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Statutory Consultation on a proposal to establish a new stage of education in a school – new additional support class (ASC) provision within Strathallan Primary School, Kirkcaldy

Public Meeting
Strathallan Primary School – Wednesday 29 January 2025 6-7pm

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Agenda

Background, rationale and implications in respect of the proposal to establish a new ASC provision consisting of 2 classes in Strathallan Primary School from Monday 18 August 2025.

Consultation Process and Timeline

Questions

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Context

- The main driver for the establishment of a new ASC provision to serve the Balwearie High School cluster, is as a result of a review of the current and projected number of pupils requiring this enhanced support provision across this area.
- A review of the number of ASC (Additional Support Class) was carried out to ascertain:
 - the number of current pupils with additional support needs (ASN) across Fife requiring enhanced support within an additional support class (ASC) provision
 - the locality of the current ASC provision, and
 - the projected number of pupils who could require this provision in the next 10 years.
- Outcome of the review determined that the number of places provided across Fife varied
- The addition of new housing across the wider Kirkcaldy area, there are currently less places available across the Kirkcaldy area compared to other areas of Fife, therefore the proposal to establish a new provision was created.
- Our ambition is to manage schools with suitable and efficient learning environments to meet the needs of all our learners now and in the future.

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The Proposal

- Create a new Additional Support Class (ASC) Provision from Monday 19 August 2025
- Space has been identified within Strathallan Primary School to create this provision
- The provision will have its own dedicated entrance area, 2 classrooms, access to a secure fenced off area and accessible toilet facilities.
- The facility will accommodate up to 20 pupils over a long period of time.
- Existing pupils accessing the ASC provision within Valley Primary School will not require to relocate to the provision in Strathallan Primary School unless the team around the child agree that a change of placement to the new provision would be of benefit
- The adaptations to the building would be made over the summer holiday period July – August 2025.

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Existing ASC Provision Across Kirkcaldy Area within Valley Primary School

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Impact on Strathallan Primary School

School Roll Projections of Strathallan Primary School

The school roll projections for Strathallan Primary School for the next 10 years are as follows (based on the 2023 census figures)

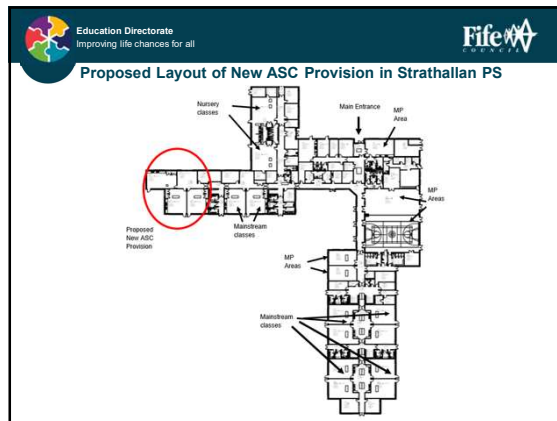
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
School roll	245	236	207	185	168	155	152	152	145	145	147
Classes Required	11	10	9	9	8	8	7	8	7	7	7
Current Capacity (classes)	14	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11

No house building expected in the Strathallan Primary School catchment area

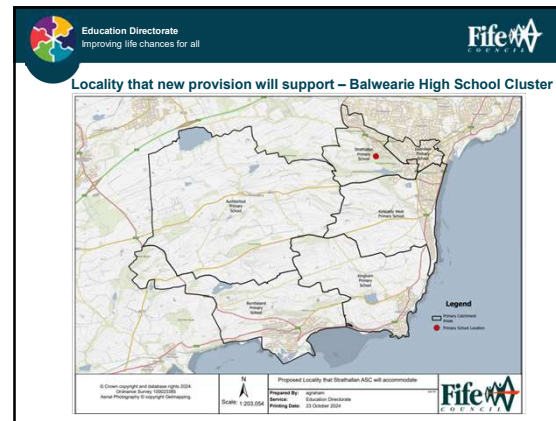
The school roll is set to decline

The proposal will reduce the capacity of the school from 14 classes to 11 with no impact on multi-purpose areas across the school

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Educational Benefits

As part of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, the local authority must prepare an educational benefits statement which includes the likely effects of a relevant proposal. The educational benefits of this proposal include:

Benefit for the pupils of Strathallan Primary School

1. Mainstream provision and allocation of resources will not be affected by the establishment of this enhanced provision.
2. Mainstream pupils will still have access to targeted interventions, Pupil Support Assistants and Support For Learning Teacher to ensure their needs are met effectively.
3. Children within the Balwearie High School cluster who require access to an enhanced provision can attend a provision in the heart of their community.
4. The creation of this provision supports the understanding of inclusive education – providing opportunities children and the community to appreciate diversity, recognise and value the potential in everyone.
5. A mutual understanding creates a culture of acceptance and reduces the stigma often associated with learning disabilities. This includes interaction with peers of diverse abilities which will encourage meaningful friendships, team building and co-operation.
6. Opportunities for integration into the wider school community will be promoted and offered where appropriate, ensuring that children feel part of the Strathallan Primary School community.

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Consultation Process

Statutory consultation in accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010

Council required to consult for a minimum of 30 school days

Statutory consultation period – Tuesday 7 January 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

Public Meeting – Wednesday 29 January 2025 at Strathallan Primary School

Pupil consultation with a range of pupils from P4-P7 in Strathallan Primary School as well as pupils within the ASC provision in Valley Primary School

Education Scotland involvement

Consultation Report

Decision by Cabinet Committee on 29 May 2025.

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Timeline

Thursday 5 December 2024	Consultation proposal considered by Cabinet Committee
Monday 6 January 2025	Parents and other statutory consultees to receive letters informing them of the dates for the statutory consultation.
Tuesday 7 January 2025	Consultation live
Tuesday 7 January – Friday 21 February 2025	Consultation period (31 school days)
Meetings	Public meeting Wednesday 29 January 2025 at 6-7 pm at Strathallan Primary School Drop-in sessions Wednesday 29 January 2025 at Strathallan Primary School at 8.45-9.30 am, 2.45-3.30 pm and 5-6 pm before the public meeting Consultation close
Friday 21 February 2025	File Council to submit Consultation Report to Education Scotland
Monday 3 March – Friday 21 March 2025	Education Scotland (3 weeks to visit the school, review the proposal document and responses and write their report)
Monday 24 March 2025	Report received back from Education Scotland
Monday 7 April – Friday 18 April 2025	Sign off report from Education Scotland
Tuesday 6 May 2025	Publish Consultation Report, in conjunction with Education Scotland (clear 3 weeks before committee is due to take decision)
Thursday 29 May 2025	Cabinet Committee to discuss Final Consultation Report and make decision.

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Discussion

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