

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

Dear Parent/Carer

Dunfermline & West Fife Area Catchment Examination

I wrote to you on 4 October 2017 regarding the decision of the Education & Children's Services Committee, on 3rd October 2017, on the proposal to rezone the existing catchment areas of Dunfermline, Inverkeithing, Queen Anne, and Woodmill High Schools.

Following that decision a report by Education and Children's Services was submitted to the Education & Children's Services Committee, on 7 November 2017. In light of that report, the committee decided that the service should continue to seek an alternative solution to resolve the capacity issues at Woodmill High School and bring forward an alternative proposal paper and timeline in due course. An interim progress report was then presented to the Education & Children's Services Committee, on 23rd January 2018, for noting.

You can access these decisions and other committee papers at www.fifedirect.org.uk/committees, search for Education and Children's Services Committee, the date and then under Minute and Agenda items.

I write to you now to provide you with an update.

We previously advised that the feedback from the engagement sessions would be used to inform development of a future proposal for consideration by the Education and Children's Services Committee. Therefore, officers from the Education & Children's Services Directorate have worked to find an alternative solution to resolve the capacity issues at Woodmill High School that allows the Service to address the key issues discussed with parents/carers during the engagement sessions in September 2017 and November/December 2016. These were:

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- 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 are now at a stage of submitting a proposal paper to the Education & Children's Services Committee, on Tuesday 27 March, 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, no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 21st March 2018. 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 27 March 2018. 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 17 April. It will then end on Tuesday 29 May 2018. 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:

- Dunfermline High School on Thursday 19 April 2018 from 6.00-7.30 pm
- Woodmill High School on Monday 23 April 2018 from 6.00-7.30 pm
- Queen Anne High School on Tuesday 24 April 2018 from 6.00-7.30 pm
- Inverkeithing High School on Wednesday 23 May 2018 from 6.00-7.30 pm

I appreciate the time taken by parents/carers to attend the previous 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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