

EE40. RELOCATION/DECANT OF MARINER SUPPORT SERVICES

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services proposing the temporary relocation of the Mariner Support Services from Weedinghall to the former Focus School site, at Laurieston.

The Education Executive had agreed, on 29 September 2015 (EE28) to progress with a bid to purchase the former Focus School site in Laurieston. It was proposed in the business case for the procurement of the site that the Mariner Support Service would be relocated from Weedinghall to Laurieston. The report set out the progress on site since the keys were handed to the service in December 2015 and summarised the outcome of consultations with parents, staff and pupils on the temporary relocation of the site. It was proposed that the relocation would take place during Easter 2016.

Support for the proposed relocation had been positive. A consultation would be necessary should the Service wish to make the relocation permanent.

Decision

The Education Executive agreed to:-

- (1) approve the temporary decant/move of the Mariner Support Service from Weedinghall to the new Focus School site during Easter 2016;**
- (2) instruct the Director of Children's Services to ensure that all parents, pupils and staff remain involved and are kept up to date with the progress of the move; and**
- (3) instruct the Director of Children's Services to bring a further report to Education Executive to request permission to undertake a statutory consultation on making the move permanent at a future date.**