

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT:** NEW ASN SECONDARY SCHOOL - PROJECT UPDATE  
**MEETING:** EDUCATION EXECUTIVE  
**DATE:** 7 JUNE 2016  
**AUTHOR:** DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- provide Education Executive as requested with an update on the project for the new ASN secondary school; and
- report back on the consultation to determine a preferred name for the new school

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1 A progress report was brought to the Education Executive on 29 March 2016 with details of the Hub East Central Scotland (Hubco) Stage 2 Report that provided:

- final project costs;
- design and construction technical proposals; and
- an agreed programme for delivery.

2.2 Education Executive agreed to proceed through to Financial Close on the basis of this Stage 2 report.

2.3 School Naming Consultation

From November 2015 to January 2016 a consultation was undertaken that focussed on the main stakeholders (parents, pupils and staff) to determine a preferred name for the new school. Details of this and the responses received are covered later in this report.

**3.0 FINANCIAL CLOSE**

3.1 The Council reached financial close and signed The Design & Build Development Agreement (DBDA) with Hubco and Ogilvie Construction Ltd on 6 May 2016. This was slightly later than the date originally agreed, but the construction programme is unaffected by this. The agreed programme for the construction phase is as follows:

Contract Financial Close	6 May 2016
Commencement of main construction phase	9 May 2016
Construction completion and handover	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2017
School opens	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2017

### 3.2 Project Costs – Comparison with Stage 2 Report:

As previously reported to Education Executive the Stage 2 Report confirmed that the project would be delivered within the Affordability Cap and the Final Maximum Construction Cost for the project would be £13,643 below the agreed budget:

Falkirk Council Agreed Construction Cost Budget	£17,568,000
Stage 2 Contractor Agreed Construction Cost	£17,554,357
Variance	(£13,643) favourable

Following legal advice, it was agreed that the Contractor should also provide a Performance (Adjudication) Bond to safeguard the Council's interests in the event of any dispute arising. This cost an additional £13,090 but overall the project costs remain within the capital budget agreed at the meeting of Falkirk Council on 17 February 2016.

### 3.3 Final Project Costs and Budgets at Financial Close

Taking into account the overall construction costs and the work associated with previously reported onsite enabling works the final financial position for the project can be summarised as:

#### (i) Budget Positions (As agreed at Council Budget Meeting in February 2016)

	<u>£M</u>
Overall construction cost	£17.568
Advanced Onsite Enabling Works	£0.166
<b>Total Agreed Capital Budget</b>	<b>£17.734m</b>

#### (ii) Project Costs at Financial Close

	<u>£M</u>
Costs agreed in DBDA:	
• construction cost and onsite enabling works	£17.699
• adjudication Bond (per section 3.2)	£0.013
Sub-Total - DBDA Costs	£17.712
Street Lighting Costs (Funded outwith DBDA)	£0.017
<b>Total Agreed Capital Budget</b>	<b>£17.729m</b>

#### (iii) Project Variance (Budget - Project Costs)      £0.005m (Favourable)

The above figures confirm that the overall project cost will be met from the existing budget provision, with a small £5,000 underspend estimated.

## **4.0 SCHOOL NAMING CONSULTATION**

### 4.1 Consultation Period

Between November 2015 and January 2016, Children's Services consulted interested parties on a preferred name for the new school.

#### **4.2 Who was consulted?**

The consultation was open to all interested parties but direct communication and engagement focussed on the pupils, parents and staff at Carrongrange School. During the consultation period:

- i. The consultative document (see Appendix 1) and consultation details were made available on the Falkirk Council website.
- ii. The consultative document was sent to parents of pupils at Carrongrange school inviting them to respond
- iii. The consultation was discussed with the Carrongrange Parent Council prior to their response
- iv. There was discussion with pupils at the Student Council before wider discussion with pupils at the school by teachers.
- v. The consultative document was made available to staff at Carrongrange who were encouraged to respond

#### **4.3 Responses to the Consultation/Proposed Way Forward**

There were 12 collective or individual responses to the consultation.

Based on the responses received from the Parent Council, the Student Council, individual parents, staff and pupils it is proposed that a shortlist is drawn up, based on the responses received, and that this is presented to the Carrongrange School Community (parents, pupils and staff) to vote on.

It is also proposed that this consultation is extended to include parents of pupils at Kinnaird Primary School's Thistle Wing, Maddiston Primary School's Timezone and the new ASN Primary Wing at Carrongrange because most of these primary aged pupils progress to Carrongrange at S1.

The suggested shortlist of 5 preferred names is as follows:

- Carrongrange Academy
- Grangeburn High School
- Abbotsgrange School
- Grange Academy
- Helix Academy

#### **4.5 Timescales**

It is proposed that the next stage of consultation is undertaken as detailed above and the results reported back to Education Executive on 8 November 2016 for consideration.

### **5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Education Executive are asked:**

- 5.1 to note that financial close was achieved for the project as detailed in this report;**
- 5.2 to agree that consultation is undertaken on the preferred name for the new school as outlined in Section 4 of this report.**

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Director of Children's Services

Date:

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

NIL

**School Name Consultation****New ASN Secondary School in Grangemouth****A. Background**

- In August 2017, the new ASN secondary school (to replace Carrongrange School) will open in Grangemouth. Options are now being considered for naming this new school.
- Broadly speaking, there are 5 different approaches that can be taken when naming a new school (see below).
- When a name is chosen, a further decision will also be required on whether this name is suffixed with a description such as "...School", "...High School" or "...Academy" or left simply as the name chosen.

**B. The Five Approaches to Naming a New School****1. Retain current name**

It would not be unusual for an ASN school to relocate and retain the current name, even if this is tied to a different location or building. Examples in Scotland are:

- Donaldson's School (for the deaf) moved from Edinburgh to a new-build in Linlithgow and kept the same name; and
- Struan School (Scottish Autism) moved from Struan House in Alloa to a new-build nearby and is now called New Struan School

The advantage of this approach is that it can retain the school's identity, and an identifiable "brand" in the case of the two schools listed above which had to maintain a national presence.

**2. Name the school based on the new location**

- The vast majority of ASN schools in Scotland have names that are based on a locational factor such as the building name or a local place name.
- Carrongrange School currently falls into this category, sitting on Carrongrange Avenue that was itself named based on local factors.
- The site for the new school is currently adjacent to Moray Primary School.
- This was formerly a Middle School, and before that a Secondary School, where these large playing fields would have been a requirement.
- Prior to this, the site was part of RAF Grangemouth, which was operational from 1939-1955. Before it was an airfield, there was a golf course on this site, and before that open farmland (see below).
- The following are local place names that have been derived from historic mapping and internet resources:
  - "Abbotsgrange"

Historically, the site of the new school is within what was known as "Abbotsgrange", a farm covering this area that disappeared off the maps between the wars. The farm itself appears to have been named after the original 'Abbots Grange' (circa 16<sup>th</sup> century), remnants of which still exist in the nearby Zetland Park.



– **“Grange Burn”**

This is the local (tidal) burn that runs through the centre of Grangemouth

– **“Abbotsinch”**

Despite the local RAF themed pub/restaurant being called “The Abbotsinch”, RAF Grangemouth does not appear to have been known as Abbotsinch Airport – this was actually the original name of Glasgow Airport. However, it is a name that appears locally and the Abbotsinch Industrial Estate is on the site of the old airport.

– **“CaronFlats”, “Inch”, “Candie”, “Oxgang”, “Loanhead”, “Newhouse”, “Maryflats”, “Eastend”, “Bowhouse”, “Fouldubs”, “Ochilview”, “Panstead”, “Powdrake”, “Overton”, “Saltcoats”, “Tenacres”, “Zetland”**

These are other historical properties that pre-dated the urban area we now know. A number of street names appear to reflect these historical property names. A number of these names have already been used for local schools (Bowhouse, Oxgang and Zetland (now closed)).

### **3. Name the school 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.

### **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), but these relate to a very specific provision.

### **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, Kilbirnie (Independent)
- The Choices Project, Clydebank (Local Authority)



**C. Consultation Process & Next Steps**

From November 2015 to January 2016, all interested parties are invited to suggest preferred names for the new school. Falkirk Council will then consider the names suggested and make a decision during 2016. The Carrongrange School Staff, pupils and parents will be involved in this process. This decision will be communicated back to those that contributed suggestions, and 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](mailto:educ.consultation@falkirk.gov.uk); or
- By letter to: School Name Consultation, Children's Services, Sealock House, 2 Inchyra Road, Grangemouth, FK3 9XB
- Please phone 01324 506621 if you would like further information.