

**ANGUS COUNCIL**  
**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**11 JUNE 2002**  
**AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL CAPACITIES**  
**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

**ABSTRACT**

This report recommends the adoption of amended notional school capacities for a small number of schools.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Education Committee:

- a) notes the comments received on proposed amendments to school capacities (Section 3 of this report);
- b) approves amended capacities for:
  - Birkhill Primary School
  - Dun Primary School
  - Inverbrothock Primary School
  - Ladyloan Primary School
  - Maisondieu Primary School
  - Webster's High School;
- c) notes and endorses the complete list of notional capacities and associated intake limits for all schools (see Appendix 1(a): amended capacities and intake limits are highlighted in bold print).

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Reference is made to the meeting of the Education Committee on 5 March 2002 when I was authorised to consult on proposed amendments to notional capacities of a small number of schools (Item No. 4 of the minute of the meeting refers).
- 2.2 In addition to those schools highlighted for the Committee on 5 March 2002, Birkhill Primary School has recently had an extension completed and the School Board of Birkhill Primary School has therefore been consulted about a proposed amended capacity of 273 pupils (previously 222) and an amended intake limit of 39 pupils (previously 30 pupils).

**RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION**

**3.1 Birkhill Primary School**

The completed extension means that the school now has 10 classrooms available for primary pupils, in addition to the nursery building. This in turn means that an intake limit of 39 primary pupils and a notional capacity of 273 primary pupils can now be set. The School Board has indicated support for this proposal.

### 3.2 Dun Primary School

The proposal to amend the capacity from 50 primary pupils to 42 primary pupils has not occasioned any response and can therefore be assumed to be acceptable.

### 3.3 Inverbrothock Primary School

The recently completed extension has resulted in a proposed notional capacity of 444 primary pupils (plus a nursery class), and an intake limit of 60 primary pupils. Once again, no adverse comments have been received about this proposal, and it can therefore be assumed to be acceptable.

### 3.4 Ladyloan Primary School

This school has also recently had an extension built. The School Board acknowledges that there are now 14 classrooms available for primary pupils, instead of 12 as previously, but has raised concerns about other accommodation needs, eg:

- Expressive Arts and ICT Activities
- Staff Accommodation
- Accommodation for School Meals
- Accommodation for Specialist Teachers
- Parking Problems.

Whilst understanding the Board's concerns, it would be difficult for the Council not to amend the school's notional capacity, given the change in circumstances which has now taken place. However, in recognition of the concerns it is now proposed to amend the notional capacity of the school to be a nursery class plus 420 primary pupils (not 444 pupils as previously suggested, but still significantly greater than the previous notional capacity of 335 primary pupils), with an intake limit of 60 primary pupils.

### 3.5 Maisondieu Primary School

Once the current building work is complete, and once all the temporary accommodation currently being used is disposed of, the school capacity should be set at 444 primary pupils (plus the Townhead Nursery Class, as agreed by Committee at its meeting on 30 April 2002), with an intake limit of 60 primary pupils. No adverse comments have been received about this proposal, and it can therefore be assumed to be acceptable.

### 3.6 Southmuir Primary School

The new school building is now operating. It was proposed that the notional capacity of the new school should remain unchanged at 335 primary pupils (plus nursery class) and this proposal seems to be acceptable.

### 3.7 Webster's High School

The recently completed extension means that the school can now accommodate 864 secondary pupils, with a notional intake limit of 160 pupils. The School Board is supportive of these proposed amendments.

## 4 **CONCLUSIONS**

- 4.1 With the exception of Ladyloan Primary School, the proposed amendments seem to have commanded wide support.
- 4.2 It is proposed therefore to adopt the proposed amended notional capacities and intake limits for five schools (Birkhill, Dun, Inverbrothock, Maisondieu and Webster's), to adopt a slightly different amended notional capacity and intake limit for Ladyloan, and to retain the existing capacity and intake limit for Southmuir.
- 4.3 These amendments should allow future analyses of school occupancy levels to be undertaken against as accurate a background as possible.

- 4.4 A full list of schools together with their notional capacities and intake limits is attached to this report. (Appendices 1a and 1b).

## **5 CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 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. The Director of Property Services has also been consulted.

## **6 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no Human Rights issues arising directly from approval of the recommendations contained within this report.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**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.

Appendices 2

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## SCHOOL CAPACITIES

Primary School (N = Nursery Class)	Notional Capacity (Primary)	Intake Limit *
Aberlemno PS (N)	50	7
Airlie Primary PS (N)	75	10
Andover PS (N)	444	60
Arbirlot PS (N)	50	7
Auchterhouse PS (N)	50	7
Barry PS	75	10
<b>Birkhill PS (N)</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>39</b>
Borrowfield PS (N)	444	60
Careston PS	42	6
Carlogie PS (N)	444	60
Carmyllie PS (N)	100	14
Chapelark PS (N)	335	46
Colliston PS (N)	75	10
Cortachy PS (N)	50	7
<b>Dun PS</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>6</b>
Eassie PS	50	7
Edzell PS (N)	100	14
Ferryden PS (N)	222	30
Friockheim PS (N)	222	30
Glamis PS (N)	75	10
Glenisla PS (N)	50	7
Grange PS (N)	444	60
Hayshead PS (N)	444	60
Inverarity PS (N)	75	10
<b>Inverbrothock PS (N)</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>60</b>
Inverkeilor PS (N)	125	17
Kilry PS	42	6
Kinloch PS (N)	504	72
Kirkriggs PS (N)	310	42
<b>Ladyloan PS (N)</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>60</b>

Primary School (N = Nursery Class)	Notional Capacity (Primary)	Intake Limit *
Langlands PS (N)	444	60
Letham PS (N)	222	30
Lethnot PS	25	3
Liff PS (N)	125	17
Lintrathen PS (N)	50	7
Lochside PS (N)	444	60
<b>Maisondieu PS (N)</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>60</b>
Mattocks PS (N)	75	10
Monikie PS (N)	100	14
Muirfield PS (N)	335	46
Murroes PS (N)	100	14
Newbigging PS (N)	75	10
Newtyle PS (N)	100	14
Northmuir PS (N)	444	60
Panbride PS	75	10
Pitkenney PS	42	6
Rosemount PS (N)	222	30
St Margaret's PS (N)	50	7
St Thomas PS (N)	125	17
Seaview PS (N)	444	60
Southesk PS (N)	252	30
Southmuir PS (N)	335	46
Stracathro PS (N)	50	7
Strathmartine PS	50	7
Tannadice PS (N)	222	30
Taraside PS (N)	25	3
Tealing PS (N)	100	14
Timmergreens PS (N)	444	60
Warddykes PS (N)	444	60
Wellbrae PS (N)	222	30
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12161</b>	<b>1656</b>

Secondary School	Notional Capacity	Intake Limit
Arbroath Ac	1060	200
Arbroath HS	1160	220
Brechin HS	1060	200
Carnoustie HS	1060	200
Forfar Ac	1270	240
Monifieth HS	1060	200
Montrose Ac	1270	240
<b>Webster's HS</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8804</b>	<b>1660</b>

\*Some flexibility must be applied in interpreting each school's intake limit, including reference to the EA's statutory power to hold some places in reserve should circumstances justify this.

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APPENDIX 1(b)

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS

School	Capacity	Intake Limit *
<b>ARBROATH</b>		
Hayshead PS	444 (+ nursery)	60
Inverbrothock PS	444 (+ nursery)	60
Ladyloan PS	420 (+ nursery)	60
Muirfield PS	335 (+ nursery)	46
St Thomas' PS	125 (+ nursery)	17
Timmergreens PS	444 (+ nursery)	60
Warddykes PS	444 (+ nursery)	60
Arbirlot PS	50 (+ nursery)	7
Carmyllie PS	100 (+ nursery)	14
Colliston PS	75 (+ nursery)	10

School	Capacity	Intake Limit *
<b>KIRRIEMUIR</b>		
Northmuir PS	444 (+ nursery)	60
Southmuir PS	335 (+ nursery)	46
Airlie PS	75 (+ nursery)	10
Cortachy PS	50 (+ nursery)	7
Eassie PS	50	7
Glamis PS	75 (+ nursery)	10
Glenisla PS	50 (+ nursery)	7
Kilry PS	42	6
Lintrathen PS	50 (+ nursery)	7
Tannadice PS	222 (+ nursery)	30

Friockheim PS	222 nursery)	(+	30
Inverkeilor PS	125 nursery)	(+	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3228</b>		<b>441</b>
<b>BRECHIN</b>			
Andover PS	444 nursery)	(+	60
Maisondieu PS	444 nursery)	(+	60
Careston PS	42		6
Edzell PS	100 nursery)	(+	14
Lethnot PS	25		3
Stracathro PS	50 nursery)	(+	7
Tarfside PS	25 nursery)	(+	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1130</b>		<b>153</b>
<b>CARNOUSTIE</b>			
Carlogie PS	444 nursery)	(+	60
Kinloch PS	504 nursery)	(+	72
Barry PS	75		10
Monikie PS	100 nursery)	(+	14
Newbigging PS	75 nursery)	(+	10
Panbride PS	75		10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1273</b>		<b>176</b>
<b>FORFAR</b>			
Chapelark PS	335 nursery)	(+	46
Kirkriggs PS	310 nursery)	(+	42
Langlands PS	444 nursery)	(+	60
Wellbrae PS	222 nursery)	(+	30

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1393</b>		<b>190</b>
<b>MONIFIETH</b>			
Grange PS	444 nursery)	(+	60
Seaview PS	444 nursery)	(+	60
Birkhill PS	273 nursery)	(+	39
Liff PS	125 nursery)	(+	17
Mattocks PS	75 nursery)	(+	10
Murroes PS	100 nursery)	(+	14
Newtyle PS	100 nursery)	(+	14
Auchterhouse PS	50 nursery)	(+	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1611</b>		<b>221</b>
<b>MONTROSE</b>			
Borrowfield PS	444 nursery)	(+	60
Ferryden PS	222 nursery)	(+	30
Lochside PS	444 nursery)	(+	60
Rosemount PS	222 nursery)	(+	30
St Margaret's PS	50 nursery)	(+	7
Southesk PS	252 nursery)	(+	30
Dun PS	42		6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1676</b>		<b>223</b>

\*Some flexibility must be applied in interpreting each school's intake limit, including reference to the EA's power to hold some places in reserve should circumstances justify them.

Aberlemno PS	50 nursery)	(+	7
Inverarity PS	75 nursery)	(+	10
Letham PS	222 nursery)	(+	30
Pitkenney PS	42		6
Strathmartine PS	50		7
Tealing PS	100 nursery)	(+	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1850</b>		<b>252</b>