



**SCHOOLS (CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 – SOUTHEND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**3.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 3.1 On 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Argyll and Bute Council approved the mothballing of Southend Primary School. No pupils had been attending the School since then.
- 3.2 On 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022, the Community Services Committee also agreed that the Education Service would undertake the required preliminary consultation and an Options Appraisal for Southend Primary School. The Community Services Committee received a report on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 providing details of the Options Appraisal for Southend Primary School; carried out in accordance with the preliminary requirements set out in Section 12A of the 2010 Act. The Committee agreed to note the outcome of this consideration of the preliminary requirements, and requested that officers formulate a draft closure proposal, which is attached as **Appendix A**

3.6 The Proposal Paper, attached as **Appendix A** of this report, addresses the various requirements in terms of the 2010 Act and recommends that Members agree to now move to a formal statutory consultation on the proposal to close Southend Primary School.

#### **4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

4.1 It is recommended that the Community Services Committee agrees to adopt the draft proposal, as set out in **Appendix A**, as a “relevant proposal” that is now to proceed to statutory consultation under the 2010 Act.

#### **5.0 DETAIL**

5.1 Southend Primary School has been mothballed since

likely effect on the local community;  
availability of the School's premises and other facilities for use by the community;  
likely effect caused by different travelling arrangements;  
environmental impact; and  
financial impact.

5.6 In addition, the Council has also considered how to minimise or avoid any adverse effects that might arise from implementation of the proposal.

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7.8 Customer Service – None within this report.

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