

West Dunbartonshire Council

Report by Executive Director of Educational Services

Schools Procurement Committee 27 August 2007

Project History

Subject: History of the West Dunbartonshire's Schools' PPP Project

1. Purpose

1.1 To report to members of the Schools Procurement Committee with a summary of the PPP project's history.

2. Background

2.1 West Dunbartonshire Council's schools' PPP Project is now at a crucial stage, as it moves towards Financial Close in autumn 2007.

2.2 This meeting of the Schools Procurement Committee has been called to approve recommendations for changes to the scope of the project relating to the Dumbarton campus and the Brock Bowling Club.

2.3 Since this will be the first meeting of the Committee since the election, and since some Members may not be fully conversant with the details of the PPP project, it may prove useful to Members to have information on the project's history.

3. Main Issues

3.1 The history of the project is outlined in the 2 appendices to this report (Appendix 1: History of the West Dunbartonshire's Schools' PPP Project and Appendix 2: Project Update). These appendices are essentially copies of reports provided to the PPP Project Board at its meetings in June and July 2007 respectively.

3.2 Since the July meeting, a significant development in the project has been the awarding of the Mandatory Variant Bid contracts for Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance in the project schools to the Council's in-house team.

3.3 It should also be noted that Planning Consent was granted for the Vale of Leven, Clydebank High and St Peter the Apostle/St Eunan's sites at the meeting of the Planning Committee on 8 August.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are none.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are none arising directly from this report, which is for Members' information only.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 Not applicable.

7. Conclusions

7.1 The appendices to this report, together with paragraph 3.2 and 3.3 above, provide members with a history of the project to date.

8. Recommendations

8.1 Members of the Committee are asked to note the contents of this report.

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Appendices: Appendix 1: History of the West Dunbartonshire's Schools' PPP Project

Appendix 2: Project Update

Background Papers: N/a

Wards Affected: All Wards