

**ANGUS COUNCIL  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 30 APRIL 2002**

**SCHOOL OCCUPANCY LEVELS  
REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

**Abstract**

This report outlines occupancy levels in Angus schools in the context of Statutory Performance Indicators.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Education Committee notes the contents of this report for its information.

**2. INTRODUCTION**

The Local Government Act 1992 requires the Accounts Commission to ensure that Local Authorities publish statutory performance indicators, which allow comparison on the basis of cost, economy, efficiency and effectiveness between standards of performance achieved by different Authorities in a financial year and also in different years.

Indicators measure aspects of the performance of a service that are of interest to the public and of importance to relevant service managers. From an Accounts Commission perspective it is expected that indicators based on quantity and efficiency (including economy) assist in making comparisons of performance.

The Education Department is required to report on seven indicators. These cover areas of pre-school experience, primary class sizes, school occupancy levels and special needs assessment. The department has also been asked to provide financial information on the level of expenditure in each sector; however from April 2002 this indicator will become voluntary.

The non-financial and financial indicators are required each year by the end of May and June respectively. The information is co-ordinated by the Council's Performance Co-ordinator and passed to the external auditors, Audit Scotland, who validate and verify the accuracy of these indicators. This process is completed by the end of August.

Angus Council publishes this information in the Annual Report and Accounts and also in the local press by the end of September each year. In addition the Council published a leaflet in January providing performance information and asks for the views of all stakeholders on the Council's performance.

**3. SCHOOL OCCUPANCY**

One of the seven statutory performance indicators for the education service is school occupancy. At authority level the information is presented as follows:

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS****a) Occupancy: The % of schools where the ratio of pupils to places is:**

	<b>Angus Council 2001/02</b>	<b>Angus Council 2000/01</b>	<b>All Scotland 2000/01</b>	<b>Angus Council 1999/2000</b>	<b>All Scotland 1999/2000</b>
40% or less	6.6%	13.1%	8.7%	9.7%	9.2%
41 – 60%	21.7%	16.4%	22.9%	24.2%	22.4%
61 – 80%	46.7%	37.7%	33.6%	30.6%	33.8%
81 – 100%	21.7%	27.9%	27.7%	30.6%	27.2%
101% or more	3.3%	4.9%	7.2%	4.8%	7.4%

It should be noted that the school occupancy level indicator excludes nursery capacity. Percentages refer to the number of schools, and takes no account of the respective sizes of individual schools. It should also be noted that All Scotland information is not available for 2001/02.

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS

### b) Occupancy: The % of schools where the ratio of pupils to places is:

	Angus Council 2001/02	Angus Council 2000/01	All Scotland 2000/01	Angus Council 1999/2000	All Scotland 1999/2000
40% or less	0%	0%	4.1%	0%	3.9%
41 – 60%	25.0%	12.5%	11.6%	12/5%	13.7%
61 – 80%	12.5%	25.0%	30.2%	25.0%	32.2%
81 – 100%	50.0%	62.5%	38.9%	50.0%	35.3%
101% or more	12.5%	0%	15.2%	12.5%	14.9%

Overall occupancy within Angus schools compares reasonably well with the position within Scotland as a whole. However the format of the information is not particularly helpful as a management tool. It was decided therefore to analyse the data on a cluster basis and when used in conjunction with information available in school Asset Management Plans, this analysis should assist in determining priorities for investment in school buildings.

The position in respect of primary schools within each cluster and for secondary schools is contained in the Appendix to this report.

Due to the evolving demographic situation within Angus, the capacity of a number of schools has recently been increased (following building works) to meet the demand for places in these schools. To ensure overall occupancy levels are maintained at cost effective levels, it is essential that the overall position is kept under continual review. This is particularly relevant when overall pupil population is expected to reduce slightly over the next 5-10 years.

## 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

## 5. HUMAN RIGHTS

There are no Human Rights implications arising directly from consideration of this report.

## 6. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Directors of Finance and Law and Administration and the Director of Property Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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**NOTE:** No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
SCHOOL CAPACITIES - 2000/2001 AND 2001/02**

	Sep 00 Census Primary	Capacity	Occupancy %	Sep 01 Census Primary	Capacity	Occupancy %
<b>ARBROATH CLUSTER (1)</b>						
Friockheim	162	222	73	141	222	64
Hayshead	400	444	90	405	444	91
Inverkeilor	93	125	74	97	125	78
St Thomas	122	125	98	122	125	98
St Vigean's	27	50	54			
Warddykes	295	444	66	284	444	64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1099</b>	<b>1410</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>1360</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>ARBROATH CLUSTER (2)</b>						
Arbirlot	26	50	52	22	50	44
Carmyllie	45	100	45	30	100	30
Colliston	69	75	92	74	75	99
Inverbrothock	312	335	93	349	444	79
Ladyloan	355	335	106	356	444	80
Muirfield	211	335	63	213	335	64
Timmergreens	386	444	87	373	444	84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1404</b>	<b>1674</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1417</b>	<b>1892</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>BRECHIN CLUSTER</b>						
Andover	280	444	63	277	444	62
Careston	25	42	60	21	42	50
Edzell	71	100	71	71	100	71
Lethnot	16	25	64	18	25	72
Maisondieu	445	469	95	451	469	96
Stracathro	36	50	72	40	50	80
Tarfside	11	25	44	16	25	64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>1155</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>1155</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>CARNOUSTIE CLUSTER</b>						
Barry	72	75	96	68	75	91
Carlogie	365	444	82	357	444	80
Kinloch	454	504	90	453	504	90
Monikie	82	100	82	84	100	84
Newbigging	50	75	67	42	75	56
Panbride	50	75	67	46	75	61
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1073</b>	<b>1273</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1050</b>	<b>1273</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>FORFAR CLUSTER</b>						
Aberlemno	19	50	38	22	50	44
Chapelark	297	335	89	289	335	86

Inverarity	46	75	61	39	75	52
Kirkriggs	236	310	76	242	310	78
Langlands	427	444	96	411	444	93
Letham	156	222	70	162	222	73
Pitkenney	25	42	60	16	42	38
Strathmartine	54	50	108	54	50	108
Tealing	31	100	31	37	100	37
Wellbrae	246	222	111	239	222	108
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1537</b>	<b>1850</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>1511</b>	<b>1850</b>	<b>82</b>

	Sep 00 Census Primary	Capacity	Occupancy %	Sep 01 Census Primary	Capacity	Occupancy %
<b>MONIFIETH CLUSTER</b>						
Auchterhouse	37	50	74	33	50	66
Birkhill	208	222	94	216	222	97
Grange	310	444	70	315	444	71
Liff	75	125	60	86	125	69
Mattocks	25	75	33	34	75	45
Murroes	45	100	45	54	100	54
Newtyle	70	100	70	75	100	75
Seaview	387	444	87	384	444	86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1157</b>	<b>1560</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1197</b>	<b>1560</b>	<b>77</b>

<b>MONTROSE CLUSTER</b>						
Borrowfield	327	444	74	320	444	72
Dun	20	50	40	23	42	55
Ferryden	150	222	68	150	222	68
Lochside	394	444	89	383	444	86
Rosemount	137	222	62	143	222	64
St Margaret's	36	50	72	32	50	64
Southesk	205	252	81	200	252	79
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1269</b>	<b>1684</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1251</b>	<b>1676</b>	<b>75</b>

<b>KIRRIEMUIR CLUSTER</b>						
Airlie	53	75	71	57	75	76
Cortachy	23	50	46	21	50	42
Eassie	25	50	50	25	50	50
Glamis	58	75	77	52	75	69
Glenisla	19	50	38	23	50	46
Kilry	16	42	38	13	42	31
Lintrathen	15	50	30	25	50	50
Northmuir	362	444	82	356	444	80
Southmuir	248	335	74	255	335	76
Tannadice	73	222	33	101	222	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>1393</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>1393</b>	<b>67</b>

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL CAPACITIES SUMMARY - 2000/2001 AND 2001/02

	Sep 00 Census	Capacity	Occupancy %	Sep 01 Census	Capacity	Occupancy %
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Arbroath Academy (1)	1,099	1,410	78	1,049	1,360	77
Arbroath High (2)	1,404	1,674	84	1,417	1,892	75
Brechin Cluster	884	1,155	77	894	1,155	77
Carnoustie Cluster	1,073	1,273	84	1,050	1,273	82
Forfar Cluster	1,537	1,850	83	1,511	1,850	82
Monifieth Cluster	1,157	1,560	74	1,197	1,560	77
Montrose Cluster	1,269	1,684	75	1,251	1,676	75
Kirriemuir Cluster	892	1,393	64	928	1,393	67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,315</b>	<b>11,999</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>9,297</b>	<b>12,159</b>	<b>76</b>

### Secondary Schools

Arbroath Academy	603	1,060	57	605	1,060	57
Arbroath High	1,102	1,160	95	1,098	1,160	95
Brechin High	663	1,060	63	613	1,060	58
Carnoustie High	919	1,060	87	892	1,060	84
Forfar Academy	1,141	1,270	90	1,105	1,270	87
Monifieth High	1,039	1,060	98	1,073	1,060	101
Montrose Academy	1,000	1,270	79	1,006	1,270	79
Webster's High	741	740	100	721	864	83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,208</b>	<b>8,680</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>7,113</b>	<b>8,804</b>	<b>81</b>

