

# City of Edinburgh Council

## Woodlands School Schools Review Workshop

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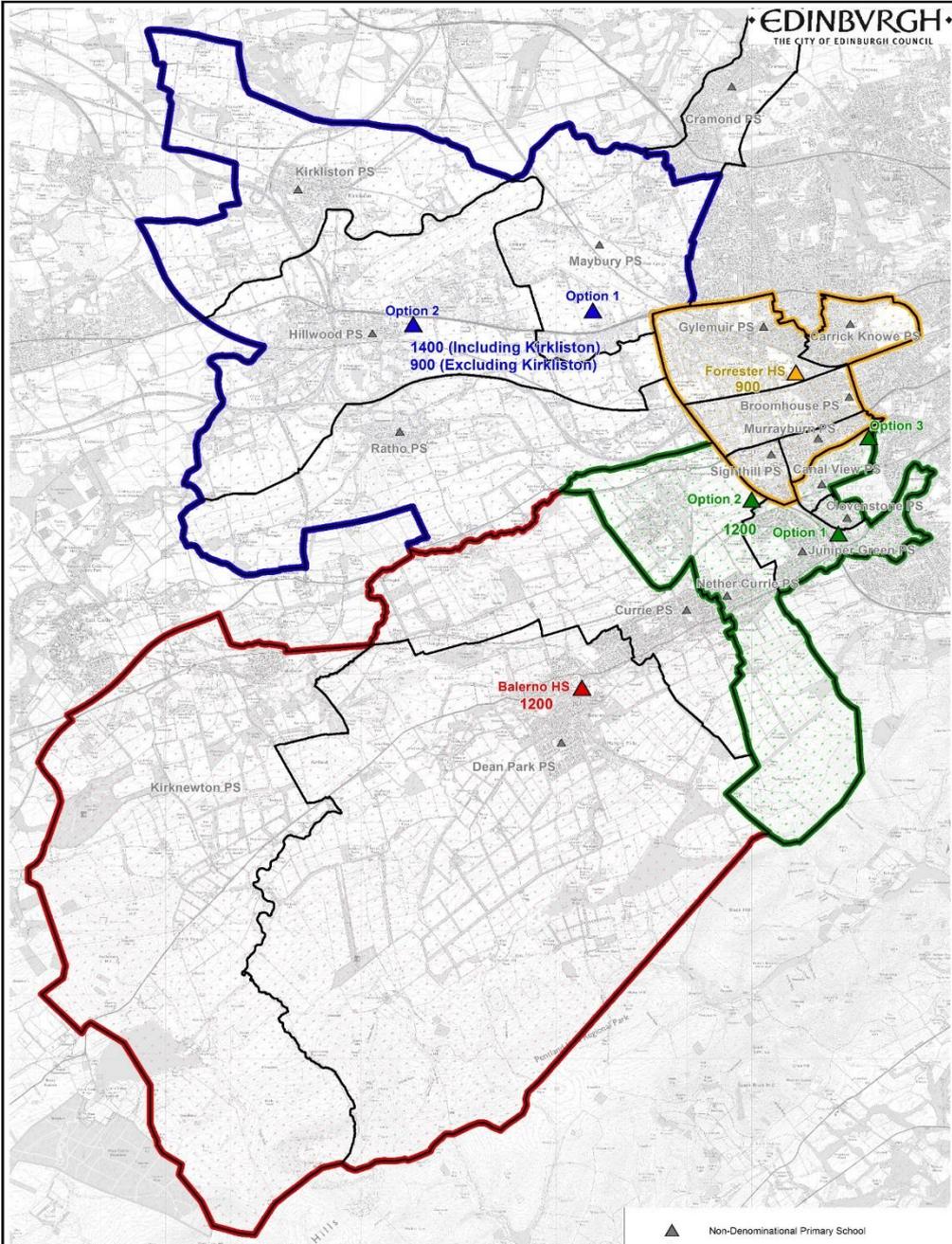
# Introductions

Name	Job Title
Andy Jeffries	Acting Head of Children's Services
Robbie Crockatt	Acting School Estate Planning Manager
Anna Gray	Acting Quality Improvement Manager Special Schools

Attending Elected Members

# Why are we here?

- Growth of the city
- West and South West
- New Housing Development
  - Maybury & Cammo
- New West Edinburgh High School
  - Implications for South West Schools
- School condition
- Strategic Review



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- ▲ Non-Denominational Primary School
- ▲ Non-Denominational Secondary School
- ▭ Proposed Non-Denominational Primary Catchment
- ▭ Proposed Non-Denominational Secondary Catchment
- 1000 Projected Capacity

## Informal Consultation

Feedback on initial proposals

Consider other ideas and suggestions



# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Status of Published Proposals
3. Summary of Published Proposals
4. Context for Change
5. Feedback Received & Alternative Options
- 6. Discussion**
7. Engaging with Woodlands Parents
8. Next Steps and Timeframes

# Status of Published Proposals

- **No decisions have been made.**
  - This is an informal process.
  - Nothing can be implemented without full statutory consultation.
  - Gathering views, suggestions, ideas and sharing information.
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- Report to Education, Children and Families Committee on **6 March 2018** will provide feedback on emerging themes.
  - Informal process extended to **29 March 2018** to allow engagement with wider community.
  - Special meeting of E,C&F Committee to be held on **29 March 2018** to enable all groups to make representation.
  - If appropriate, recommendations for any statutory consultation to be made to E,C&F Committee in May.

# Published Proposals – Woodlands

## New South West High School

- Currie High would amalgamate with WHEC in August 2022 upon the completion of a new South West Edinburgh High.
- S1 pupils from Canal View PS, Clovenstone PS, Nether Currie PS and Juniper Green PS would go to the new school from 2022.
- S1 pupils from Currie PS would go to Balerno HS from 2022.
- Potential sites at Curriemuirend and north of Baberton identified.

# Context for Change

- The Currie HS and WHEC buildings ideally need to be replaced.
- Balerno HS could be refurbished and expanded.
- Scottish Government Funding criteria.
- Last 4 new high schools funded in Edinburgh are 1200 or above.
- Currie, WHEC and Balerno HS's are smaller than many other schools in the Council's estate (9 of CEC's secondary schools have capacity of 1,150 or more).
- Larger schools can provide enhanced opportunities for all pupils both within and outwith the curriculum.
- Provides an opportunity to close the attainment gap.
- Larger and newer schools cost the Council less due to reduced management and maintenance costs.

# Feedback Received

- Total 775 comments responses received and analysed to date.
- 112 expressed concern about what proposals mean for Woodlands

Theme	No. of comments	% of total comments
Roads/Traffic	391	64.1%
Community Hub/Dividing Community	388	63.6%
Local sports facilities/clubs/other	293	48.0%
Travel to school / safety	292	47.9%
Walking to school/Healthy and well-being policy	187	30.7%
High performing HS / low performing HS	171	28.0%
Bought house due to catchments	128	21.0%
Exams/disrupting education	122	20.0%
Environment	122	20.0%
Currie land being sold	119	19.5%

Figures from Currie, Nether Currie and Juniper Green only.



# Alternative Ideas Received

- Retain all schools on their existing sites refurbishing or rebuilding as required;
  - What works well now?
  - How could the current situation be improved?
- Build a new school on the Muir Wood field site;
  - What does this mean for the published proposal?
  - Is a catchment change required?
- Amalgamate Currie HS and Balerno HS in a new building on the existing Currie HS site.
  - What (if any) catchment changes would be required?

# Assessment Criteria

What do each of the ideas received mean for the following assessment criteria?

## **Schools**

- Maintaining Educational Excellence
- Improving Attainment and Wider Achievement
- Maximising Curriculum Choice
- Supporting Young People with Additional Learning Needs
- Closing the Attainment Gap
- Creating an efficient school estate for a growing city

## **Community**

- Maximising community facilities
- Maintaining links with Community Organisations

## **Travel**

- Providing 'Safe Routes to Schools'.
- Promoting Active Travel

# Discussion

## Published Proposal

- Currie High would amalgamate with WHEC on alternative site.

## Alternative Ideas Received

- Build a new school on the Muir Wood field site;
- Retain all High School schools on their existing sites refurbishing or rebuilding as required;
- Amalgamate Currie HS and Balerno HS in a new building on the existing Currie HS site.

### CCHS Relocated

- Should Woodlands move too?
- What would this mean for Woodlands community?
- What opportunities are there?
- What risks are there?

### CCHS Remains on Site

- What could be improved?
- What opportunities are there?

# Engaging with Woodlands Parents

- What is the best way to get the views of Woodlands parents?
- How can we help?

# Next Steps and Timeframes

- Circulate Workshop Report to all attendees.
- Report to Education, Children and Families Committee on **6 March 2018** will provide feedback on emerging themes.
- Informal process extended to **29 March 2018** to allow engagement with wider community.
- Website will remain live throughout the process.
- Special meeting of E,C&F Committee to be held on **29 March 2018** to enable all groups to make representation.
- If appropriate, recommendations for any statutory consultation to be made to Education, Children and Families Committee in May.
- Workshop Reports and all comments received to be made available to all Councillors ahead of E,C and F Committee in May.

# Thank you.

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