**Mavisbank School Relocation**

**Public Meeting held Tuesday 7 March 2023 in Mavisbank School**

**Notes/Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**Q Question**

**A Answer**

**S Statement**

AH welcomed everyone by explaining the purpose of meeting (to inform stakeholders of the detail of the proposals and to garner staff views on the proposals).  AH also introduced the officers present:

G McLaughlin, Chief Officer (Education – North)

A Henry, Senior Education & Families Manager

G Lambie, Senior Education & Families Manager

M Dolan, Education & Families Manager

A Dickson, Continuous Improvement Officer

M McGorry, Education Project Manager

L Macpherson, Education Project Coordinator

D Lees, Education Project Administrator

A presentation (available online) was given to at the start of the consultative meeting, outlining the Council’s position around a proposed move to Mavisbank secondary school to the site of the current Carnbroe Primary.

GMcL opened the presentation by explaining the background to the proposals, with more detail around the 2019 review of ASN and the 12 recommendations made. One of these recommendations is to review the ASN estate. He also explained the consultation process to be followed and the importance of taking account of stakeholders, including parents/carers and pupils, views.

AD then explained the educational benefits, including the key factors of Carnbroe PS having the ability to accommodate an enhanced outdoor environment, a vocational and life skills offer, with both sensory and technological options within a much larger space.

MD outlined the rationale for relocating including the additional space within Carnbroe PS (Mavisbank 300 sq m and Carnbroe PS 1,000 sq m approx).  Previous works have been carried out within Mavisbank School.  However, the current space is not large enough to meet the longer term needs of pupils within Carnbroe PS.

AH opened the floor for questions:

QUESTIONS

Q **How many pupils will be moving to the new school?**

A The current roll of 29 pupils will transition to the new school.

Q **Will there be an increase in capacity in the future?**

A Dependent on needs of pupils.  Any child will have access if required however we are not planning in in increasing the capacity.

S It doesn’t make sense to move 29 pupils into a school that can take 253 pupils when there is the pressure to place ASN pupils and no spaces.  It states in the paper that out of authority pupils will be placed in North Lanarkshire schools.

A We have no plans to increase capacity.  There may be children who are allocated a place in the coming years, as the Closer to Home policy is a key council priority as part of the 2019 review and we are committed to ensuring that current North Lanarkshire pupils who are out of authority are brought back into North Lanarkshire to attend schools close to where they live. This would be anywhere across the school estate.

S I think it is a brilliant idea, you can feel the love in the school and the current school does not have the facilities. Will the staff move with the children?

A Yes, staff will be moving with the children.

S It will be great school.  I see the need for change and I think in the whole it’ll suit more pupils.

A AH clarified the wording in the committee paper as relating to the whole of North Lanarkshire ASN provision in that the council’s priority is to repatriate pupils to their own communities.  This was to clarify that this statement did not relate specifically to the Mavisbank relocation.

Q **New isn’t always better, will it be safe?**

A Classes will be configured to suit pupil needs, zones developed, and security of site considered in the design consultations. Yes, the school will be safe.

Q **There are a lot of houses with cars parked outside the main entrance to the school.  How will buses get in and out of the entrance?**

A We will look at the roads to ensure safe access is provided, including turning circle within school. The Council’s Planning department will notify residents of all appropriate works required.

S GMcL explained the transition process in that once building works have been completed there will be transition visits prior to pupils moving to their new school.

Q **Is there plans to be build a complex needs college for pupils who have left school?**

A There are enhanced vocational education offers within bigger spaces which create different pathways and opportunities.  This is for S1 to S6 key point the more vocational and life skill opportunities available allows us to build for after school.

Q **Is there an impact on staffing?**

A We want all staff to move but it will be their choice.  HR will meet with staff to discuss.

There will also be an additional shared depute appointed between Mavisbank and Redburn to augment the current management structure within the school.

Q **When will we see the design plan?**

A The design will be developed if the proposals are approved and further consultation will take place with staff and parent council members to support the design.

Q **This is a big amount of money to be spending for 29 pupils?**

A The council has money for capital spend, and we see this opportunity as a key priority for

The ASN sector.

Q **How can our children put their opinions in?  Some of our pupils are non-verbal and need their parents/carers to speak for them.**

A We will work with staff and the Head Teacher to ensure that all pupils, who want to, can contribute with their views.

Q **Are we getting a pool?**

A There potentially will be limited capital, and we will need to make decisions on where it is best spent.

AH closed the meeting thanking everyone for their attendance and requesting that they put their views in an email to [Mavisbankconsultation@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:Mavisbankconsultation@northlan.gov.uk).