

Falkirk Council

Title: New ASN Secondary School: Report on Feedback From Naming Consultation and Project Update

Meeting: Education Executive

Date: 8 November 2016

Submitted By: Director of Children's Services

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- provide Education Executive with a progress report on the new build project;
- report back on the recent consultation to determine a preferred name for the new school; and
- make a recommendation as to the new name for the school.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1 The Education Executive is asked to:

- (i) note the progress report on the new build project; and
- (ii) agree that the new school will be called "Carrongrange High School" in accordance with the preference expressed by parents, pupils and staff.

3. Background

Progress Report on the New ASN Secondary School

3.1 Progress to Date

Construction on the new ASN secondary school in Grangemouth is now well underway. The substructure works were completed earlier in the summer and construction of the structural steel frame is now complete. The floor slabs on the first and ground floor were also recently completed.

3.2 Current Works

Work is now underway on construction of the roof and building envelope. The building is expected to be wind and watertight with external doors and windows fitted by January 2017. Fit out works have commenced internally.

3.3 Project Schedule/Timeframe

The final designs for internal and external finishes, fit-out and landscaping are almost complete and work will begin on the final stages of construction and fit-out towards the end of this year.

The construction of the new school is still on schedule to be completed by July 2017 when the contractor will hand over for the planned school opening in August 2017.

3.4 Turf Cutting Ceremony/Ministerial Visit

Representatives from the Scottish Government, Falkirk Council, Scottish Futures Trust, East of Scotland Hubco and Ogilvie Construction, together with pupils and staff from Carrongrange, attended the traditional turf cutting ceremony on 3 November.

Feedback From School Naming Consultation

3.5 Shortlist of Preferred Names

A shortlist of preferred names was drawn up from the results of a consultation carried out between November 2015 and January 2016. It was agreed at the recent Education Executive on June 7th 2016 that parents, pupils and staff at Carrongrange School (and at selected feeder primary schools), would be consulted further on which of these names they preferred. The details of this consultation and its results are shown below.

3.6 Summary of Names Consulted On

To determine a preferred name for the new school, a shortlist of 5 preferred options were agreed based on responses to the previous consultation:

- "Abbotsgrange"
- "Carrongrange"
- "Grangeburn"
- "Grange"
- "Helix"

In addition, consultation also took place on 3 preferred options for a title for the new school:

- "School"
- "High School"
- "Academy"

3.7 Who Was Consulted?

In addition to the parents, pupils and staff at Carrongrange School, parents of pupils, and staff at Kinnaird Primary School Thistle Wing, Maddiston Primary School Time Zone and Ladeside Primary School Autism Base were also consulted because most of these pupils will progress to the new school.

3.8 Consultation Period

The consultation took place between 26 September and 7 October 2016 and pro formas were distributed to those being consulted for their preference to be noted.

3.9 Total Consultation Responses

There were 230 responses as follows:

	Number of Responses	%
Parents	90	39.2%
Pupils	70	30.4%
Staff	70	30.4%
Total Responses	230	100%

3.10 Preferred Name Selected

There was a clear preference for keeping the name “**Carrongrange**”.

The responses were as follows:

	Abbotsgrange	Carrongrange	Grangeburn	Grange	Helix	Total
Parents	25	33	10	3	19	90
Pupils	17	28	12	7	6	70
Staff	14	34	11	5	6	70
Total	56	95	33	15	31	230
%	24%	41%	14%	7%	14%	100%

3.11 Preferred Title Selected

Overall, there was a clear preference for changing the title from “School” to “**High School**”, although “Academy” was also popular with many of the parents that responded.

The responses were as follows:

	School	High School	Academy	Total
Parents	7	42	41	90
Pupils	10	51	3	64
Staff	16	43	11	70
Total	33	136	55	224
%	15%	61%	24%	100%

3.12 Overall Conclusion from the Consultation

There was a clear preference from the consultation for naming the new school “**Carrongrange High School**”.

4. Considerations

- 4.1 The recommendation that the new school's name is "Carrongrange High School" is based on the majority preference from the consultation (see Section 3).
- 4.2 This new name would be a minor change from the current name of "Carrongrange School" and reflects the already used abbreviation "C.H.S." on the school's badge. As such, the new name would not in itself create any new or significant financial burdens regarding school uniform changes.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Full details of those consulted is given in Section 3.

6. Implications

Financial

- 6.1 All costs for any new signage are already incorporated within the agreed budget.

Resources

- 6.2 None.

Legal

- 6.3 None.

Risk

- 6.4 None.

Equalities

- 6.5 None.

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

- 6.6 None.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 Stakeholder preference for naming the new school “Carrongrange High school” was clearly expressed in the consultation, in which 230 parents, pupils and staff responded. The recommendation is in accordance with the preference expressed by those that took part in this consultation.

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Appendices

None

List of Background Papers:

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:

- None