

## **INVERNESS ROYAL ACADEMY STAKEHOLDERS GROUP**

### **Meeting No 2.**

Note of meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

Those attending – Alasdair Christie, Fraser Parr, Janet Hackel, Alastair McKinlay, Robert Ferrier and Ron MacKenzie

Apologies – Norrie Donald, Clifford Cooke, Robert Campbell

Key issues discussed:

#### **Schools for the Future Bid:**

- Decision due week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> September
- There are conditions attached to Scottish Government funding – the project will be a Design, Build, Finance and Maintain (DBFM) contract (as per the new Wick High School)
- The SG funding contribution will be based on their estimated project cost which is calculated on a formula basis – 10M2 per pupil and £1,900 per square metre construction cost. On this basis the SG funding contribution for IRA is approximately £16M (which is 66% of their estimated total project cost)
- The Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) is managing the Schools for the Future programme on behalf of the Scottish Government. SFT is keen to maximise value in relation to the school building programme
- It is important therefore that the appropriate balance between cost and quality is maintained throughout the project

#### **The next steps:**

Pending a successful outcome the project could commence reasonably soon thereafter. The key stages are as follows:

- Determine what the new campus should contain – what opportunities exist?
- Determine the educational brief
- Derive the accommodation schedule
- Progress the design

### **The consultative process:**

- It was agreed that there should be a relatively tight project group to drive forward the project
- At each of the above stages there would be a need to consult with a wide constituency - further discussion re project group membership at next meeting when other key stakeholders will be present
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### **Options for the new campus:**

The project to be viewed within the context of the wider review of future educational provision in Inverness city

There has to be the appropriate balance between:

- What is required (as opposed to aspirational thoughts)?
- Avoid raising undeliverable expectations
- What is affordable?
- What are the opportunities to deliver real improvement for the community in the south west area of the city?
- What are the implications of the river/canal road crossing?

### **Next meeting:**

Date – 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 19:00 in IRA