

## **PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – JOINT COMMUNITY LEARNING CAMPUS**

#### **Q1. Why are we looking at a joint community learning campus?**

Elected members from Angus Council, Dundee City Council and Perth and Kinross Council have asked their respective Executive/Strategic Directors to discuss opportunities for collaboration around the broader school/learning estate.

Harris Academy has medium term accommodation issues and Invergowrie pupils currently have the choice to attend Harris.

There is potentially funding from the Scottish Government, for the new campus, with potential wider funding opportunities linked to it.

#### **Q2. Where will the location of the joint community learning campus be?**

A number of sites are being investigated. They are in South Angus/West Dundee/East Carse.

#### **Q3. When will the joint community learning campus be operational?**

No decision has been made on the operational date of the joint learning campus as yet. It is likely that it will take a minimum of 5 years and potentially longer.

#### **Q4. Which primary schools will feed into the new joint community learning campus?**

No decision has been made on which schools would feed into the joint community learning campus, however the potential capacity of the campus has been based on Abernyte, Inchtute, Longforgan and Invergowrie. This is on the basis that the new campus may be closer to these communities than Perth High School and that there are historical links with Dundee secondary schools.

We are engaging with all school communities within the Carse area.

#### **Q5. How/when will pupils occupy the school?**

It is likely that pupils will begin attending the school, 1 year at a time i.e. the year the school opens, pupils from P7 in the feeder primaries will start S1 in the new school. The next year another S1 will attend the school and so on until the school is complete.

#### **Q6. What will happen for pupils with siblings who already attend Perth High School?**

Bertha Park parents/carers whose children have been designated to different catchment secondary schools have the choice to send younger children to the same catchment school as older siblings or to send them to the new school as part of the transition arrangements. This will still have to be determined for the joint community campus however, but it will be determined as part of any statutory consultation.

#### **Q7. If we live in the catchment area for the new school, will pupils still be able to attend Perth High School or Harris Academy?**

After transition arrangements are over, a placing request would be required to attend any other school.

**Q8. Will there be school transport for children who take part in extra-curricular activities?**

Public/parental transport has to be relied on for children currently taking part in extra-curricular activities at their existing secondary school and this will remain the same for the new school. It is likely that public transport links for the new school will be reviewed.

**Q9. Who should I contact should I have any questions or queries in regards to the joint community learning campus?**

Questions/queries can be emailed to [ecsresources@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecsresources@pkc.gov.uk)