

ANGUS COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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REVIEW OF SCHOOL DELINEATED AREAS IN AND AROUND TANNADICE

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

**ABSTRACT**

This report provides feedback on a recent informal consultation exercise, and recommends no change to current arrangements.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Education Committee:

- a notes the general tenor of the responses to the recent consultation exercise on primary and secondary school delineated areas in and around Tannadice, as summarised in the body of this Report;
- b agrees to propose no changes at present to school delineated areas in and around Tannadice

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Reference is made to the meeting of the Education Committee on 5 March 2002 when I was authorised to engage in informal consultations about the current delineated area of Tannadice Primary School and about the delineated areas of those three secondary schools which overlap with the delineated area of Tannadice Primary School (namely Brechin High School, Forfar Academy and Webster's High School).
- 2.2 Comments on the current arrangements were sought from the School Board of Tannadice Primary School, and from the School Boards of the three secondary schools named above. Comments were also sought directly from the parents of all pupils currently enrolled in Tannadice Primary School.
- 2.3 The School Board of Tannadice Primary School arranged to meet with parents to discuss this matter and I attended one of these meetings on 8 May 2002, at which approximately 60 parents were present.

**3 RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION**

- 3.1 The School Board of Tannadice Primary School has responded formally indicating that no change should be made to the delineated area of Tannadice Primary School, nor should any change be made in the delineated areas of the three secondary schools which serve this area. These comments reflect the consensus view of parents who offered opinions to the Tannadice School Board.

- 3.2 The School Board of Forfar Academy responded formally indicating support for the status quo.
- 3.3 Sixteen written parental responses were received. These responses were, on the whole, thoughtful and constructive.
- 3.4 Although three of the sixteen responses tentatively acknowledged that some minor alterations to delineated areas may be worthy of some consideration, the overwhelming view – very strongly expressed by some – was that no change should take place at all.

#### **4 CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 Given the very strong and clear parental view which has emerged from these consultations, no proposed amendments to delineated areas are being brought forward for further consultation.
- 4.2 In retaining the status quo, it will be important to emphasise to parents the Council's long-standing policy relating to School Transport; in particular any parent who makes a successful placing request to either a primary or secondary school must take full responsibility for transporting his/her child to and from that school. This issue is particularly relevant for the Tannadice area, given the tripartite way in which it is spread between three secondary schools, and the resultant possibility of parents making placing requests for a secondary school other than that designated to serve their home address.
- 4.3 Notwithstanding the anxieties which any open consultation of this type can cause, it is important for the Council to keep an open mind on the appropriateness of delineated areas. In the case of Tannadice, it is not beyond the realms of possibility that the Tannadice School Board may itself raise this issue again in the future, and clearly the Council would wish to consider any future proposals which may at that time be made by the Tannadice School Board.

#### **5 HUMAN RIGHTS**

- 5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from approval of the recommendations contained within this Report.

#### **6 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 In accordance with the Standing Orders of the Council, this report has been the subject of consultation with the Chief Executive, the Director of Finance and the Director of Law & Administration.

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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.

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