

SKIPNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to Community Services Committee the current situation of Skipness Primary School and asks members to agree to the recommendations outlined.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Report recommends that Community Services Committee agree that:

- a) Skipness Primary School discontinue as a school on a temporary basis and that the building be retained for two years on a care and maintenance basis
- b) If there are no registered pupils by the commencement of session 2018/19, the school be considered for formal closure through the statutory process
- c) The community will have prearranged access to the building to promote community functions.

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3.0 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 As from August 2016 there will be no pupils in Skipness Primary School. There are no pupils projected to attend the school in the next few years. There are no registered preschool age children in the catchment area for the school.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee agree that:

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5.0 DETAIL

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Skipness Primary School building be retained on a care and maintenance basis until June 2018.
- 5.2 If there are no registered pupils by the beginning of session 2018/19, that the school be considered for formal closure through a statutory public consultation in accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.
- 5.3 The roll in Skipness primary has declined over the last few years and as of August 2016 there were no pupils in the school.
- 5.4 All Members of staff from Skipness Primary School have either been redeployed in other posts within the authority or accepted redundancy.

5.5 In the event of a school age pupil moving to live within the catchment area for Skipness Primary School and seeking to attend this school the present situation is that the school would require to re-open at the next appropriate session.

6.0 CONCLUSION

6.1 Skipness Primary School will discontinue as school on a temporary basis as at the start of school session August 2016 and will be retained until June 2018 on a care and maintenance basis.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Policy

7.2 Financial

7.3 Legal There is a requirement to comply with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 when considering any proposal in relation to a school.

7.4 HR

7.5 Equalities

7.6 Risk

7.7 Customer Service

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