

ANGUS COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

25 APRIL 2000

SCHOOL CAPACITIES AND INTAKE LIMITS

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

ABSTRACT

This report recommends adoption of amended school capacities and intake limits.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Education Committee:

- a notes the contents of this report;
- b approves the amended school capacities and intake limits (Appendix); and
- c notes that any future reductions in maximum class sizes may result in further alterations to the capacities and intake limits now being proposed

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Reference is made to meetings of the Education Committee:

- a on 21 January 1997 when school capacities and intake limits for all Angus schools were approved (Article 6 of the minute of the meeting refers)
- b on 24 November 1998 when amendments were agreed to the notional school capacity and intake limit of Arbroath High School (Article 10 of the minute of the meeting refers)
- c on 7 March 2000 when I was instructed to report back to the Education Committee on the outcome of consultations with School Boards about proposals to amend the capacities and intake limits of 26 primary schools in order to take account of the Education (Lower Primary Class Sizes) (Scotland) Regulations 1999
(Article 7 of the minute of the meeting refers)

2.2 Five School Boards responded to the consultation described in (c) above. All were supportive in principle of the proposals, although two Boards specifically highlighted the need for some flexibility in the implementation of intake limits.

3 ADOPTION OF AMENDED SCHOOL CAPACITIES AND INTAKE LIMITS

3.1 It is recommended that the proposed amendments to school capacities and intake limits should now be adopted for all 26 of the primary schools affected. These amendments have been incorporated into the list of school capacities/intake limits for all Angus schools - see Appendix.

- 3.2 The need for flexibility highlighted by two of the School Board responses is worth re-emphasising. Although it is essential for the Council to adopt prudent intake limits for all its schools, there may be occasions when these limits need to be exceeded - particularly if there is sufficient space in the school as a whole and no long-term disadvantages are likely to accrue to pupils in the school if the limit is exceeded in one particular year.
- 3.3 It is also worth noting that the capacities and intake limits in the attached Appendix derive partly from the maximum class sizes currently imposed by legislation. It is possible that current maxima may be reduced (eg as a result of recommendations expected shortly from the McCrone Committee). In these circumstances, it may be necessary to review once again school capacities and intake limits.

4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 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.

APPENDIX

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS

School	Capacity	Intake Limit	Reserved Places per Stage
ARBROATH			
Hayshead Primary	444 (+ nursery)	60	n.a.
Inverbrothock Primary	335 (+ nursery)	46	n.a.
Ladyloan Primary	335 (+ nursery)	46	n.a.
Muirfield Primary	335 (+ nursery)	46	n.a.
St Thomas' Primary	125 (+ nursery)	17	2
Timmergreens Primary	444 (+ nursery)	60	n.a.
Warddykes Primary	444 (+ nursery)	60	n.a.
Arbirlot Primary	50 (+ nursery)	7	2
Carmyllie Primary	100 (+ nursery)	14	2
Colliston Primary	75	10	2
Friockheim Primary	222 (+ nursery)	30	2
Inverkeilor Primary	125 (+ nursery)	17	2
St Vigean's Primary	50	7	n.a.
BRECHIN			
Andover Primary	444 (+ nursery)	60	n.a.
Maisondieu Primary*	469	60	n.a.
Careston Primary	42	6	2
Edzell Primary	100 (+ nursery)	14	2
Lethnot Primary	25	3	2
Stracathro Primary	50 (+ nursery)	7	2
Tarfside Primary	25	3	2
CARNOUSTIE			
Carlogie Primary	444 (+ nursery)	60	n.a.
Kinloch Primary	504 (+ nursery)	72	n.a.
Barry Primary	75	10	n.a.
Monikie Primary	100 (+ nursery)	14	2
Newbigging Primary	75 (+ nursery)	10	2
Panbride Primary	75	10	n.a.
FORFAR			
Chapelark Primary	335 (+ nursery)	46	n.a.
Kirkriggs Primary	310 (+ nursery)	42	n.a.
Langlands Primary	444 (+ nursery)	60	n.a.
Wellbrae Primary	222 (+ nursery)	30	n.a.
Aberlemno Primary	50	7	2
Inverarity Primary	75 (+ nursery)	10	2
Letham Primary	222 (+ nursery)	30	2
Pitkenedy Primary	42	6	2
Strathmartine Primary	50	7	2
Tealing Primary	100 (+ nursery)	14	2

School	Capacity	Intake Limit	Reserved Places per Stage
KIRRIEMUIR			
Northmuir Primary	444 (+ nursery)	60	n.a.
Southmuir Primary**	335 (+ nursery)	46	n.a.
Airlie Primary	75 (+ nursery)	10	2
Cortachy Primary	50 (+ nursery)	7	2
Eassie Primary	50	7	2
Glamis Primary	75 (+ nursery)	10	2
Glenisla Primary	50 (+ nursery)	7	2
Kilry Primary	42	6	2
Lintrathen Primary	50 (+ nursery)	7	2
Tannadice Primary	222 (+ nursery)	30	2
MONIFIETH			
Grange Primary	444 (+ nursery)	60	n.a.
Seaview Primary	444 (+ nursery)	60	n.a.
Birkhill Primary***	222 (+ nursery)	30	n.a.
Liff Primary	125 (+ nursery)	17	n.a.
Mattocks Primary	75 (+ nursery)	10	2
Murroes Primary	100 (+ nursery)	14	2
Newtyle Primary	100 (+ nursery)	14	2
Auchterhouse Primary	50	7	2
MONTROSE			
Borrowfield Primary	444 (+ nursery)	60	n.a.
Ferryden Primary	222 (+ nursery)	30	n.a.
Lochside Primary	444 (+ nursery)	60	n.a.
Rosemount Primary	222 (+ nursery)	30	2
St Margaret's Primary	50	7	2
Southesk Primary	252 (+ nursery)	30	n.a.
Dun Primary	50	7	2

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

School	Capacity	Intake Limit	Reserved Places per Stage
Arbroath Academy	1060	200	n.a.
Arbroath High School	1160	220	n.a.
Brechin High School	1060	200	6
Carnoustie High School	1060	200	6
Forfar Academy	1270	240	7
Monifieth High School	1060	200	6
Montrose Academy	1270	240	7
Webster's High School	740	140	4

* Maisondieu Primary School - it is hoped to replace the temporary accommodation currently in use; once this has been done the school capacity should be reviewed.

** Southmuir Primary School - new building planned - capacity 335 pupils.

*** Birkhill Primary School - efforts are continuing to establish a funding package which would enable an extension to the school to be built with a capacity of 260 pupils.