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SCHOOLS (CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 – KILCHRENAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides details of the outcome and findings of the statutory consultation exercise undertaken in respect of the formal Proposal to close Kilchrenan Primary School as detailed in the published Consultation Report (**Appendix A**); and in accordance with the *Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act* 2010, as amended.
- 1.2 It is recommended that the Community Services Committee:
 - (a) Notes the contents of the Consultation Report (Appendix A); and
 - (b) Approves the implementation of the following Proposal as consulted on:
 - i. that education provision at Kilchrenan Primary School shall be permanently discontinued with effect from 29th November 2024; and
 - ii. that the delineated catchment area of Taynuilt Primary School shall be extended to subsume the whole delineated catchment area of Kilchrenan Primary School from 29th November 2024.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 When considering the future of a rural school, the Education Authority must firstly meet the preliminary requirements of 2()t0.06Bs 1.020.0000082 Tfg0.00008871 0 59

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4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 This report provides details of the outcome and findings of the statutory consultation exercise undertaken in respect of the formal proposal to close Kilchrenan Primary School as detailed in the published Consultation Report (Appendix A); and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, as amended.
- 4.2 In accordance with the group of the Proposal (see Appendix 4 of **Appendix A**). The Education Scotland Report supports the Proposal in that it has clear educational benefits for current and future pupils of Kilchrenan Primary School; a larger and more modern learning environment offering access to a broader range of experiences and opportunities to learn, develop and socialise with a wider group of peers.
- 4.3 Having considered the report from Education Scotland and all other responses received within the consultation period, officers carried out a further review of the Proposal and a Consultation Report was thereafter prepared and published 1st August

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APPENDICES

Appendix A Consultation Report Kilchrenan Primary School