

**The Highland Council**  
**City of Inverness Area Committee**  
**23 February 2017**

Agenda Item	<b>15</b>
Report No	<b>CIA/ 14a/17</b>

**School Investment Priorities in Inverness – Supplementary Report**

**Report by Director of Care and Learning**

**Summary**

This supplementary report provides an update to Agenda Item 15, Report No. CIA/14/17.

**1. Background**

1.1 As outlined in the main report, a separate briefing session for Members took place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017. This supplementary report summarises the outcomes from that session for further consideration.

**2. Agreed Investment Priorities**

2.1 The priorities highlighted in Sections 3 and 4 of the main report were discussed in detail with the Members that attended the briefing session. It was agreed that these should be grouped as outlined in the remainder of this report, and that this should be reported to the meeting of the Education, Children and Adult Services Committee (ECAS) on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017. It should be noted that the ECAS Committee approved some initial priorities at its meeting in January 2017, including those listed in 2.2 below along with the new primary school at Ness Castle referred to in 2.3.

**2.2 Year 1: 2017/18**

- **Cauldeen Primary School:** Additional Support Needs annexe and nursery alterations.
- **Hilton, Holm, Merkinch and Smithton Primary Schools:** Additional classroom units.

**2.3 Years 2 to 4: 2018/19 to 2020/21**

- **Primary Schools Generally:** Additional classroom units (as required).
- **Ness Castle:** New primary school to serve Ness Castle and Ness-Side housing developments (both currently in the Holm Primary catchment area).
- **Merkinch Primary School:** Redevelopment of campus (including new Family Centre).
- **Smithton Primary School:** Extension and refurbishment.
- **Kinmylies Primary School (and possibly Muirtown Primary School):** Additional accommodation.

- **Milton of Leys Primary School:** Nursery annexe (including conversion of existing nursery rooms to primary classrooms).
- **Charleston Academy and Culloden Academy:** Additional accommodation.
- **Early Learning and Childcare Expansion:** Required by 2020 (level of Scottish Government capital funding to be determined).

#### 2.4 Years 5 to 8: 2021/22 to 2024/25

- **Primary Schools Generally:** Additional classroom units (as required).
- **Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Inbhir Nis (BSGI)/Slackbuie Area:** Either a new school to house a relocated and potentially larger BSGI (with the existing building used as an English Medium school) or additional English Medium accommodation in adjacent schools.
- **Stratton:** New primary school to serve housing developments (currently in Duncan Forbes Primary and Smithton Primary catchment areas).
- **Hilton Primary School:** Extension and refurbishment
- **Charleston Academy and Culloden Academy:** Further investment to provide additional accommodation.
- **Possible New Secondary School:** Would be dependent on Scottish Government funding.

#### 2.5 Other Priorities

- **Tornagrain:** There is a site reserved to serve the proposed housing developments at Tornagrain (currently in the Croy Primary catchment area). It is not anticipated at this stage that a new school will be required within the remaining 8 years of the current capital programme but the position will be closely monitored.

### **Recommendations**

Members are asked to consider these outcomes in conjunction with the main report.

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