



Culloden Academy

Stakeholder Group Meeting No. 10

Project Update

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Progress Update

1. Repairs to the ramps to the modular units have been completed.
2. Planning permission for the synthetic playing field has been granted.
3. Ongoing discussions about the layout of the extension block with Head Teacher and staff; meeting at Academy on Monday 26th and further amendments to floor plans have been made.
4. Work on new road access is due to start within the next 2 weeks.
5. Further remedial works to the grass playing field will be carried out during the October holiday period.
6. It is now proposed that the planning consultation events will take place during w/c 31st October.
7. The second phase of electrical upgrade works programmed to take place from 7th November to 19th December on a nightshift basis. This leaves the kitchen areas to be completed, possibly next year.

Programme: Extension Block/Synthetic Playing Field

1. We intend to submit a full planning application for the Phase 1 extension block in November, after the planning consultation events.
2. The dates of the Planning Committee meetings in 2023 have been confirmed; we will target the meeting on 3rd May with the meeting on 27th June as a fallback.
3. Construction of extension currently programmed to commence in August 2023. We are working with Morrison's on the contract period required; an 18-month duration would result in completion of the extension block in February 2025. Refurbishment of vacated spaces in the main building would commence once the extension is operational.
4. The synthetic playing field/muster point will proceed as a separate phase. Construction will take 3-4 months and timing to be agreed with the Head Teacher based on completion for the new session, along with further improvements to the main building.
5. The above timescales are of course subject to the outcome of the review of the Council's capital programme and approval of the necessary additional capital funding.

Key Risks

ID	Description	Mitigation	RAG Status	Risk Owner
1	Cost - Ongoing impact of construction market pressures	Early appointment/ongoing engagement with contractor and supply chain, review of design options	Amber	Contractor/HC
2	Budget - Additional funding required	Review of the Council's capital programme is underway	Amber	HC
3	Programme - Timing of individual phases	Programme for remaining phases and interdependencies has been reviewed	Green	Contractor/HC
4	Energy Performance - Ensure that building is designed to the appropriate standards	Building and engineering appraisals are underway and technical standards have been reviewed	Green	Contractor/HC
5	Academy - Further pressure on individual subjects before handover of extension	Continue to monitor pupil numbers with Head Teacher and potential impact for 2023/24 and 2024/25	Green	HC
6	Scope - Finalise design layouts and avoid further changes	Recent review of accommodation requirements with Head Teacher; layout to be finalised next week	Green	HC

Floor Plans/Capacity Increases

1. Main changes to layout of floor plans

- Home Economics included instead of Drama
- Omission of Learning Plaza
- Flexible classroom area – could be HE Kitchen if required in future
- Omission of central stair

2. Planning Capacity: The following summarises the increase in capacity due to the capital investment over the last 2 years, and the further increase after completion of the extension/refurbishment project.

- Prior to Investment 964
- Increased (From August 2022) 1,203 (provisional)
- Proposed (After Extension) 1,485 (provisional)

3. School Roll Forecasts: The following are the published school roll forecasts for Years 5 and 10.

- Year 5 (2026/27) 1,293
- Year 10 (2031/32) 1,391

Next Steps

1. Confirm dates and arrangements for the planning consultation events.
2. Take on board comments and feedback from events and develop proposal prior to submitting full planning application in November.
3. Agree duration of the construction period for the extension block.
4. Submit the funding application for the synthetic pitch to SportsScotland.
5. Agree the scope and timing of the works to the main building to be carried out next year (refurbishment of remaining PE changing areas and possible further classroom improvements).
6. Continue work on annual update of 15-year roll forecasts for all schools; the update takes account of roll numbers for the new school session, and also any changes to the new house build rates from the Housing Land Audit, the number of pre-school age children, and other trends and factors such as placing requests in and out of catchment areas.
7. Continue to contribute to the review of the Council's capital programme.