

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: REFERRALS FROM EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 23 MARCH 2010
Meeting: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Date: 6 April 2010
Author: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The following reports were submitted to the Education Committee at its meeting on 23 March 2010. The purpose of this report is to refer the recommendations made by the Education Committee to Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

2. EDUCATION MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (MIS)

- 2.1 Committee considered a report by the Director of Education Services on a proposed change in status of Seemis and the nature of its relationship with education authorities.

- 2.2 Committee was invited and agreed to endorse the following recommendations below:

- (i) in principle to Falkirk Council becoming a partner in the Seemis LLP;
- (ii) that the Director of Education be given delegated authority to take all steps necessary for the council to become a partner in the Seemis LLP once further information/documentation is available, should this be best value for the council; and
- (iii) to refer this report to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

- 2.3 **In accordance with paragraph 2.2 above, Policy and Resources Committee is invited to approve Falkirk Council becoming a partner in the Seemis LLP and that the Director of Education be given delegated authority to take all steps necessary for the Council to become a partner in the Seemis LLP once further information/documentation is available, should this be best value for the council.**

3.0 STRATEGIC REVIEW OF SECONDARY CAPACITY: OPTIONS FOR RESOLVING CAPACITY PRESSURES AT LARBERT HIGH SCHOOL

- 3.1 Committee considered a report by the Director of Education Services to appraise the proposal to rezone Airth Primary School catchment area from Larbert High School to Grangemouth High School against other rezoning possibilities available and also consider the options for increasing the capacity of Larbert High School to meet future demand.

- 3.2 At the meeting, the committee agreed to amend the recommendations in the report as follows:

- (i) further use is made by Larbert High School of classrooms in Carrongrange School;

- (ii) the proposal to rezone the Airth Primary School catchment area to Grangemouth High School should not proceed;
- (iii) council officers within the relevant disciplines, supplemented by external expertise as required, be instructed to carry out an initial feasibility study as outlined in the report, and
- (iv) that a report detailing the outcomes of the initial feasibility study be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

3.3 Policy and Resources Committee is invited to approve the recommendations as detailed in paragraph 3.2 above.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Committee is therefore invited to approve:

- (i) in principle to Falkirk Council becoming a partner in the Seemis LLP;
- (ii) that the Director of Education be given delegated authority to take all steps necessary for the council to become a partner in the Seemis LLP once further information/documentation is available, should this be best value for the council;
- (iii) that further use is made by Larbert High School of classrooms in Carrongrange School;
- (iv) the proposal to rezone the Airth Primary School catchment area to Grangemouth High School should not proceed;
- (v) council officers within the relevant disciplines, supplemented by external expertise as required, be instructed to carry out an initial feasibility study as outlined in the report, and
- (vi) that a report detailing the outcomes of the initial feasibility study be brought back to a future meeting of the Education Committee.

As outlined in the reports from the Director of Education Services.

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Director of Education

Date: 26 March 2010

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL