

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 4 FEBRUARY 2003

EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2002/03 – UPDATE

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the Education Committee on the progress being made on the Education Capital Programme for 2002/03 and to seek approval for amendments to the programme.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The allocation of Capital resources to the Education Committee for the period 2002/2004 was agreed at a special Policy and Resources Committee on 1 February 2002. A detailed programme for 2002/03 was agreed at a meeting of the Education Committee on 11 April 2002.

3. PRIORITIES WITHIN THE EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME

- 3.1 The following priorities are used when deciding the allocations within the Education Capital Programme.

- **PRIORITY 1**

Work necessary to ensure the continued operation of school provision.

- **PRIORITY 2**

Work necessary to address serious Health and Safety issues.

- **PRIORITY 3**

Work necessary to ensure sufficient provision to meet local population growth and roll projections.

- **PRIORITY 4**

Work necessary to provide for the essential curricular needs of establishments, and for disabled provision where there is a pressing need.

- **PRIORITY 5**

Work relating to the rationalisation of school buildings, annexes or temporary buildings including work to ensure the efficient use of resources.

- **PRIORITY 6**

Work to replace buildings that have reached the end of their useful life.

4 AMENDMENTS TO 2002/03 PROGRAMME

- 4.1** The major issue which has arisen during 2002/03 relates to an extensive refurbishment of Doon Academy following the discovery of significant quantities of asbestos within the building structure. The balance of the costs for this exercise is required to be met from the education capital programme in the present financial year. Education committee previously agreed to allocate £400,000 from the School Building Improvement Fund to the costs.
- 4.2** At the same time there has been little progress in the Galston primary and nursery new build in this financial year. Consequently, the 2002/03 programme requires to be adjusted to reflect this position. To address these issues the following amendments are proposed for approval:

TABLE 1 : AMENDMENTS TO 2002/03 PROGRAMME

Project Title	Initial 2002/03 Allocation	Revised 2002/03 Allocation
Doon Academy – Asbestos removal	£0	£2,215,000
Galston Primary – New build	£2,260,000	£45,000

5 LEGAL/FINANCIAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** Nil

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1** It is recommended that Members of the Education Committee:
- (i) agree the proposed amendments to the Capital Programme 2002/03; and
 - (ii) ask the Director of educational and Social Services to continue to closely monitor the Capital Programme throughout the remainder of this financial year.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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