (i) Establish a new additional support needs school in Earlston;
 - (ii) Discontinue the spectrum class at Wilton Primary School; and
 - (iii) Discontinue the spectrum class at St Ronan's Primary School.
 - (b) Simultaneously to the statutory consultation as detailed in (a) above, a non-statutory consultation be undertaken on the naming of the new Additional Support Needs School in the village of Earlston and that the outcomes of this non-statutory consultation be brought back to the Executive Committee in due course for approval.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Executive Committee agrees that the new Additional Support Needs Building in Earlston be formally named as 'Leader Valley School'.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Scottish Borders Council has invested in a new Additional Support Needs provision, located in the central Borders village of Earlston, to ensure children within the Scottish Borders with complex additional support needs can be educated and cared for in a high quality fit for purpose learning environment.
- 3.2 A formal proposal paper and report in respect of commencing the statutory consultation process was presented to the Executive Committee (Education) on 16 August 2016. Within the report it was proposed that at the same time as the formal consultation was carried out, that a separate non-statutory consultation be undertaken on the naming of the new Additional Support Needs School in Earlston.
- 3.3 Approval was given to proceed with the statutory and non-statutory consultations. It was agreed that while the outcomes of the Statutory Consultation would be presented to the full Council in December 2016, the outcomes of the non-statutory consultation on the school name would be presented to the Executive Committee for approval in due course.
- 3.4 Officers proceeded to arrange for the proposal paper to be published and the consultation period ran from 26 August 2016 until 10 October 2016. The statutory and non-statutory consultations period have now been completed. Following this, a Consultation Report was prepared and published on 22 November 2016 and all interested parties were given until 14 December 2016 to respond. The Consultation Report is Appendix 1 to this report. A copy of the Proposal Paper is Appendix A of the Consultation Report.

4 NAMING THE NEW ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS BUILDING IN EARLSTON

- 4.1 Through the non-statutory consultation, fourteen suggestions were received for the name of the new Additional Support Needs School. A short list of three names was created by Officers, namely Leader Valley School, Leaderbank School and South Croft School. Consultees were invited to vote on the three names and were given until 14 December 2016 to respond. Nine votes were received and Leader Valley School received six of these votes.
- 4.2 The power to establish a new school, following appropriate statutory consultation, rests solely with the Education Authority in terms of the 2010 Act. As the Council approved the establishment of a new school in December 2016, it is wholly appropriate that the Authority may name the school 'Leader Valley School' without further procedure.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

There are no financial implications arising from the proposal in this report.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

There are no risks arising from the proposal in this report

5.3 Equalities

- (a) An Equalities Impact Assessment was carried out on the overall proposals set out in the Proposal Paper and given the proposals are unchanged in terms of the Consultation Report, it continues to be anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications.
- (b) Consultees were invited to vote on the naming of the school, therefore given every opportunity to be included.

5.4 Acting Sustainably

There are no significant effects on acting sustainably arising from this report.

5.5 Carbon Management

There are no significant effects on carbon emissions arising from this report.

5.6 Rural Proofing

There are no significant effects on rural proofing arising from this report.

5.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes to be made to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals contained in this report.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received will be reported at the Executive Committee Meeting.

Approved by

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Signature

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Appendix 1: Consultation Report

Background Papers: Additional Support Needs Provision in Earlston, presented to Executive Committee on 24 May 2016
Additional Support Needs Provision – Statutory Consultation, presented to Executive Committee on 16 August 2016
Additional Support Needs Provision in Earlston, presented to Scottish Borders Council on 22 December 2016

Previous Minute Reference: Not applicable

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