



Agenda Item 8

**Specialist Education for Social and
Behavioural Needs for Primary and
Secondary School Pupils**

Falkirk Council

Title: Specialist Education for Social and Behavioural Needs for Primary and Secondary School Pupils
Meeting: Education Executive
Date: 4 September 2018
Submitted By: Director of Children's Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to combine and re-name Oxgang School Support Service and Mariner Secondary Support Service into a single Inclusion and Wellbeing Support Service (3-18).

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Education Executive is asked to:-

- (i) agree that Children's Services progress with the informed consultation regarding the proposal to combine and re-name both Oxgang School Support Service and Mariner Secondary Support Service to form the Inclusion and Wellbeing Support Service (3-18);**
- (ii) request that the Director of Children's Services brings a paper to Education Executive summarising the outcomes of this consultation and making recommendations.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Headteacher of the Inclusion and Wellbeing Service was appointed on 26 January 2017. We now seek to re-align the Mariner Support Service and Oxgang School and Support Service under this new Headteacher.

4. Considerations

- 4.1 The Service will build on recent improvements and achievements, for example the recent positive HMIE inspection at Mariner School and winning the Scottish Education Awards for "Parents as partners for Learning" in June 2018. Combining and re-naming the Service will provide a cohesive approach to working with children and young people, families and schools.
- 4.2 The joint Service will provide greater opportunities to build capacity across Education Services, to develop new and innovative approaches to supporting our children and young people. This will be particularly evident when supporting the primary to secondary transition.

The joint Service will enable seamless transition for those young people requiring specialist placement. The Service will also provide further opportunities to build on their outreach support to pupils, schools and families.

5. Consultation

5.1 Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010

A formal consultation is not required as both Oxbang School Support Service and Mariner Secondary Support service will retain their current unique school identification (SEED) number as set by Scottish Government. However in line with Falkirk Council Policy we are required to have an informal consultation with stakeholders and communities (see appendix 1). The consultation will take place between October and November 2018. The Director of Children's Services will provide an update to the Education Executive early 2019.

6. Implications

Financial

- 6.1 Costs for any new signage, new badge and literature to be determined.

Resources

- 6.2 None

Legal

- 6.3 As outlined in paragraph 5.1 above there is no legal requirement to conduct a formal consultation in terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. Children's Services will however conduct an informal consultation with all key stakeholders on the renaming of the Service.

Risk

- 6.4 The changing demographics of the population of the children in Falkirk means that the Service's current configuration requires to be adapted to ensure the Council continues to meet its statutory obligations. This will reduce the risk of children and young people requiring to access high cost external provision.

Equalities

- 6.5 An Equalities and Poverty Impact Assessment is not required as there are no changes that impact on these groups.

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

- 6.6 There are no Sustainability or Environmental impacts.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 The work on re-aligning and re-focusing the Service's current and future educational provision for pupils with social and behavioural needs is both necessary and vital to ensure we have in place establishments that offer the best support and educational experiences for our pupils.

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Appendix

Appendix 1 - Change of ASN Support Service Name

List of Background Papers:

None

Appendix 1

Change of ASN Support Service Name

ASN Primary and Secondary Provision in Grangemouth and Laurieston

A. Background

Currently **Oxgang School** provides support to primary age pupils who require social, emotional and behavioural interventions, both as an outreach service and on an enrolment basis across Falkirk Council. **Mariner Support Service** provide this support for secondary age pupils.

Broadly speaking, there are 5 different approaches that can be taken when renaming a service within Falkirk Council.

B. The 5 Approaches to renaming a current service

1. Retain current name

Oxgang and Mariner represent areas within Falkirk, it is unlikely that staff, pupils and parents will have a good understanding of the type of service provided by the service. The advantage of this is that it can retain its identity for those who are aware of the name already.

2. Name the Service based on the location

The vast majority of ASN services are named based on where they are located. Both services are currently named using this convention. This option does not give the opportunity to provide a descriptive name that shows what type of support is being provided.

3. Name the service based on a notable person.

A number of ASN Schools in Scotland have been named in honour of notable individuals. These include:

- Anna Ritchie School in Peterhead was named in honour of Deaconess Anna Ritchie who encouraged its foundation.
- Cardinal Winning School in Glasgow is a Roman Catholic ASN school named after the former head of the Scottish RC church.
- James McFarlane School in Ardrossan was named after a local champion of ASN provision.
- Mary Russell School in Paisley was named after Miss Mary Russell, a pioneer of Special Education in the 20th Century. The reputation of anyone suggested should be beyond reproach and it is generally accepted that naming a public building in honour of a living individual would carry a risk.



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4. Name the school based on function

There are examples of this in Scotland (such as the Royal Blind School and Hamilton School for the Deaf). These relate to a very specific provision. A proposed name may be The Inclusion and Wellbeing Service.

5. Name the school based on Concept or Vision In Scotland

This approach to school naming has mainly been adopted by independent/grant-funded schools.

Examples are:

- Spark of Genius, Various locations (Independent)
- Harmeny School, Balerno (Independent)
- Common Thread, Dumfries (Independent)
- Wild2Learn, Glenlivet (Independent)
- Aspire School, Kilbernie (Independent)
- The Choices Project, Clydebank (Local Authority)

C. Consultation Process and Next Steps

From October 2018 to November 2018, all interested parties are invited to suggest preferred names for the renaming of the service currently known as Oxgang and Mariner. Falkirk Council will then consider the names suggested and in consultation with pupils and parents and make a recommendation to the Education Executive. The decision will be publicised in the local press and on the Falkirk Council website. Please send preferred names (with an explanation of why, in writing to the following:

- By email to : educ.consultation@falkirk.gov.uk; or
- By letter to Education Service Name Consultation, Children's Services, Sealock House, 2 Inchyra Road, Grangemouth, FK3 9XB
- Please phone 01324 590 340 if you would like further information.