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**ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL**

**EDUCATION LEARNING AND LEISURE – GARIOCH AND FORMARTINE  
AREA**

**PROPOSAL FOR THE FUTURE PROVISION OF EDUCATION IN THE  
INVERURIE AREA**

At its meeting on 30 October, the Education, Learning & Leisure Committee received a formal request to review the primary education provision in the town of Inverurie. Education officials carried out an assessment of potential solutions to Inverurie primary education provision, addressing issues such as educational benefit, building capacity, building occupancy, building condition, transport arrangements and the wider community impact.

The Education, Learning & Leisure Committee instructed the Head of Service – Education, Learning & Leisure (Formartine & Garioch), to prepare a Statutory Consultation Report for the education provision in the town of Inverurie. The report outlines the possible options for addressing the needs of pupils in Inverurie. The options are as follows;

- Option A Status quo
- Option B Reduce the school zone of Market Place School
- Option C Extend Market Place School
- Option D Build a new school at Uryside at a site to be determined by Uryside Development
- Option E Review the school zones of all Inverurie primary schools

A Public Consultation Meeting will be held at Market Place School on Wednesday 6 May 2009 at 7.00 pm; and a joint meeting for Kellands and Strathburn primary schools will be held at Strathburn School on Monday 11 May 2009 at 7.00pm. Parents of current or prospective pupils of the schools and other interested members of the community and the public are invited to attend.

Comments on the Authority's proposal may be made in writing and addressed to:

Mr Andrew Ritchie  
Quality Improvement Officer  
The Garioch & Formartine Area E,L&L Office  
Gordon House  
Blackhall Road  
Inverurie, AB51 3WA

The consultation period will run for 7 weeks from Wednesday 22 April 2009 until Friday 12 June 2009. The closing date for receiving responses to the consultation is midnight on 12 June 2009.

Following the consultation, the Council will publish a Consultation Report, prepared by Education Officials, in mid July 2009 and not less than 28 days prior to it taking its final decision. The Report will inform consultees as to what has emerged from the full consultation process, and how points raised have been considered and explored. The purpose behind the 28 day period would be to enable consultees to make representations to elected members before the final decision is taken.

The Consultation Report will be presented to the Education, Learning & Leisure Committee on 27 August 2009 and it is expected that a final decision on the proposals will be taken by the Education, Learning & Leisure Committee at this meeting and implementation of the proposals will be started immediately.

Full copies of the proposal are available from:

1. The Garioch & Formartine Area E,L&L Office, Gordon House, Blackhall Road Inverurie, AB51 3WA. Telephone: 01467 620981
  2. The Education Learning and Leisure Service, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen, AB16 5GB. Telephone: 01224 664630.
  3. Inverurie Library, Town Hall, Market Place, Inverurie, AB51 3SN
  4. Kellands Primary School, Market Place Primary School and Strathburn Primary School.
  5. The Aberdeenshire Council Website Education, Learning and Leisure pages.
- The web address is: <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/education/index.asp>