

QUESTION NO 24

By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 26 August 2021

Further to the letter sent to the Education Secretary by the Convenor and Vice-Convenor of Education on 12 August and circulated to GME parents, please could the Convener respond to the following points:

Question (1) The letter mentions a table outlining site options the council has already explored for GME secondary. Will the council publish that table?

Answer (1)

Question (2) Have the following sites been considered for GME secondary? If they have been ruled out, what are the grounds for this?

- a) Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion
- b) Old Royal High School
- c) Old Tynecastle High School
- d) Lothian Buses depot, Annandale Street
- e) Russel Road Depot (former)

Answer (2)

Question (3) What steps are the council taking to ensure that demand for GME within Edinburgh is met, and that the situation in Glasgow, where parents are being refused places at GME primary, is not repeated in Edinburgh?

Answer (3)

Question (4) Will the council conduct a further informal consultation on options for GME secondary before proceeding to a statutory consultation? If so, when?

Answer (4)

Question**(5)** Please can the Convenor clarify:

- a) whether the proposed consultation on GME Secondary is a 'discontinue' consultation in terms of paragraph 1 of schedule 1 of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010?
- b) If so, and if the council consults and does not proceed with its proposal, can the council consult again on proposals to discontinue GME education at JGHS within 5 years?

Answer**(5)**