

## ITEM No ...4.....

**REPORT TO:** CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE – 2 MARCH 2026  
**REPORT ON:** REVIEW OF THE SERVICE ESTATE- CAPACITIES AND ROLLS  
**REPORT BY:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICE  
**REPORT NO:** 50– 2026

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 This report provides an annual update on the occupancy levels of the learning estate.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 It is recommended that Committee:

- a notes the content of the report, and
- b instructs the Executive Director to provide an update in twelve months.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### **4.0 BACKGROUND**

4.1 The Education Committee (Article I of the Minute of the Meeting of the Education Committee held on 12 December 2011, report 539-2011 refers) agreed that an annual update report on the school estate would be prepared for committee.

4.2 To align with annual reporting to Scottish Government and timeous reporting of information, School capacities and rolls will be reported following the September pupil census. Reporting of condition, suitability and planned building improvements will be reported following the Scottish Government Core Facts return in May.

### **5.0 SCHOOL CAPACITY**

5.1 The planning capacity for schools is determined using a standard formula based on the Strathclyde Model, ensuring a consistent approach across the school estate. This involves calculating the square metres per child, using the total area allocated to learning spaces, to establish a school's size and the number of pupils it can accommodate.

5.2 Information regarding the planning capacity and occupancy level for each primary, secondary and special school is included in Appendix 1.

5.3 The total capacity across the primary estate is 13,261 pupils. At present 9,738 spaces are used, representing an occupancy level of 73%. The total capacity across the secondary estate is 9,619 pupils. At present 8,377 spaces are used, representing an occupancy level of 87%.

5.4 The Children and Families Service closely monitors the capacity of all schools and takes action to address any issues. This can include, for example, capping intakes, increasing the number of reserved places for priority 1 pupils, monitoring placing requests and if this continues to be a significant issue, reviewing catchment areas.

5.5 Action is taken each year to create reserved spaces in schools to try to ensure that Priority 1 pupils who move into a catchment area during the school year are granted a space. An annual report is presented to Committee for approval detailing the proposed number of reserved spaces in specific schools.

5.6 There are two schools recorded as having an occupancy level greater than 100%. These schools are using the flexibility within their accommodation to enable them to respond appropriately to the demands of specific class compositions, individual pupil needs and occupancy levels.

## **6.0 RESIDENTIAL CHILDCARE**

6.1 The Council has a total of seven houses offering up to 39 beds, six houses offering accommodation for children and young people aged 6-21 years and one house delivering support for up to 6 care leavers aged 16- 24 years. This allows the service to extend options for young adults leaving care to have supported accommodation, including on return to the city from out of Authority placements.

6.2 The houses are registered services under the Care Inspectorate whose annual inspection reports identify houses where there are clear or emerging issues around the suitability and fabric of the buildings to meet the needs of the young people we care for.

## **7.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 This report has been subject to the Pre-IIA Screening Tool and does not make any recommendations for change to strategy, policy, procedures, services, or funding and so has not been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment. An appropriate Senior Manager has reviewed and agreed with this assessment.

## **8.0 CONSULTATIONS**

8.1 The Council Leadership Team was consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its content.

## **9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9.1 None.

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**APPENDIX 1****SUMMARY DATA ON THE SCHOOL ESTATE****SCHOOL CAPACITIES, OCCUPANCY LEVELS AND CATCHMENT STATUS****Table 1: Primary School Capacities, Rolls and catchment status as of September 2025**

<b>School Name</b>	<b>Planning Capacity</b>	<b>Roll</b>	<b>Occupancy</b>	<b>Living in catchment</b>	<b>Outside catchment</b>	<b>% in catchment</b>	<b>% outside catchment</b>
Ancrum Road	451	304	67%	172	132	57%	43%
Ardler	267	106	40%	71	35	67%	33%
Ballumbie Primary	676	386	57%	270	116	70%	30%
Barnhill	534	358	67%	283	75	79%	21%
Blackness	342	330	96%	131	199	40%	60%
Camperdown Primary	338	201	59%	154	47	77%	23%
Claypotts Castle	500	375	75%	309	66	82%	18%
Cleington	574	423	74%	304	119	72%	28%
Craigiebarns	367	284	77%	123	161	43%	57%
Craigowl	434	261	60%	160	101	61%	39%
Dens Road	292	241	83%	127	114	53%	47%
Downfield	434	271	62%	136	135	50%	50%
Eastern	459	354	77%	147	207	42%	58%
Fintry	434	334	77%	174	160	52%	48%
Forthill	651	447	69%	328	119	73%	27%
Glebelands	432	361	84%	185	176	51%	49%
Longhaugh	371	273	74%	135	138	49%	51%
Mill of Mains	317	271	85%	185	86	68%	32%
Our Lady's RC	245	241	98%	182	59	76%	24%
Rosebank	278	294	106%	196	98	67%	33%
Rowantree	434	275	63%	220	55	80%	20%
Sidlaw View	440	204	46%	133	71	65%	35%
St Andrew's RC	484	455	94%	361	94	79%	21%
St Clement's RC	288	197	86%	156	41	79%	21%
St Fergus RC	367	177	48%	84	93	47%	53%
St Francis RC	392	296	76%	232	64	78%	22%
St Joseph's RC	367	327	89%	158	169	48%	52%
St Mary's RC	300	276	92%	207	69	75%	25%
St Ninian's RC	308	264	86%	181	83	69%	31%
Ss Peter and Paul RC	341	355	104%	253	102	71%	29%
St Pius' RC	242	146	60%	118	28	81%	19%
Tayview	660	441	67%	269	172	61%	39%
Victoria Park	242	210	87%	112	98	53%	47%

**Table 2: Secondary School Capacities, Rolls and catchment status as of September 2025**

School Name	Planning Capacity	Roll	Occupancy	Living in catchment	Outside catchment	% in catchment	% outside catchment
Baldragon Academy	1100	792	72%	641	151	81%	19%
Greenfield Academy	1879	1497	80%	1277	220	85%	15%
Grove Academy	1370	1345	98%	1137	208	85%	15%
Harris Academy	1507	1399	93%	1129	270	81%	19%
Morgan Academy	1065	997	94%	781	216	78%	22%
St John's RC High School	1393	1285	92%	1038	247	81%	19%
St Paul's RC Academy	1305	1062	81%	954	108	90%	10%

**Table 3: Special School Capacities and Rolls as of September 2025**

School Name	Planning Capacity	Roll	Occupancy
Kingspark School	172	168	98%
Rockwell Learning Centre	51	50*	98%

\*This is the number of young people accessing Rockwell Learning Centre and not the wider offsite education service.