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Dear Consultee,

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE THE TOBERMORY 2-18 CAMPUS - SCHOOLS (CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

Background

Argyll and Bute Council, through its Education Service, aims to realise ambition, excellence and equity for all.

The Council is consulting on a Proposal to relocate the current Tobermory 2-18 Campus at Erray Road Tobermory, Isle of Mull, PA75 6PB to a new purpose-built 2-18 campus school building located on the site which is situated to southern edge of Tobermory with the western boundary adjacent to the A848. This notice provides a summary of that Proposal, that you may have an interest in or are required to be notified of, giving you key information about the Proposal.

The Council is conducting a public statutory consultation process. **This will commence on 24th August 2026 and will conclude on 2nd October 2026.** This is the period within which you will be able to make written representations to the Council in respect of the Proposal. If you wish your view to be taken account of in the consultation exercise, you must submit your written representation within this period. This notice and summary provides further information on where a full copy of the Proposal Paper may be obtained, and also advises on how you can make written representations to the Council.

During the consultation period, the Council will hold a public meeting where officers will be able to provide information on the Proposal. The details of the public meeting are contained within this notice and summary.

It is important that everyone we are consulting tells us what they think of the Proposal. Please read this notice and summary and then consider the contents of the full Proposal Paper. You can then tell us what you think of the Proposal by making a written representation and/or by attending the public meeting. This notice and summary tell you how to do both.

The Proposal

It is proposed that the current Tobermory 2-18 Campus at Erray Road, Tobermory, Isle of Mull, PA75 6PB is relocated to a new purpose-built 2-18 campus school building located on the site which is situated to southern edge of Tobermory with the western boundary adjacent to the A848, when the building works for the new school campus have been completed (currently estimated to be late 2030).

Reasons for this Proposal

This Proposal is being advanced because Tobermory 2-18 Campus currently suffers from poor accommodation that struggles to suit modern education practices. Whilst there have been ongoing maintenance and improvement works; the current school is graded “C - Poor” for suitability which means the physical element of the campus does not carry out its function effectively without continuous repair and it shows considerable signs of age. There are significant issues with accessibility due to the multiple sets of stairs and changes in level throughout the campus and narrow corridors.

Should the above issues remain unaddressed, it will have a negative effect on pupils’ experience, comfort and well-being whilst learning within the campus. In addition to this, students or staff with limited mobility will struggle to access all of the current school. There have in recent years been representations from senior pupils asking for improvements. As an older school building, the ongoing maintenance required to keep the campus in a useable condition can be disruptive to learning and routines. Classroom environments can be noisy as they are not designed for modern teaching methods. Another consideration is that classrooms can often be too hot or too cold, with no real way to regulate the temperature at a consistently comfortable level. In addition to this there are challenges with the external environment, this is evident through insufficient parking and a tight road infrastructure serving the current site. This affects bus drop off and pick up points and active travel routes for the current site.

Relocating the school would permit the construction of a new purpose-built campus building and considerably improved Education accommodation. Construction of a new campus on the proposed site also allows the existing campus to continue operating in the meantime and prevents disruption to education provision as a result of construction works. The opportunity to build a new campus has arisen from the successful application for funding from the Scottish Government’s Learning Estate Investment Programme (LEIP).

In particular, it is proposed that pupils will benefit from better-quality education accommodation, a more attractive learning environment, access to modern technology, improved disability access and improved indoor and outdoor learning environments.

The Education Service also have confidence that the new building will provide suitable facilities for use outwith school hours that could be used to help meet the learning, leisure and social needs of the children and young people, and the wider community.

The Council's Education Strategy: *Our Children, Their Future – Thriving Together*

This Strategy sets out the Council's vision for how we want our children and young people to learn, develop and grow – both now and in the future. It outlines a vision for how we will deliver for them, support them, protect them, challenge them, build their confidence and shape their skills. It focusses on the following five key priority areas in order to achieve this:

1. **Best Start for Learners:** Every learner has inspiring learning environments that build curiosity, confidence and the love of learning.
2. **Ambitious Learners:** Every learner is supported and challenged to aim for their best.
3. **Nurtured Learners:** Every learner has the opportunity to thrive in a safe, happy and supportive space.
4. **Connected Learners:** Every learner is active in their local and global community.
5. **Lifelong Learners:** Every learner benefits from opportunities to seek knowledge, value challenge, welcome change, and keep learning throughout life.

What Will We Do?

We will consult with people by:

- Giving notice of the consultation and a summary of the Proposal to the relevant consultees - **this is that notice and summary**
- Putting information (which includes a copy of the full Proposal Paper) on our website: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/schoolconsultations-and-proposals>
- Holding a public meeting to explain the Proposal
- Ask parents, carers, children, young people, teachers, support staff and others to tell us what they think of the Proposal

What to do Now?

- Please read the full Proposal Paper
- Please attend the public meeting, which will be held on Thursday 17th September 2026 at 6.00pm in Tobermory 2-18 Campus, Erray Road, Tobermory, Isle of Mull, PA75 6PB
- Let us know what you think by completing a response form online at the following link: [Tobermory Campus Consultation](#)
- Alternatively, you can complete the response form as contained with **Appendix 6** of the Proposal Paper and post it to:

Argyll and Bute Council
Education Service
Argyll House
Alexandra Parade
Dunoon
PA23 8AJ

or you may email it to: schoolsupport@argyll-bute.gov.uk

All responses must be received by the Council no later than close of business on 2nd October 2026 in order to be taken into account.

What Next?

All consultation feedback received will be carefully considered, and Elected Members will thereafter consider the terms of a Consultation Report (drawing together the entire consultation feedback and findings) and decide whether the Proposal should be implemented.

For the avoidance of any doubt, this Proposal does not include the incorporation of the associated primary schools into a new campus building and will not change the current leadership and management structure within the 2-18 campus or any of the affected schools, nor will it involve any school closures.

Please note that this summary document is for your convenience only. Hard copies of the full Proposal Paper can be obtained from:

- Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT
- Tobermory 2-18 Campus, Erray Road, Tobermory, Isle of Mull, PA75 6PB
- Dervaig Primary School, Dervaig, Isle of Mull, PA75 6QW
- Salen Primary School, Salen, Isle of Mull, PA72 6JS
- Lochdonhead Primary School, Lochdon, Isle of Mull, PA64 6AP
- Ulva Primary School, Ulva Road, Isle of Mull, PA73 6LT

The full Proposal Paper is also available electronically on the Council's website via the following link: [School consultations and proposals](#)

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas Hendry', with a stylized flourish at the end.

DOUGLAS HENDRY

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