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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE 8TH JUNE 2023

DALINTOBER AND CASTLEHILL PRIMARY SCHOOLS, CAMPBELTOWN

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following on from the motion tabled at the Community Services Committee on 9th March 2023 in respect of Dalintober and Castlehill Primary Schools, this report provides an update on the progress that has been made in the interim period.
- 1.2 It is recommended that the Community Services Committee:
 - i) Note that initial steps have been taken to progress this work with colleagues in both Education and Commercial Services and;
 - ii) Note that a further report will be tabled at the Community Services Committee prior to the end of the current year.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 At the Community Services Committee (CSC) held on 9th March 2023 a Notice of Motion under Standing Order 13 was considered, following a request from the MAKI Area Committee held on 7th December 2022.
- 2.2 Following consideration by the CSC it was agreed:-

"To request that the Executive Director with responsibility for Education prepare an initial report outlining the way forward and potential for a proposal in terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 which would allow for an initial business case to be formulated with a view to replacing the existing outdated Campbeltown primary schools of Dalintober and Castlehill, and that the completed report be presented to a meeting of the Community Services Committee for deliberation in early 2023."

2.3 This report provides an update on the progress that has been made in the interim period.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee:-

- 3.1 Note that initial steps have been taken to progress this work with colleagues in both Education and Commercial Services and;
- 3.2 Note that a further report will be tabled at the Community Services Committee prior to the end of the current year.

4.0 DETAIL

4.1 With regard to the decision taken by the CSC on 9th March 2023, specifically the request for a completed report to be presented to the CSC for deliberation in early 2023, this report provides an interim update on matters.

- 4.2 There are a number of statutory consultation exercises currently being addressed by the Education Service, with input from others, which have been one of the services main priorities at this time. This has impacted on Officers' capacity to focus on this piece of work.
- 4.3 Officers from both Education and Commercial Services have begun the process of considering the terms of a report which will look at the potential future options available in terms of Dalintober and Castlehill Primary Schools in Campbeltown. Work on this will continue over the coming months and it is proposed that a further report will be tabled at the CSC prior to the end of the year.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 The CSC are asked to note that Officers have commenced work on the report requested at the last meeting, and that a further report will be tabled at the Committee by end of this year for consideration.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy none at present
- 6.2 Financial none at present
- 6.3 Legal none at present
- 6.4 HR none at present
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:
 - 6.5.1 Equalities protected characteristics none at present
 - 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty none at present
 - 6.5.3 Islands none
- 6.6 Climate Change none at present
- 6.7 Risk none at present
- 6.8 Customer Service none at present

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