

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
11 JUNE 2008**

SUBJECT: ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS

BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek committee approval to reserve places in certain Moray Primary Schools for Session 2008/09.

1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section D (1) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to exercising the functions of the Council as Education Authority.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that for session 2008/09 Committee reserve:

- **two places at every stage of education in Bishopmill Primary School (14 spaces)**
- **two places at every stage of education in West End Primary School (14 spaces)**

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 On 5 December 2001 Educational Services Committee adopted the revised Policy and Procedures for Admissions to Schools in Moray. The policy was amended to take account of the "Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. (Scotland) Act 2000".

3.2 The policy states clearly the admission priorities and adds the right of the Council, when considered necessary, to reserve places in any given school for children moving into the catchment area.

3.3 The policy also states that the number of places and at which stages of education these are to be reserved for each school, where it is required, will be calculated by the Educational Services Officer (Staffing) and will form the subject of a report to be placed before the service Committee.

3.4 This report to reserve places in certain Moray schools is being brought to Committee as the projected rolls are showing difficulties in certain schools for session 2008/09 These are listed in **Appendix 1**.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Development Plan/Community Plan/Service Improvement Plan

The contents of this report meet the stated objectives in the Educational Programme of the Corporate Plan.

(b) Policy and Legal

Make efficient use of available resources.

(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)

There are none arising from this report.

(d) Consultations

The Head Teachers of the schools concerned and senior officers within educational services have been consulted and support the recommendations

5. CONCLUSION

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Background Papers:

Ref: DMD/JR/Reports/Children and Young People's Services Committee/11 June 2008/Admissions to Primary Schools