

ANGUS COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 21 AUGUST 2001
PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 28 AUGUST 2001

LADYLOAN PRIMARY SCHOOL, ARBROATH

JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report outlines the proposal to use ring-fenced monies provided by the Scottish Executive for pre school provision at Ladyloan Primary School.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committees for their respective interests:

- i) approve in principle the arrangements described in this report to undertake building works at Ladyloan Primary School
- ii) note that the Director of Property Services hopes to arrange for the project to be taken forward and completed by March 2002.

2. BACKGROUND

The current capacity of Ladyloan Primary School is 335 primary pupils while the roll (School Census, September 2000) is 355 primary pupils. When built, the school did not incorporate a purpose built nursery, although one classroom has been converted to cater for 50 part-time places.

Due to the rise in the primary roll which is projected to be maintained over the next few years, it is becoming increasingly difficult to continue to make available accommodation for nursery provision within the current school building.

Members will also recall the decision of the Education Committee at its meeting on 25 April 2000 (Agenda Item 4) agreeing to overall prioritisation for future primary school modernisation/extension. While this report recommends the use of the Pre School Development Grant to enable Ladyloan Primary School to be extended, this does not impact on the prioritisation previously agreed, but rather ensures that available S94 consent can be allocated to the agreed priority projects.

3. PROPOSALS

It is proposed to build a small two classroom extension to the school. It would be relatively straightforward to undertake such an extension due to good site conditions and the current layout of the building. The addition of two classrooms would provide the capacity to increase nursery provision and facilities available to pre-school pupils and also alleviate overcrowding in the primary school.

Funding for this project is available through the Pre-School Development Grant which must be utilised in the current financial year.

The Director of Property Services has indicated that it will be possible to commence construction in November 2001 and to complete the project by March 2002.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Members are advised that the funding source for this project is Pre School Education Grant which is a Specific Grant ring-fenced solely for the purpose of pre school development. It should also be noted that the Pre School Specific Grant allocated to Angus Council for a

particular financial year must be utilised in that year. The total estimated cost of the extension (excluding fees) is £160,000, which will be funded from the Council's 2001/02 Pre School Education Specific Grant allocation.

Additional revenue costs associated with the extension will be met from within the nursery budget.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS

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

6. CONSULTATION

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