

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 12 SEPTEMBER 2006**

#### **NAME OF AMALGAMATED SCHOOL OF ST MATTHEW'S AND ST COLUMBA'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

#### **Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** To request the Education Committee to name the primary school which will be formed from the amalgamation of St Matthew's and St Columba's Primary Schools.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** Members will be aware of the PPP initiative entitled "Building Learning Communities". This will include a new school campus building next to the current St Joseph's Academy; this campus will include a primary school formed from the amalgamation of the existing St Matthew's and St Columba's Primary Schools. It is intended that the amalgamated school will open in 2008.
- 2.2** An Interim School Board has been formed and this was discussed at the Education Committee meeting of 21 March 2006. The Interim School Board carried out a consultation process on the name of the amalgamated school in May and June 2006. The results of the consultation are stated below.

### **3. CONSULTATION PROCESS**

- 3.1** The Interim School Board met on several occasions and discussed possible names for the amalgamated school. After discussion and debate, the Board decided to issue a list of possible names for consultation. Opportunity was provided for respondents to offer an alternative name.
- 3.2** The consultation was wide ranging and drew responses from pupils, parents, staff and the wider community. Interested parties were able to respond directly to either school with their view on the list of proposed names or with an alternative suggestion.
- 3.3** The Interim School Board met in late June 2006 to consider the feedback from the consultation. A number of names had gathered support and these were considered by the Board – St Joseph's, St Marnock's, All Saints and St Andrew's. After discussion, the Board agreed to recommend the name of the amalgamated school as St Andrew's Primary School and Nursery Class.

**3.4** Following the above recommendation, the Bishop of Galloway Diocese was consulted with regard to the suitability of the proposed name. The Bishop has agreed with the recommended name.

#### **4. COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

**4.1** The PPP developments will directly contribute towards the themes of “promoting community learning” and “improving opportunity”.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1** Nil.

#### **6. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

**6.1** The name of the amalgamated school will be incorporated into relevant policies. Any legal implications with regard to the amalgamated school name will also be dealt with.

#### **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**7.1** The Education Committee is recommended to:

- i) name the school formed from the amalgamation of St Matthew’s and St Columba’s Primary Schools as St Andrew’s Primary School and Nursery Class;
- ii) otherwise note the contents of this report

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Amalgamation of St Columba’s and St Matthew’s Primary Schools - Education Committee of 21 March 2006

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