

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 16 SEPTEMBER 2003**

**REPORT ON GRANGE ACADEMY FIRE**

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

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the fire damage sustained at Grange Academy.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 In the early hours of 17 August 2003 the 'E' Block building at Grange Academy was set alight. A prompt response by the Emergency Services undoubtedly saved the building from complete destruction, although substantial damage to the ground floor and smoke damage to the first floor and second floors was incurred.

**3. REPAIR WORKS**

- 3.1 Officers from a number of council departments and external organisations have performed a clean up operation in the building.
- 3.2 The costs of full refurbishment has been estimated at approximately £1.634m. The Head Teacher and other colleagues have subsequently developed proposals, detailed in Appendix 1 which are currently being costed. These alterations will ensure a quality delivery of the curriculum in all subject areas affected by the fire.

**4. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Department will incur insurance excess costs of £25,000 plus the cost of any betterment works.
- 4.2 The insurers settlement will undoubtedly adversely affect future premium costs although these cannot be fully determined at present.

**5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 The Members of the Education Committee are asked to:
- (i) note the contents of this report.

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Director of Educational and Social Services

EC/JBS  
8 September 2003

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

NIL

Any member wishing further information should contact Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support at (01563) 576090.

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