

Parents/Carers

All parents/carers of pupils in:

Dunfermline HS and associated primaries
Inverkeithing HS and associated primaries
Queen Anne HS and associated primaries
Woodmill HS and associated primaries

St Columba's RC HS and associated primaries
located in the Dunfermline and West Fife Area

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Dear Parent/Carer

Dunfermline & West Fife Area Catchment Examination

I wrote to you on 16 August 2017 advising you of the decision of the Education & Children's Services Committee, on 4 July 2017, to ask officers to undertake a further programme of engagement to discuss the options available for the Dunfermline and West Fife Area Catchment Examination, before developing a specific proposal paper for consultation. I write to you now to provide you with an update.

Officers from the Education & Children's Services Directorate held a number of engagement sessions between Tuesday 22 August 2017 and Wednesday 6 September 2017, to allow officers an opportunity to discuss a number of options available to Fife Council.

The key issues discussed with parents/carers during these sessions were:

- Expected capacity risk at Woodmill High School from August 2018.
- Non-continuous secondary catchment areas.
- Secondary catchment anomalies for the primary catchment areas of Commercial, Canmore and Pitreavie Primary Schools.

We advised that the feedback from these engagement sessions would be used to inform development of a future proposal for consideration by the Education and Children's Services Committee.

We are now at a stage of submitting a proposal paper to the Education & Children's Services Committee, on Tuesday 3 October, to ask for authorisation to undertake formal statutory consultation in accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 **to rezone the existing secondary catchment areas of Dunfermline, Inverkeithing, Queen Anne and**

Woodmill High Schools.

The committee report is being published online on Tuesday 26 September 2017. Please access the committee report and proposal document at www.fifedirect.org.uk/committees, search for Education & Children's Services Committee with the agenda date of 3 October 2017. The committee report and the proposal paper take into account feedback we received from parents/carers.

Please be assured, if this request to carry out a statutory consultation is approved by elected members, formal consultation will not commence until Tuesday 24 October. It will then end on Tuesday 5 December 2017. Also, parents/carers will be notified in advance of a consultation commencing.

As part of a statutory consultation process, we would plan to hold a public meeting in each of the 4 secondary schools affected. For your information, the proposed dates of these events, are as follows:

- Woodmill High School on Monday 30 October 2017 from 6.00-7.30 pm
- Dunfermline High School on Tuesday 7 November 2017 from 6.00-7.30 pm
- Inverkeithing High School on Tuesday 14 November 2017 from 6.00-7.30 pm
- Queen Anne High School on Thursday 23 November 2017 from 6.00-7.30 pm

I appreciate the time taken by parents/carers to attend the engagement sessions and the officers and I look forward to welcoming you to the meetings listed above, should authorisation to progress be provided by the Committee.

I thank you for your patience whilst this proposal has been developed.

Yours sincerely



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