



## **Agenda Item 10**

**Renaming of 'Mariner Support Service' and 'Oxgang School and Support Service' to Inclusion and Wellbeing Service 3-18:  
Report on Feedback from the Informal Naming Consultation**

**Falkirk Council**

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**Meeting:** Education Executive

**Date:** 26 March 2019

**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 consultation with children, young people, parents and staff; and
- report back on the outcome of the preferred name for the new school; and make a recommendation as to the new name for the school.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 The Education Executive is asked to:

- (i) note the progress report on the rename; and
- (ii) agree that the combined service will be called "Inclusion and Wellbeing Service 3-18" in accordance with the preference expressed by parents, pupils and staff.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 The Education Executive on 23 January 2018 agreed to permanently relocating the Service from Weedingshall to the Laurieston Campus.
- 3.2 The Education Executive on 4 September 2018 agreed that the service should seek to informally consult with its community to rename the service.

**4. Considerations**

Consultation Process Undertaken

- 4.1 The first step in this process was to consult with affected parents and other families who reside in the defined catchment areas. The details of the consultation that has been undertaken are outlined in Sections 4.2 – 4.5.

## Purpose of the Consultation

- 4.2 There is no legislative requirement to consult on a proposal to mothball a school. However, it is good practice to gather the views of those affected prior to renaming the school.

### 4.3 Who Was Consulted?

Parents, pupils and staff of Oxbang School and Support Service and Mariner School and Support Service were consulted.

### 4.4 Consultation Period

The consultation took place between 1 October 2018 and 21 December 2018. Pro-formas were distributed to those being consulted for their preference to be noted.

### 4.5 Total Consultation Responses

There were 22 responses as follows:

	Number of Responses
Secondary Parents	3
Primary Parents	3
Secondary Pupils	7
Primary Pupils	2
Staff	18
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>33</b>

### 4.6 Preferred Name Selected

The preference was to combine both Oxbang School and Support Service and Mariner Support Service into a single service with the name of Inclusion and Wellbeing Service 3-18. During the consultation period, pupil responses demonstrated that the majority of the pupils would prefer to change the name to 'Inclusion or Wellbeing Service 3-18' or change the name to another option. The other options proposed were:

- **"Laurieston Campus" or**
- **"Laurieston School"**

The responses were as follows:

	Remain with existing names	<b>Inclusion and Wellbeing Service 3-18</b>	Other	Total
Parents	0	6	0	6
Pupils	1	3	5	9
Staff	1	17	0	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>%</b>	<b>6.06%</b>	<b>78.79%</b>	<b>15.15%</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### 4.7 Overall Conclusion from the Consultation

There was a clear preference from the consultation for naming the Service **“Inclusion and Wellbeing Service 3-18”**.

### 5. **Proposed Way Forward**

#### 5.1 Renaming of ‘Mariner Support Service’ and ‘Oxgang School and Support Service’

The recommendation that the Service name is “Inclusion and Wellbeing Service 3-18” is based on the majority preference from the consultation (see Section 3.8).

### 6. **Consultation**

6.1 Full details of those consulted is given in Section 3.

### 7. **Implications**

#### **Financial**

7.1 All costs for any new signage will be incorporated within the agreed budgets.

#### **Resources**

7.2 None.

#### **Legal**

7.3 A statutory consultation is not required when renaming a school.

#### **Risk**

7.4 None.

#### **Equalities**

7.5 None.

#### **Sustainability/Environmental Impact**

7.6 None.

### 8. **Conclusions**

8.1 Stakeholder preference for naming the Service “Inclusion and Wellbeing Service 3-18” was clearly expressed in the consultation, in which 33 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:**

None