

East Ayrshire
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL & SOCIAL SERVICES

BUILDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT

The proposals in this consultation document have implications for:

- **Mauchline Primary School**
- **Pre School Provision**

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**The Proposed Refurbishment and Extension on the Present Site of
Mauchline Primary School incorporating Pre-School Provision**

Report by Director of Educational & Social Services

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** East Ayrshire Council has a vision for its schools estate into the 21st century. The Council wishes to ensure that all pupils are given every opportunity to develop their potential to the full. A key factor for the Council is to ensure that the best possible educational environment is available through the provision of a safe, secure and up-to-date environment.
- 1.2** The vision for the schools estate gives priority to these key features:
- Ensuring that all aspects of the modern curriculum can be delivered to children of all abilities.
 - Providing the most up to date Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in all schools.
 - Providing maximum access for pupils, staff and parents.
 - The development of the Arts, Culture and Sports and Health education and the creation of Centres of Excellence to deliver an agenda of continuous improvement.
 - Providing a secure environment for all who are educated and work in the school.
 - Providing access to the community having regards to those with particular need.
 - Providing catering and dining facilities of the highest standard in a modern environment.
 - Providing appropriate social area provision for parents and pupils.
 - A commitment to the environment and environmental issues.
 - Developing Learning Partnerships through the New Community Schools model and forming strong partnerships with local/national organisations committed to offering support.

- 1.3** Within its financial allocations, the Council has taken positive steps to achieve the desired vision for the schools estate. The need for a significant investment in the estate is recognised. If existing funding arrangements were to continue it is estimated that it would take more than 40 years to bring the schools estate to a minimum level of provision not allowing for upgrading, major maintenance and new builds driven by need.
- 1.4** Recognising that this is a national issue, the Scottish Executive has taken a strategic approach to supporting individual Councils to improve the standard of school buildings. East Ayrshire Council submitted an outline business case for a schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) to put in place significant resources to improve the quality of educational facilities in East Ayrshire.
- 1.5** The proposals in the outline business case were formulated in accordance with a set of guiding principles, which are:-
- (i) Rationalisation of school provision
 - (ii) A commitment to social inclusion and a presumption in favour of mainstream education
 - (iii) Provision of early education and childcare for all
 - (iv) Access to lifelong learning through an integrated community learning provision
 - (v) Partnership with other agencies supporting community development and better neighbourhoods
 - (vi) Development of Centres of Excellence in secondary school to provide enhanced and specialist support in a range of academic, sporting and cultural pursuits.
- 1.6** In 2001 a comprehensive review of the current schools estate and future school needs in East Ayrshire was carried out. This review formed the basis of the bid for funding to the Scottish Executive. In response the Scottish Executive advised that funding would be made available to finance a series of proposals for the improvement of educational facilities across East Ayrshire Council.
- 1.7** The Education Committee at the meeting held on 21 November 2002 agreed to consult on a number of proposals it proposes to be included in the first phase of its schools PPP project. The proposal contained in this consultation document is set in that context. This consultation document deals with one of those proposals, which is to refurbish and extend the existing buildings to provide high quality accommodation for Mauchline Primary School, including Pre School provision.

2. PRESENT POSITION

- 2.1** Mauchline Primary School's main building was built in 1889 with attached extension added in 1931 and detached extension in 1974. A nursery class opened in August 1996. Located in the middle of Mauchline, the school has a roll of 406 and a capacity of 453. The nursery roll is 60 places, split 30/30 across morning and afternoon.

2.2 The area served by Mauchline Primary School is shown as Appendix 1.

2.3 A roll projection for Mauchline is shown as Appendix 2.

2.4 The projected future maintenance for the building is £1,087,000.

3. PROPOSAL

3.1 It is proposed that Mauchline Primary School be refurbished and extended to take into account a 2 stage primary school intake and an integrated pre-school provision.

3.2 The Pre School provision will be provided within the refurbished and extended building with clearly identifiable facilities including a separate play area.

3.3 It is proposed that the necessary works for the refurbished school and the Pre School provision be completed in time for the academic year starting in August 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter.

4. JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSAL AND THE PROPOSED SITE

4.1 With increased house building and the proposed upgrading of the A77, Mauchline has become popular with commuters bringing increased pressure on the present school accommodation. The nursery class, providing Early Education and Childcare is located in hutted accommodation within the school campus.

4.2 The fabric of Mauchline Primary School is poor. The costs of maintenance are high and only cover known defects. Additional sums would also be needed to ensure that the site could comply with the new legislative requirements such as the Disability Discrimination Act.

4.3 The Council has previously circulated a document, in December 2001, stating its vision for Education in the 21st Century. A summary of the main issues are set out at paragraph 1.2 of this paper. It is evident that this project will be better able to meet this vision.

4.4 The proposal will strengthen the children's education within East Ayrshire. The learning environment in the new school will meet the requirements of the modern curriculum, including the provision of information and communication technology. The Pre School provision will benefit from being able to share certain facilities within the primary school such as staff and visiting services, and other areas on a programmed basis.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF REFURBISHMENT AND EXTENSION

5.1 Travel to School

The arrangements for pupils travelling to Mauchline Primary School (in accordance with the policy of East Ayrshire Council) will not be altered as a

result of this proposal. The present policy for the provision of transport to primary schools is that it applies to pupils who live more than one mile from the school.

5.2 Pre School Provision

The present accommodation for pre school will be replaced by a purpose built provision within the refurbished primary school building, with the potential to increase the present capacity and to extend the hours that care is provided. The children will benefit from being able to share certain facilities within the primary school such as staff and visiting services, and other facilities on a programmed basis.

5.3 Out of School Care

Out of School Care provision will continue as funding opportunities arise. The Council will work with the Childcare Partnership to consider further developing services.

5.4 Secondary Education

There would be no alteration to current arrangements for secondary education as a result of this proposal.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The school budget will be calculated using the roll related formulas operating within the education service.

6.2 The Council is currently unable to compare running costs of the existing buildings and the proposed new buildings. The PPP partner will be responsible for the running costs of the building, such as heat and light, and the maintenance costs such as boiler or window replacement. The costs of this will be included in the final contract with the partner organisation.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee agree to adopt the proposal that:

- i) Mauchline Primary School incorporating pre-school provision will be refurbished and extended with a view to the work being completed by August 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter.

7.2 It is also recommended that:

- i) all interested parties be invited to make written or electronic submissions on the proposal to the Director of Educational & Social Services, East Ayrshire Council, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7BU, E-mail:

john.mulgrew@east-ayrshire.gov.uk no later than **Monday 13 January 2003.**

- ii) the Director of Educational & Social Services prepare a report on the results of the consultative process for consideration at a future meeting of the Education Committee

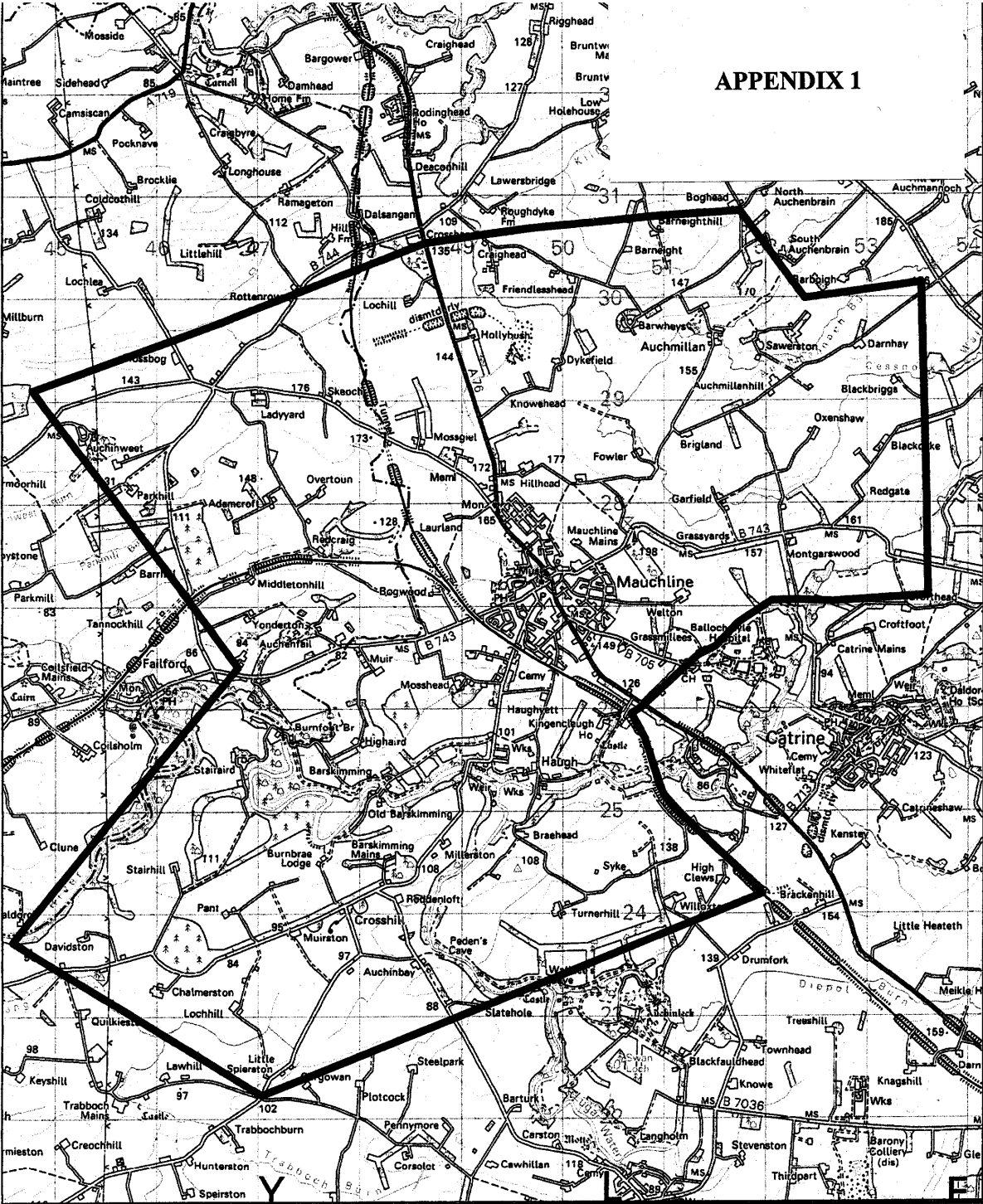
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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Delineated Area – Mauchline Primary School

Appendix 2 Roll Projection – Mauchline Primary School

APPENDIX 1



<p>Title/Location Mauchline Primary School Catchment Area NS4927</p>	<p>East Ayrshire Council Educational & Social Services London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7JB</p> 
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APPENDIX 2

ROLL PROJECTION – MAUCLINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MAUCLINE PRIMARY : ROLL PROJECTION										
SESSION	ROLLS BY STAGE							TOTAL ROLL	PUPILS FROM NEW HOUSING	TOTAL ROLL
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P1-P7		P1-P7
2002	51	46	64	66	58	60	61	406	0	406
2003	54	51	46	64	66	58	60	399	5	404
2004	51	54	51	46	64	66	58	390	7	397
2005	52	51	54	51	46	64	66	384	9	393
2006	53	52	51	54	51	46	64	371	12	383
2007	53	53	52	51	54	51	46	360	12	372
2008	53	53	53	52	51	54	51	367	12	379

PRESENT SCHOOL CAPACITY IS 453 PUPILS.

PROPOSED SCHOOL CAPACITY IS 462 PUPILS.

AGENDA