

6.1 Business bulletin

Education, Children and Families Committee

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Recent news

Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition for Schools (STARS)

The Road Safety Team in Services for Communities will be taking part in an exciting new project to encourage more children to cycle to school.

A successful bid for funding to Intelligent Energy Europe means Edinburgh is part of an EU wide group and will be working with twelve other cities to promote active travel and cycling in particular in Edinburgh schools.

STARS will target the school run for the following reasons;

- these journeys account for a large proportion of regular travel by households
- they lead to congestion and increased carbon emissions.
- The distance of the journey to school is almost always under 5km making cycling a definite option.
- Targeting children and young people is the key to long term culture change.

STARS wants to achieve a 5% modal shift from the car to cycling. The project will focus on a pan EU programme of accreditation where schools can work towards recognition of their efforts in promoting sustainable transport, especially cycling.

A variety of toolkits and guidance templates will be provided to schools to assist with the following:

- Setting up a led ride
- Setting up a cycling club
- Providing cycle training to pupils
- Implementing road safety campaigns
- The Youth Travel Ambassador Scheme

Background

Further information on STARS can be found on [Streets Ahead – Road Safety in Edinburgh](#)

or by contacting Caroline Burwell, Road Safety Manager on 0131 469 3668/ or email transport.roadsafety@edinburgh.gov.uk

Community Access to Schools (CATS)

The Working Party that has been created to support the review of Community Access to Schools(CATS) has met once on the 18th January 2013 and is due to meet next on the 28th February 2013.The Project team created to take forward the review has met on a number of occasions since the last committee most recently on the 7th February 2013.The Project Team will inform the Working Party of progress and help inform the content of the CATS Committee report to be presented in May 2013.

The key areas of scrutiny and development are the current levels of access and demand, the relationship between schools facilities and other facilities in close proximity to the schools e.g. Edinburgh Leisure, CLD centres. A city-wide approach to make use of facilities to meet local community need is proposed. There is a need to better understand current schemes of charges and to propose a scheme of charges that is a bit easier for local people to understand and that takes account of the quality of facility and the ability of people to pay. The CATS review will also interrogate current costs associated with current arrangements including staffing, revenue, energy, with the intent to reduce energy cost where possible and be more efficient.

The current management arrangements for CATS will also be a key feature of this review and alternative approaches will be explored and recommendations brought forward to Committee. A decision has been taken to focus on 4 clusters in the city where a more in depth analysis will be undertaken in terms of what can be done differently to achieve the outcome of best use of best facilities and better partnership working with communities and providers. Those clusters are Gracemount, Castlebrae, Craigroyston and Queensferry.

Other key areas of interest of the CATS are the centralising of administration and processing of lets, the possibility of an online booking and payment

Report to the Education, Children and Families Committee: [Community Access to Schools](#)

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system and the need to explore building on all of the existing excellent practice in schools, adult education programmes, CLD provision and partnership working with Edinburgh Leisure, Culture and Sport ,Services for Communities etc.

Promotion of School Meals

We continue to promote school meals and work with our three partner catering providers to ensure uptake in every school is maximised. We continue to target and consult with schools showing a low uptake in order to identify ways in which to promote and improve the school meals service. We also continue to identify and promote examples of best practice in terms of effective management of the dining environment and the dining experience.

School Meals Uptake Data

An exercise has been undertaken to assimilate and analyse all available data on overall school meals uptake throughout the entire city. The results, showing uptake by academic year, are detailed in the table below. In the 2011/12 school year more than 2.25 million school meals were delivered.

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Primary	31.0%	32.9%	32.3%	34.7%
Secondary	13.6%	14.9%	14.7%	15.2%
Special	62.7%	68.8%	63.5%	66.6%

Whilst this data is considered sufficiently robust to show overall trends it should be treated with caution. The following points should, in particular, be noted:

- the data regarding the number of meals taken comes from monthly returns received from each school and the level of accuracy is dependent on the degree of rigor applied by each school in completion;
- the level of uptake is calculated as a percentage of the school roll at the start of the academic year and not based on actual attendance. This will tend understate the uptake percentage shown above as absences will not be taken into consideration.

Although, as explained above, the data used has its

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obvious limitations it is currently the only means at our disposal to allow a consistent perspective across the entire estate to be measured and reported. An analysis of the update by school for the last two years is included in Appendix 1.

The overall uptake of school meals for the 2011/12 school year has increased in the main volume sectors of primary and secondary to a **four year high**. Uptake levels suffered a reduction during 2010/11 due to the number of days lost through school closures as a result of the bad weather during the winter of 2010 but have now fully recovered.

Forthcoming activities:

APPENDIX 1**Analysis of uptake for all Secondary Schools**

School	2010/11	2011/12
Balerno High School	10.8%	9.7%
Boroughmuir High School	5.3%	5.1%
Broughton High School	20.7%	19.4%
Castlebrae Community High School	25.7%	35.2%
Craigmount High School	19.0%	17.0%
Craigroyston Community High School	31.3%	30.7%
Currie High School	8.4%	10.4%
Drummond Community High School	15.4%	18.3%
Firhill High School	14.4%	16.6%
Forrester High School	22.8%	23.3%
Gracemount High School	15.9%	17.6%
Holy Rood High School	19.2%	20.3%
James Gillespies High School	7.2%	7.4%
Leith Academy	10.0%	10.1%
Liberton High School	24.5%	23.9%
Portobello High School	6.0%	8.1%
Queensferry High School	21.2%	22.7%
St Augustine's RC High School	19.8%	19.4%
St Thomas of Aquins High School	11.0%	11.8%
The Royal High School	11.1%	10.7%
Trinity Academy	9.1%	9.7%
Tynecastle High School	19.8%	20.8%
WHEC	33.7%	34.3%

Analysis of uptake for all Special Schools

School	2010/11	2011/12
Braidburn	76.1%	80.5%
Gorgie Mills	67.2%	58.3%
Kaimes	25.0%	25.5%
Oaklands (1)	94.2%	115.1%
Pilrig Park	65.7%	65.5%
Prospect Bank	70.5%	64.3%
Redhall	54.0%	58.9%
Rowanfield	62.0%	77.4%
St Crispin's	92.0%	90.9%
Woodlands	59.7%	68.9%

- (1) The uptake in 2011/12 is shown as being over 100%. This is being investigated and is most likely to be as a result of using the school roll as at the start of the school term as the base for calculating uptake; if the roll (and number of meals taken) has subsequently risen then this would distort the calculation.

Analysis of uptake for all Primary Schools

School	2010/11	2011/12
Abbeyhill PS	38.0%	36.7%
Balgreen PS	37.5%	32.9%
Blackhall PS	29.6%	33.7%
Bonaly PS	27.4%	26.9%
Broomhouse	57.6%	60.1%
Broughton PS	31.5%	36.3%
Brunstane PS	54.8%	63.6%
Bruntsfield PS	35.1%	43.3%
Buckstone PS	17.2%	16.2%
Canal View PS	62.5%	62.4%
Carrick Knowe PS	25.9%	31.6%
Castleview PS	74.4%	76.9%
Clermiston PS	26.9%	31.1%
Clovenstone PS	51.8%	60.3%
Colinton PS	21.6%	30.3%
Corstorphine PS	21.7%	25.8%
Craigentenny PS	34.8%	47.8%
Craiglockhart PS	21.1%	25.5%
Craigour Park	37.5%	45.4%
Craigroyston PS	53.5%	59.9%
Cramond PS	20.9%	22.4%
Currie PS	27.0%	30.2%
Dalmeny PS	34.4%	36.9%
Dalry PS	45.9%	40.4%
Davidson's Mains PS	27.9%	34.2%
Dean Park PS	25.3%	29.1%
Duddingston PS	22.0%	25.2%
East Craigs PS	28.4%	29.7%
Echline PS	16.8%	22.5%
Ferryhill PS	46.1%	46.4%
Flora Stevenson PS	32.3%	34.8%
Forthview PS	59.7%	58.3%
Fox Covert	29.2%	30.4%
Gilmerton PS	34.9%	44.0%
Gracemount PS	35.7%	39.4%
Granton PS	35.3%	16.1%

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Gylemuir PS	21.8%	25.3%
Hermitage Park PS	28.4%	27.7%
Hillwood PS	39.2%	33.7%
Holy Cross RC PS	29.1%	30.9%
James Gillespie's PS	28.1%	28.6%
Juniper Green PS	23.6%	24.7%
Kirkliston PS	22.7%	28.8%
Leith PS	42.3%	44.4%
Leith Walk PS	42.9%	40.0%
Liberton PS	27.3%	31.6%
Longstone PS	24.2%	25.2%
Lorne PS	35.7%	39.2%
Murrayburn PS	37.5%	39.8%
Nether Currie PS	18.2%	23.8%
Newcraighall PS	30.2%	34.4%
Niddrie Mill PS	58.1%	59.1%
Oxgangs PS	28.7%	28.9%
Parson's Green PS	28.3%	33.7%
Pentland PS	26.0%	31.4%
Pirniehill PS	53.5%	49.8%
Prestonfield PS	29.8%	35.2%
Preston Street PS	36.7%	34.1%
Queensferry PS	18.2%	20.4%
Ratho PS	12.1%	19.7%
Roseburn PS	21.6%	22.6%
Royal Mile PS	58.1%	62.2%
Sciennes PS	30.3%	32.3%
Sighthill PS	43.7%	49.3%
South Morningside PS	15.1%	17.3%
St Catherine's RC PS	46.0%	49.9%
St Cuthbert's RC PS	34.8%	34.1%
St David's RC (PPP)	40.9%	42.2%
St Francis' RC PS	53.2%	58.6%
St John's RC PS	26.0%	18.4%
St John Vianney PS	25.4%	42.9%
St Joseph's RC	41.9%	39.7%
St Margaret's RC PS	18.8%	23.3%
St Mark's RC PS	32.4%	38.7%

School	2010/11	2011/12
St Mary's RC PS Edinburgh	36.7%	41.0%
St Mary's RC PS Leith	29.8%	31.6%
St Ninian's RC PS	34.2%	33.4%
St Peter's RC PS	38.3%	39.7%
Stenhouse PS	42.3%	40.3%
Stockbridge PS	35.2%	35.4%
The Royal High Primary School	32.5%	36.7%
Tollcross PS	35.2%	34.0%
Towerbank PS	26.0%	27.3%
Trinity PS	34.7%	35.2%
Victoria PS	44.4%	47.2%
Wardie PS	34.0%	37.2%