

**Principles of Introductions to Consultation Meetings
(per Member Officer Working Group of 6 October 2008)**

- “3.4** The appendix further proposes the groups to be consulted prior to the end of November 2008, taking into account the priorities reported to Council on 28 May 2008, namely:-
- property condition;
 - property suitability;
 - estimated repair cost to bring the property up to a safe, accessible and wind and watertight condition, to be reported as a total cost and cost per pupil;
 - revenue costs of each property, again reported as a total cost and cost per pupil;
 - geographic location of each school in relation to other schools, identifying any isolation factors, e.g. Gartocharn Primary;
 - retention of schools within local communities, especially socially disadvantaged communities;
 - opportunity for colocation of other services within school buildings.

These priorities should be seen simply as a tool to begin the consultation process and will not necessarily be the final priority ratings on completion of the consultations.”

Report to Group 24 November 2008

Informal Public Meeting - Bellsmyre, Dumbarton on Tuesday 21 October 2008

A public meeting was held in Dumbarton Academy on the evening of 21 October 2008. There was a small turn out at the meeting.

Despite the low turn out, public contributions were very positive and it was apparent that there was clear consensus that a new purpose-built, co-located school for St Peter's and Aitkenbar primaries would be the public preference in Bellsmyre. This reflected similar views from the initial Head Teacher/Parent Council/Head of Centre consultation meeting of 28 August 2008.

Questionnaire responses showed a consistent dissatisfaction with the existing condition and suitability of schools and a collective desire to have a new build, co-located school in Bellsmyre. There was general agreement that some areas could be shared, such as early learning, sports facilities, dining and assembly areas. There was a strong wish that the community be included in the school campus. A community centre and a public library were suggested so long as they could be kept secure from the school facilities during school hours.

Informal Public Meeting - Faifley, Clydebank on Tuesday 11 November 2008

A public meeting was held in Auchnacraig EECC on the evening of 11 November 2008. There was a turn out of around 100 at the meeting.

The debate majored around the option of the co-location of Edinbarnet and St Joseph's primaries. Publicly, opinion appeared to be that there was a desire to keep the schools separate and for each school to be refurbished and adapted to meet current education and value for money standards. Again, this reflected similar views from the initial Head Teacher/Parent Council/Head of Centre consultation meeting of 28 August 2008. Concern was raised over the disruption to pupils and staff that would result from refurbishment works whilst the schools were in operation.

Interestingly, the questionnaires issued at the meeting gave a slightly different perspective on public opinion. Of the 37 forms handed in at the end of the meeting, 60% stated a preference for retaining separate schools, whilst 40% stated that they would be comfortable with the idea of a newly built co-located school.

The responses were split in accordance with the figures noted above with regard to satisfaction of the condition and suitability of the school buildings in the area. Similarly there was a 60/40 split regarding refurbishment/new build co-location. Those who were positive about co-location gave various ideas with respect to those areas that could be shared in the schools such as early learning, sports

facilities, dining and assembly areas. There was split opinion towards other facilities such as community access and public libraries being included due to concerns over safety of children if community had access to school facilities during school hours.

Informal Public Meeting - Haldane/Jamestown on Monday 17 November 2008

A public meeting was held in St Kessog's Primary on the evening of 17 November 2008. There was a turn out of around 80 at the meeting.

The debate majored around the option of the co-location of St Kessog's Primary with a merged Jamestown and Haldane Primary school. Publicly, whilst there was a general agreement that co-location was acceptable, the idea of merging Jamestown and Haldane Primaries created a division in the meeting.

Some suggested that the history and size of Jamestown Primary was important and that any merger with Haldane Primary would compromise this. This reflected similar views from the initial Head Teacher/Parent Council/Head of Centre consultation meeting of 28 August 2008.

Concern was raised that a merged school of 300 children may be too large to manage in educational terms. Others debated that, because both buildings were rated "C" with regard to suitability, a new building was needed and that it should be in the form of a merged, co-located school.

Of the 55 questionnaires handed in at the end of the meeting, 29% stated a preference for retaining separate schools, 11% stated that they would be comfortable with the idea of a newly built co-located school but with no merger of the non-denominational schools and 58% stated that they would be comfortable with the idea of a co-located St Kessog's Primary with a merged Haldane and Jamestown Primary.

Generally the Jamestown responses were fairly content with the school buildings in the area, wishing refurbishment only of the schools while the others were dissatisfied and showed a preference for new builds. Those who were positive about co-location gave various ideas with respect to those areas that could be shared in the schools, such as early learning, sports facilities, dining and assembly areas. There was general agreement towards other facilities such as community access and public libraries being included so long as they could be kept secure from the school facilities during school hours.

Report to Group 19 February 2009

School & Parent Council Meeting – Alexandria, Renton, Bonhill & Gartocharn on Wednesday 3 December 2008

A meeting for those establishments not previously consulted in the Alexandria area was held in Christie Park Primary on the evening of 3 December 2008. Around 70 people attended.

The contributions were mixed in that, while some felt that there was a variety of possibilities, there were a few who felt that they would have preferred to have been offered various options to consider and debate. Several suggestions were offered and these are detailed below.

Extend Christie Park PS across the side road (close off the road to the public) and build into the park. This would allow a merger with Levenvale PS. External play areas would be very limited.

Build a new school behind the Vale Baths to allow a merger of Christie Park PS and Levenvale PS.

Close St Martin's PS and co-locate with Renton PS.

Move St Martin's PS pupils to St Mary's PS.

Could St Ronan's PS, St Mary's PS and St Martin's PS be merged into one new school?

Merge Ladyton PS into Highdykes PS, together with the library.

If St. Ronan's close, Highdykes and Ladyton Primaries could move into the St Ronan's building.

Move St Ronan's PS to the existing Ladyton PS building. Highdykes and Ladyton Primaries merge into St Ronan's existing building.

Merge Dalmonach EECC and Ladyton EECC.

Merge Renton EECC and Vale of Leven EECC into Renton.

Questionnaire responses showed a mixed response on the level of how satisfied they were with the existing condition of their schools. Most returns made comment that there was a desire to improve their schools by either building a new extension or providing additional sports facilities. The majority stated a preference to major refurbishment rather than new build. A large majority also

stated a desire that community facilities be added in the event of any new build or refurbishment, on the understanding that community would only gain access after school hours.

School & Parent Council Meeting – Dumbarton on Monday 19 January 2009

A meeting for those establishments not previously consulted in the Dumbarton area was held in Dumbarton Academy on the evening of 19 January 2008. Around 25 people attended.

Contributions to the public debate were positive. Suggestions were:-

Merge Brucehill EECC with Dalreoch PS on ground to the rear of St Michael's PS. The existing Dalreoch PS building could be used as an Educational Resource Centre.

There was general agreement that St Patrick's PS, St Michael's PS and Knoxland PS were good buildings that only need to be refurbished. It was also felt that Braehead PS could be retained if refurbished and access improved.

With the exception of Brucehill EECC (see 3.6.1), there was agreement that the other EECCs in the area could remain in their existing locale.

Questionnaire responses showed a mixed response on the level of how satisfied they were with the existing condition of their schools. The majority stated a preference to major refurbishment rather than new build. A large majority also stated a desire that community facilities be added in the event of any new build or refurbishment, on the understanding that community would only gain access after school hours. Wherever co-located schools were to be provided the responses insisted that there be good sports facilities for use by pupils and, again assuming adequate security from school children, the community.

School & Parent Council Meeting – Clydebank on Monday 26 January 2009

A meeting for those establishments not previously consulted in the Clydebank area was held in Clydebank Town Hall on the evening of 26 January 2009. Around 60 people attended.

As with the Dumbarton meeting, contributions to the public debate were positive. Several suggestions were offered and these are detailed below.

Whitecrook PS should not be merged with Linnvale PS due to the canal between the sites.

Co-locate Our Holy Redeemer PS and Whitecrook PS, preferably on a site closer to the centre of Whitecrook rather than being on one of the existing school sites.

Merge Clydebank EECC with Whitecrook EECC.

Relocate Cunard School to allow space for a larger Whitecrook/Clydebank EECC.

Relocate Psychological Services, currently in Carleith PS, thus freeing up space for St Mary's EECC to move into the school. This would create more room for St Mary's PS, which needs more space.

The proposed new build of Goldenhill PS could be relocated to a more central site within the area. Add an EECC to the school for the St Mary's EECC if Carleith PS was not to be a favourable option.

St Stephen's PS and Kilbowie PS require only minor refurbishment. Our Lady of Loretto PS is in need of improved access and refurbishment.

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Summary of meetings not reported to date

School & Parent Council Meeting – Kilpatrick, Cunard & Choices on Thursday 5 March 2009

A public meeting was held in Kilpatrick School on the evening of Thursday 5 March 2009. There was a turn out of around 15 at the meeting.

Of the 7 questionnaires handed in at the end of the meeting the following views were expressed.

It was suggested that either a major refurbishment, extension or a new build would be an option for Kilpatrick School and Cunard. In general the idea of a co-location with another service or a re-location was not welcomed. The suggestion of other vocational establishments sharing the campus was also put forward.

It was suggested that Choices accommodation was presently unsuitable. The preference would be an extension with refurbishment.

Informal Public Meeting – Bonhill on Monday 23 March 2009

A public meeting was held in Highdykes Primary School on the evening of Monday 23 March 2009. There was a turn out of around 105 at the meeting.

Of the 61 questionnaires handed in at the end of the meeting the following views were expressed.

It was suggested that at Highdykes P.S the majority would prefer a refurbishment of the existing school with most of the remaining views being either new build or refurbishment. Most returns would not consider a merger or co-location. Nearly all the questionnaires would like to see community facilities within the campus.

It was suggested that at St.Ronan's P.S the vast majority would prefer a refurbishment of the existing school with the remaining view being either new build or refurbishment. Most returns would not consider a merger or co-location. Nearly all the questionnaires would like to see community facilities within the campus.

It was suggested that at Dalmonach EECC that either a new build or refurbishment would be the preferred option however would not consider a merger or co-location.

Informal Public Meeting – Dumbarton West on Monday 27 April 2009

A public meeting was held in St.Michael's Primary School on the evening of Monday 27 March 2009. There was a turn out of around 12 at the meeting.

Of the 4 questionnaires handed in at the end of the meeting the following views were expressed.

It was suggested that at Dalreoch P.S the views expressed would prefer a co-location, new build or refurbishment. The questionnaires would like to see community facilities within the campus.

It was suggested that at Brucehill EECC the views expressed would prefer a co-location, new build or refurbishment. The questionnaires would like to see community facilities within the campus and also additional access to ICT.

Informal Public Meeting – Gartocharn on Thursday 7 May 2009

A public meeting was held in Gartocharn Primary School on the evening of Thursday 7 May 2009. There was a turn out of around 35 at the meeting.

Of the 27 questionnaires handed in at the end of the meeting the following views were expressed.

It was suggested that at Gartocharn P.S the views expressed would prefer new build or refurbishment. The questionnaires would like to see community facilities within the campus and improved sports facilities.

It was suggested that at Gartocharn EECC the views expressed would prefer new build or refurbishment. The questionnaires would like to see community facilities within the campus and improved drop off points.

Informal Public Meeting – Dumbarton Central & East on Monday 11 May 2009

A public meeting was held in Knoxland Primary School on the evening of 11 May 2009. There was a turn out of around 12 at the meeting.

Of the 4 questionnaires handed in at the end of the meeting the following views were expressed.

It was suggested that at Braehead P.S the views expressed would prefer new build or refurbishment and a mixed response to a co-located school. The questionnaires would like to see community facilities within the campus.

It was suggested that at St.Patrick's P.S the view expressed would prefer a new build.

Informal Public Meeting – Duntocher on Monday 18 May 2009

A public meeting was held in Carleith Primary School on the evening of 18 May 2009. There was a turn out of around 40 at the meeting.

Of the 27 questionnaires handed in at the end of the meeting the following views were expressed.

It was suggested that at Carleith P.S the views expressed would prefer new build or refurbishment and a mixed response to a co-located school. The questionnaires would like to see community facilities within the campus and improved sports facilities.

There was very strong feedback on the returns that St.Mary's EECC could be accommodated at Carleith P.S and give St.Mary's P.S more space.

It was suggested that at Choices could also move into any available space within Carleith P.S

Informal Public Meeting – Alexandria & Renton on Wednesday 20 May 2009

A public meeting was held in Alexandria C.E.C on the evening of 20 May 2009. There was a turn out of around 45 at the meeting.

Of the 36 questionnaires handed in at the end of the meeting the following views were expressed.

It was suggested that at Christie Park P.S the majority of the views expressed would prefer no change to the school. A minority of the returns would like to see a new build or refurbishment and a mixed response to a co-located school.

No returns for Levensale P.S

It was suggested that at St.Martin's P.S the majority of views would prefer a new build, major refurbishment or co-location but no to a merger. All returns would like to see community facilities within any new campus.

It was suggested that at Renton P.S the majority of views would prefer a new build, major refurbishment but no to a merger. All returns would like to see community facilities within any new campus.

It was suggested that at Ferryfield EECC the majority of views would prefer a new build or major refurbishment. All returns would like to see community facilities within any new campus.

Informal Public Meeting – Clydebank Central, Kilpatrick & Dalmuir on Thursday
28 May 2009

A public meeting was held in Kilbowie P.S on the evening of 28 May 2009. There was a turn out of around 20 at the meeting.

Of the 14 questionnaires handed in at the end of the meeting the following views were expressed.

It was suggested that at Kilbowie P.S the majority of the views expressed would prefer a refurbishment. A merger or co-location was not a preference. All returns would welcome community facilities on the campus.

It was suggested that at St.Stephen's P.S the majority of views would prefer a major refurbishment but would not welcome a co-location or a merger. All returns would like to see community facilities within any new campus.

It was suggested that at Our Lady Of Lorretto P.S the majority of views would prefer a new build, major refurbishment or co-location and a mixed response to a merger. All returns would like to see community facilities within any new campus.

It was suggested that at Gavinburn P.S the majority of views would prefer a new build or major refurbishment. A merger or co-location was not a preference. All returns would like to see community facilities within any new campus.

It was suggested that at Gavinburn EECC the view would prefer a major refurbishment. A new build, merger or co-location was not a preference. The return would like to see community facilities within any new campus.

It was suggested that at Kilbowie EECC the view would prefer a major refurbishment or new build. A merger or co-location was not a preference. The return would like to see community facilities within any new campus.

Informal Public Meeting – Clydebank East on Tuesday 2 June 2009

A public meeting was held in Linnvale P.S on the evening of 2 June 2009. There was a turn out of around 17 at the meeting.

Of the 11 questionnaires handed in at the end of the meeting the following views were expressed.

It was suggested that at Linnvale P.S the majority of the views expressed would prefer a major refurbishment or new build. The vast majority of returns would not prefer a merger or co-location. All returns would welcome community facilities on the campus.

It was suggested that at Our Holy Redeemer P.S the views expressed would prefer a major refurbishment or new build but would not welcome a co-location or a merger. All returns would like to see community facilities within any new campus.

It was suggested that at Cunard the majority of views would prefer a new build, major refurbishment but a co-location or merger would not be a preference. There was a mixed view in the returns regarding community facilities within any new campus.

It was suggested that at Whitecrook EECC the view would prefer a new build or major refurbishment. A merger or co-location was not a preference.