

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Community Services Committee members:

- (a) Note the contents of the Consultation Report (Appendix A); and
- (b) Approve the implementation of the following proposal:
 - i. Education Provision at Skipness Primary School be permanently discontinued with effect from 1st December 2022.
 - ii. The pupils of Skipness Primary School's catchment area continue

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Consultation Report for Skipness Primary School has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 as amended.
- 5.2 Following the outcome of the statutory consultation exercise detailed in the Consultation Report (Appendix A), having due regard to relevant written and oral representations as well as Education Scotland's Report, and following a further review of the proposal and reasonable alternatives having regard to rural school factors, it is recommended that the decision to implement the proposal that education provision at Skipness Primary School be permanently discontinued; the pupils of Skipness Primary School's catchment area continue to receive their education at Tarbert Primary School on a permanent basis; and the delineated catchment area of Tarbert Primary School be permanently extended to subsume the whole delineated catchment area of Skipness Primary School with effect from 1st December 2022.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy - An authority that is formulating a rural school Consultation Report must Satisfy the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 as amended.
- 6.2 Financial – there are financial implications for each option.
- 6.3 Legal – The Consultation Report for Skipness Primary School has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 as amended.
- 6.4 HR - none
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: none at present
 - 6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics – none at present
 - 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty – none at present
 - 6.5.3 Islands – none at present
- 6.6 Climate Change – neutral impact due to proposed changes
- 6.7 Risk – none at present
- 6.8 Customer Service – none at present

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APPENDICES

Appendix A – Consultation Report – Skipness Primary School