

# Policy & Sustainability Committee

10am, Thursday, 9 July 2020

## Schools Re-opening Update

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### 1. Recommendations

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1.1 The Policy and Sustainability Committee is asked to:

1.1.1 Note the updates for schools re-opening on the 10 August 2020 that will be included in the revised Schools Re-Opening Delivery Phasing Plan which will come to Committee on the 23 July.

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### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 The City of Edinburgh Council has developed a Local Authority Delivery Phasing Plan as required by the Scottish Government of all local authorities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the route-map that sets out the phased lifting of restrictions. The update sets out the steps the Council has taken since the report was taken to Committee on the 25 June 2020 to reopen schools from 10 August 2020.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 An addendum approved at the full Council meeting on the motion by Councillor Burgess on – “Requests that an update on agreed actions is included in the report on School Return coming to the Policy & Sustainability committee on 9 July.”
- 3.2 Recognising that the statement of the Deputy First Minister on 23 June meant that implementation of Phase 4 rather than Phase 3 was now the objective for the return to school in August.
- 3.3 An updated Schools Re-opening Delivery Phasing Plan will be brought to the Policy and Sustainability Committee on the 23 July.

### 4. Main report

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- 4.1 This update provides reassurance that the following areas are subject to intense activity and will be reported more fully on the 23 July 2020 at Policy and Sustainability.
- 4.1.1 Communications
  - 4.1.2 Development of the Contingency model
  - 4.1.3 Hygiene Measures
  - 4.1.4 School closure plans
  - 4.1.5 Pupils unable to attend school
  - 4.1.6 Transport
  - 4.1.7 Closing the Attainment Gap
  - 4.1.8 Workforce Availability/ Addressing the Shortfall
  - 4.1.9 Costings

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 Continue discussions with Scottish Government as a matter of urgency the costings for both 100% return and contingency model, including the impact on other Council budgets should the council not be supported by an extra uplift in funding.
- 5.2 Continue to develop Local Authority Phased Delivery Plan, in line with Scottish Government guidance (announcements on expected dates 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July).
- 5.3 Continue to communicate with parents and carers throughout the summer on national and city-wide developments and arrangements for individual schools.
- 5.4 Agree to make representation to the Scottish Government to request that testing is made available in schools, particularly for teachers and other staff.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 The financial impact of opening schools at 100% and at 50% is detailed in Appendix 1.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 Regular and ongoing consultation and engagement with relevant Trade Unions
- 7.2 Consultative Committees and Locality Consultative Committees have been held with parents on 3, 16 and 17 and 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- 7.3 Parental surveys in March and current survey on impact of proposals on child care.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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N/A

## **9. Appendices**

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- 9.1 Appendix 1 Schools Re-opening Costings

## Appendix One

### Schools re-opening estimated additional costs June - December 2020 50% and 100% models

	50% model	100% model	
Description	£m	£m	Notes
Learning and teaching	8.1	8.1	Back-fill of learning and teaching staff due to COVID-19 related absence. Expected to be required in both models.
Learning and teaching (50% model only)	13.6	0.0	Additional learning and teaching staff to support the additional teaching spaces required and blended learning
Digital inclusion	2.1	2.1	Additional devices for pupils, in excess of the number expected through the existing Scottish Government digital exclusion initiative
Facilities Management	5.0	4.5	Day rangers for additional cleaning, net impact on school meals income and health and safety measures
Facilities Management (50% model only)	4.6	0.0	Day rangers for additional cleaning, school meals and health and safety measures for 47 additional premises
Home to school transport (100% model only)	0.0	5.2	Additional costs if 2m social distancing required on vehicles
Summer hubs	0.3	0.3	Key worker and vulnerable children support over the summer holiday period
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>20.2</b>	