

Cross-Party Amendment

Education Children and Families Committee

1 March 2022

7.3 – Gaelic Medium Education (GME) Update

Committee:

Recognises the potential impact of the decision not to proceed with the statutory consultation on the growth of GME in Edinburgh, as outlined in the report.

Notes the council's policy and responsibility to expand GME provision and the pressure of rising school rolls at James Gillespie's High School.

Notes the previous officer recommendations of the educational benefits of a co-located school and that the option with the strongest rationale is currently a dedicated GME secondary school on a shared campus with the replacement Liberton High School.

Council to continue to engage with the GME community, including finding opportunities to gather information from beyond Comann nam Pàrant, along with Chairs of the parent councils from Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce and James Gillespie's High School.

Agrees additional information is required to move forward to statutory consultation.

Requests a revised report in one cycle that contains the following information:

1. Details of the proposal for a standalone school on the site of the former Castlebrae Community High School
2. Details of mitigation measures to address concerns regarding Liberton High School including public transport routes, possible provision of CEC supported bus networks and immersion challenges
3. Regarding the sites 1,2, 3, 4 and 7 listed in the paper, additional detail to enable clearer rule-in/rule-out to include:
 - a) the level of nearby public transport connections
 - b) the nearest secondary school and the number of metres to walk to that school

c) what scale of secondary school provision could be provided on sites that has been listed as too small, including pupil capacity and ability to access shared sports facilities e.g. other schools, Edinburgh leisure facilities

d) Information on whether discussions have been had with current stakeholders regarding medium-term future of the following sites:

- Russell Road depot
- Royal Victoria Hospital Site
- Drummond bus depot
- Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion
- Police Scotland Fettes (details of decommissioning and indicative land values)

Acknowledges that some information may not be able to be provided as the data doesn't sit within the council and agrees that this will not hold up the decision on a statutory consultation but that explanation will be given to committee on the reasons for this.

Agrees that any alternatives that emerge as viable are discussed with affected parents and carers and stakeholders prior to committee consideration.

Moved by: Councillor Ian Perry

Seconded by: Councillor Callum Laidlaw

Amendment by the Coalition

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9.2 – Motion by Councillor Laidlaw – Scottish Government Health and Wellbeing Census

Committee replaces paragraph three with -

Understands members' desire for further detail on the background and implementation of the well-being census in Edinburgh.

Amends paragraph four to read –

Asks for a briefing note to be circulated to all members detailing the roll-out in Edinburgh, to include:

- Questions being asked of pupils in each year group
- Number of pupils included (per schools and year group)
- Number of opt-outs (per school and year group)
- Number of completed questionnaires received
- Number of 'cause for concern' responses logged by CEC

Moved by: Councillor Ian Perry

Seconded by: Councillor Eleanor Bird