

**ANGUS COUNCIL
EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 27 AUGUST 2002
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS TO SCHOOLS
REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

ABSTRACT

This report outlines proposals to improve school buildings within Angus.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Education Committee approve the contents of this report.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Council is committed to improving school buildings and there are a number of named projects in the Education capital programme within the Financial Plan. In addition the budget for 2002/03 within the Financial Plan contains a block allocation of £70,000 for Educational Improvements. This sum is to be increased to £170,000 due to the revision of the capital programme to establish a capital monitoring budget for 2002/03. This amendment will be reflected in the forthcoming Capital Monitoring Statement which is to be submitted to Finance and IT Committee on 3 September 2002.
- 2.2 Late in financial year 2001/02 the Scottish Executive provided £123,058 (reference - letter of 26 March 2002 from the Scottish Executive) in the form of a Nursery Development Revenue Grant which is to be utilised by the end of the financial year 2002-2003.

3. PROPOSALS

It is proposed to utilise available funding as follows:

(i) Educational Improvements – Rationalisation of Accommodation at Monifieth High School

Due to an increase in school roll, there is pressure on accommodation within the school, particularly in respect of Science. It is proposed to reconfigure the Technical Department which will free up additional classroom accommodation for the Science Department. The cost of the project is estimated to be £120,000.

The remaining £50,000 balance of the Education Improvements budget will be utilised for smaller scale projects.

(ii) Nursery Funding (Revenue)**a) Wellbrae Primary School**

At present the nursery class is located some distance from the main school building. It is proposed to convert an existing building within the school campus to accommodate the nursery. The estimated cost of this project is £110,000.

b) Tannadice Nursery School – Improve Toilet Provision

The present location of the toilets for use by the nursery class require children to be supervised along a corridor to the existing toilets. The formation of new toilets within the nursery area would reduce the need for the close supervision and increase the independence of these children. The estimated cost of this project is £10,000.

c) Contingency

A small contingency balance of £3,058 remains and this will be used in the first instance as fallback funding for any possible additional cost in the above two projects. In the event that the contingency is not required or if the projects should in fact cost less than envisaged, the remaining balance will be utilised to support other small scale Nursery projects.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The £170,000 estimated 2002/03 costs for Educational Improvements will be met from the block heading for such improvement contained in the 2002/03 updated monitoring Capital Budget provision.
- 4.2 The two named nursery projects and the contingency provision equate to the available £123, 058 Nursery Development Revenue Grant.
- 4.3 There are no material recurring revenue costs arising from any of the projects.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS

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

6. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Law & 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.