



Care, Learning and Wellbeing

A PROPOSAL PAPER

Future provision for children of pre-school age in the Prestwick area of South Ayrshire

December 2013

This document has been issued by South Ayrshire Council for consultation under the Schools Consultation (Scotland) Act 2010

1. Purpose of the Paper

- 1.1 This paper is being published in accordance with the requirements of the Schools Consultation (Scotland) Act 2010. The proposal contained in this document seeks to establish additional pre-school provision in the Prestwick Area.

2. The Proposal

The proposal is:-

- 2.1 To enhance pre-school provision in the Prestwick area by developing the existing building the Space Place, Prestwick to create a nursery.
- 2.2 It is proposed that the new nursery would open in August 2014.

3. Background

- 3.1 South Ayrshire Council has a well earned reputation for providing high quality education for pre-school children. This is reflected in the reports received on our nursery schools, classes and Partnership Centres following inspections by Education Scotland (formerly HMIE) and Care Inspectorate Scotland.
- 3.2 The Council has a statutory duty to ensure all children have access to pre-school provision and presently operates four nursery schools and twenty nine nursery classes. In addition it provides places at eleven partnership centres.
- 3.3 The proposal contained in this consultation will assist in meeting an expected increased demand for nursery provision in the Prestwick area through higher birth rates and assist in meeting the Scottish Government's pledge to increase entitlement for all 3 and 4 year old children to access 600 hours of early learning and childcare per year from autumn 2014.

4. Details of existing Provision

- 4.1 The Prestwick area is currently served by four local authority pre-5 establishments (Heathfield Nursery Class, Kingcase Nursery Class, St. Ninian's Nursery Class, Glenburn Nursery Class) and one partner provider (Pine Trees Nursery).
- 4.2 Although the Council has always managed to meet its pledge for a pre-school place for every children living in the area, demand for places has resulted in parents of ante pre-school children being unable to access provision within the Prestwick area,
- 4.3 At present Heathfield Nursery Class offers 40:40 places for pre-school children. (Nursery capacity is indicated as number of places for children in the morning: number of places for children in the afternoon).
- 4.4 Kingcase Nursery Class offers 50:50 places
- 4.5 St Ninian's Primary School Nursery Class offers 30:30 places.
- 4.6 Glenburn offers 30:30 places.
- 4.7 The Council also works in partnership with Pine Trees Nursery, which provides

35 pre-school places as well as full day care.

- 4.8 Over the past 5 years there has been a 4% year on year increase in the birth rate in South Ayrshire. This increase is projected to continue for the next 5 years. The total capacity in Prestwick is 300 pre-school places in local authority nursery provision and 35 places in a Partnership Nursery. By 2017/18 we will require an anticipated additional 65 places. This presents an ongoing challenge in meeting the statutory functions as well as providing children and families with local pre-school provision.

Projected increase in numbers of pre-school children

	Current year	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Prestwick area	340	354	368	383	398

5. Details of the Proposal

- 5.1 South Ayrshire Council proposes to enhance the current provision for pre-school children in the Prestwick area by creating a high quality early years nursery at the Space Place, Prestwick with a capacity of up to 30:30 places. The location of the Space Place is shown in the attached map (Appendix 1) with an anticipated opening in August 2014.
- 5.2 The Space Place is currently unoccupied and was previously a purpose built Youth Facility. The proposal would make effective use of the current Council estate.
- 5.3 It would meet demand for more localised high quality local authority nursery places and create provision to assist the Council to meet the Scottish Government's pledge to increase entitlement for all 3 and 4 year old children to access 600 hours of early learning and childcare per year from autumn 2014.
- 5.4 The Bill also sets out proposals to provide 600 hours early learning and childcare for looked after 2-3 year olds and 2 years olds subject to Kinship Care orders. From 2015 it is proposed to provide 10:10 childcare places for children aged 2-3 years. This will provide local provision and reduce the need for children referred through the locality forum to be transported.
- 5.5 Within the provision there will be opportunities to provide extended support for families including work with parents.

6. Educational Benefits Statement of the proposal

- 6.1 Pre-school education is a crucial element of an entitlement to a broad general education for all children. The aim of *Curriculum for Excellence* is to enable all children and young people to develop their capacities as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors to society.
- 6.2 The proposal supports continuity and progression in children's learning from age three. In Prestwick there is an existing network among early years staff to support the continuity and progression of all children. The cohesion between nursery and primary is enhanced by close liaison between the two sectors.

- 6.3 The Space Place will be developed to provide a high quality learning environment with direct access to an outdoor play area.
- 6.4 South Ayrshire Council presently purchases pre-school places at the nearby partnership centre, Pine Trees, Prestwick. Pine Trees Prestwick provides all day care provision for children from 0-5 years. It is not anticipated that this will have a significant adverse impact on this nursery.
- 6.5 There are benefits for the community by providing parents with more local provision. Current and projected demand means that we are not able to provide a nursery place in Prestwick for all 3 years old children. This proposal will assist in meeting that demand.
- 6.6 There is a range of evidence which highlights the educational benefits of high quality pre-school education on children's social development and later achievements. There is a risk that some children will not be able to access pre-school education if it is not available in the local area.
- 6.7 Across the Prestwick area there will be a greater capacity for pre-school education, enabling the authority to meet the national priority of 600 hours for all 3 and 4 year olds by Autumn 2014.

7. Financial Implications

Revenue Budget Implications

- 7.1 Based on a 30:30 nursery class and a 10:10 childcare provision for children aged 2-3 years the staffing and recurring costs are estimated at £266,781.39 from 2015/16

	Projected part year costs	Full Year Costs based on 2013/14
Teacher x 1 fte (Ave salary inc oncosts)	£ 24,366.43	£39,991.40
Nursery Nurse x 2 fte (JE06 SCP39 inc oncosts)	£ 30,308.57	£49,743.93
Nursery Nurse x 2 fte (JE06 SCP39 inc oncosts) (2-3 year old provision)	£0.00	£49,743.93
Centre Manager,/ Head Teacher x 1fte	£ 38,563.00	£63,292.00
Admin (1FTE)	£ 13,392.31	£21,539.00
Janitor / Cleaner (JE03 0.5FTE)	£ 6,293.00	£10,070.00
Non Domestic Rates	£ 13,100.00	£20,960.00
Heating and Lighting (Approx)	£ 6,250.00	£10,000.00
Additional running costs	£ 625.00	£ 1,000.00
TOTAL	£132,898.31	£266,781.39

This includes the salary for a manager/ Head teacher who will also co-ordinate early years family support work across South Ayrshire.

Capital Implications

- 7.2 The estimated cost for the associated capital works to create a nursery in the Space Place, Prestwick is £150,000. Initial resource costs for furniture and equipment are £15,000.

8. Consultation Process

- 8.1. This report is issued as a formal consultative document and will be made available to all interested parties. A copy of the report is available for inspection at all affected establishments, local libraries and at the Council's Head Office, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr, KA7 4EP. An electronic version can be accessed at the South Ayrshire Website Council website (www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk).

Schools/ Nurseries Affected

- 8.2 There may be an impact on Pine Trees Nursery but this will be minimal as the service provided includes full day care.

9. Consultation Process

- 9.1 This proposal is being issued for consideration under the Schools (Consultation) Scotland Act 2010. The decision to publish this proposal and follow the procedures as outlined below was taken by the Full Council of South Ayrshire Council.
- 9.2 This proposal will be made available to all relevant consultees listed below free of charge. Copies of the proposal will also be available for inspection at local schools, Prestwick Library and the Council's Head Office at County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr. KA7 1DR. An electronic version can also be accessed on the South Ayrshire Council website (www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

9.3 Consultees

We will consult with the following in terms with the Schools Consultation (Scotland) Act 2010:

- Parents of child(ren) expected to attend the nursery within the next 2 school years.
- Prestwick Community Council

We will also consult with:

- Local elected members representing the resident of Prestwick.
- Local members of Parliament and local members of the Scottish Parliament representing the residents of Prestwick.
- Staff and parents of Pine Trees Nursery.

9.2 Length of Consultation Period

The consultation process will begin with an advert being placed in the appropriate local newspapers by 9th January 2014 and will cease on 24th February 2014, This allows for the consultation period to include in excess of 30 school days as required by the Schools Consultation (Scotland) Act, 2010

9.3 Public Meetings

During the consultation period a public meeting will be held in Kingcase Primary School, at 7:00 pm on 19th February 2014.

Senior officers of South Ayrshire Council will be present to explain the proposal and offer an opportunity to attendees to ask questions; state their views or raise points of clarification at the meeting. A note of the views made at the public meeting will be recorded as part of the consultation process.

10. Involvement of Education Scotland

- 10.1 A copy of the proposal paper and the dates of the public meeting will be sent to Education Scotland. Education Scotland will also receive a copy of any relevant written representations that are received by the Council from any person during the consultation period or, if Education Scotland agree, a summary of them. Education Scotland will also receive a summary of any points made to the Council at the public meetings that will be held and, as available (and so far as otherwise practicable), a copy of any other relevant documentation. Education Scotland will then prepare a report on the educational aspects of the proposal not later than 3 weeks after the Council has sent them all representations and documents mentioned above. However, for the avoidance of doubt, the 3 week period will not start until after the consultation period has ended. In preparing their report, Education Scotland may enter the affected school and make such reasonable enquiries of such people there as they consider appropriate and may make such reasonable enquiries of such other people as they consider appropriate.

11. Note on Corrections

- 11.1 If any inaccuracy or omission is discovered in this proposal document either by the Council or any person, the Council will determine if relevant information has been omitted or, there has been an inaccuracy. It will then take appropriate action which may include the issue of a correction or the reissuing of the proposal paper or the revision of the timescale for the consultation period if appropriate. In that event, relevant consultees and Education Scotland will be advised.

12. Preparation of the Consultation Report

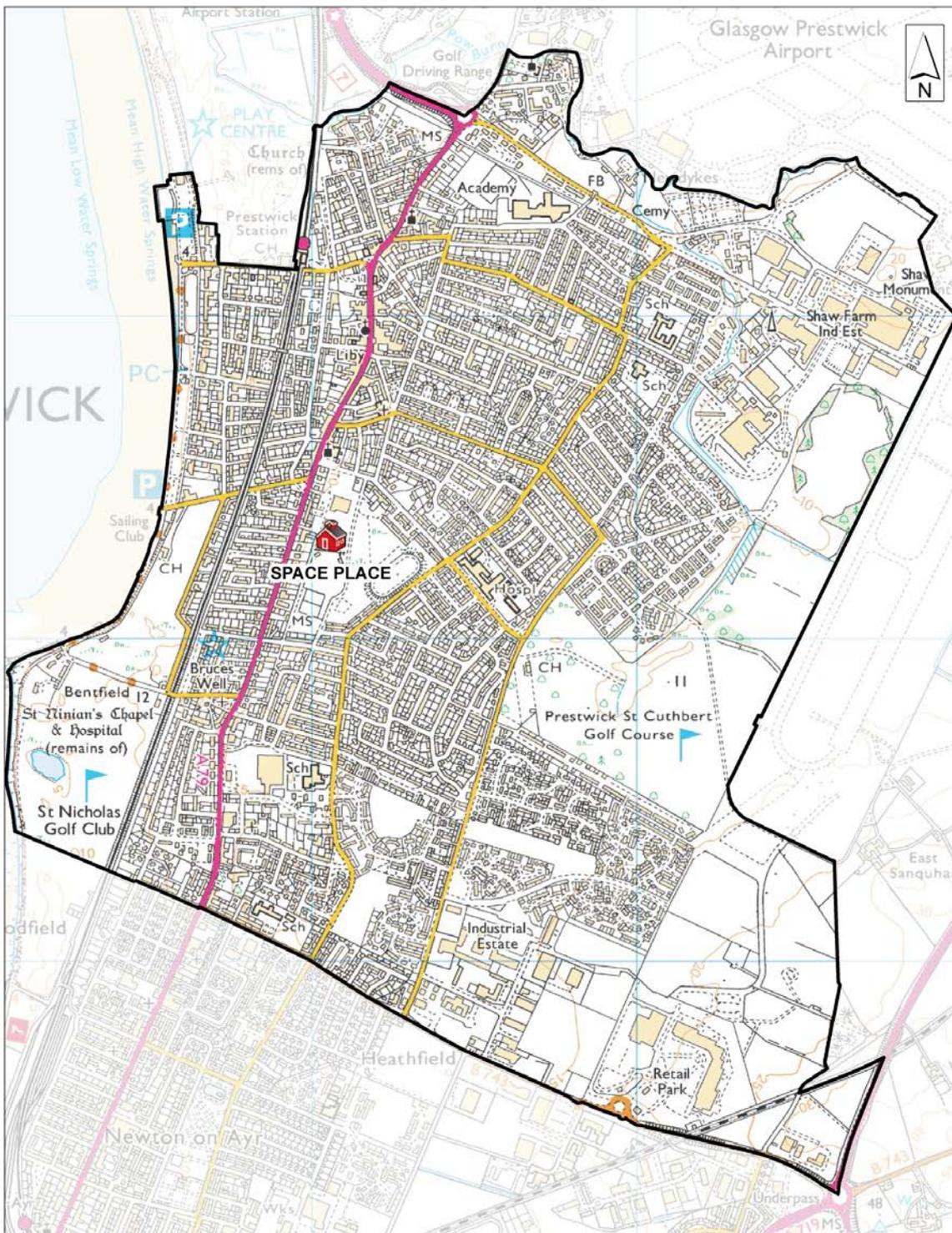
- 12.1 Following the above procedure the proposal will then be reviewed by the Council's Care, learning and Wellbeing Directorate taking into account the Education Scotland Report; written representations received and oral representations made by any persons at the public meetings. A consultation report containing the information required by Section 10 of the Schools Consultation (Scotland) Act 2010 will be prepared. The report will include a record of the total number of written representations made during the consultation period, a summary of the written representations, a summary of the oral representations made at the public meeting, the Authority's response to the Education Scotland Report as well as any written or oral representations it has received, together with a copy of the Education Scotland Report and any other relevant information, including details of any alleged inaccuracies and how these have been handled. The Report will also contain a statement explaining how it complied with the requirement to review the proposal in light of the Education Scotland Report and representations (both written and oral) that it received.
- 12.2 The consultation report will be published and made available for further consideration for a period of 3 weeks. This report will be available for inspection at County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr and on the Council website (www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

13. Decision

- 13.1 The consultation report will be submitted to a future meeting of the Council's Leadership Panel for consideration and the Elected Members will decide whether or not to implement the proposal in whole or in part. The decision may be subject to the Council's scrutiny process.

14. Responding to the Proposal

- 14.1 South Ayrshire Council invites all interested parties to make written representation on the proposal. Interested parties are encouraged to complete and return the response form that is attached (see Appendix 1) and is also available on South Ayrshire Council's website.
- 14.2 Written responses regarding the proposal will also be accepted by letter or email. Such responses should be clear about who you are, where you live, why you are interested and whether or not you agree with the proposal, or have any alternative solutions or comments. Petitions will be treated as a single response.
- 14.3 Education Scotland (HMIE) is entitled to copies of all responses received. We would therefore advise that your personal information will be supplied to Education Scotland if they request it.
- 14.4 Please send all written representation on the proposal (via the response form (Appendix 2), a letter or an email to Executive Director for Care, Learning and Wellbeing, South Ayrshire Council, Wellington Square, Ayr KA7 1DR or e-mail to prestwicknurseryconsultation@south-ayrshire.gov.uk, no later than 24rd February 2014. Responses received after this time will not be considered.
- 14.5 Reasonable requests for alternative forms of consultation papers or response documents will be accommodated wherever possible e.g. audio support or language translations. For this support please contact prestwicknurseryconsultation@south-ayrshire.gov.uk or write to the address above.



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FUTURE NURSERY PROVISION FOR CHILDREN OF PRESCHOOL AGE IN THE PRESTWICK AREA OF SOUTH AYRSHIRE FOR SCHOOL SESSION 2014/15 AND BEYOND

FORM FOR YOUR RESPONSE

ABOUT YOU

Name:

Address:

Post Code

Tick the box if we should keep your name and address confidential

For Parents/Carers (Carer means the responsible adult with whom the young person lives)

I live in the area

Name(s) of my child(ren):

Name of school/ Nursery attending:

For Others (tick only one box, and complete as appropriate)

I am a parents with a child at

I am a member of staff at

I am a parent

I am responding on behalf of a group.

Name of group

Other (please specify)

WHAT YOU THINK	I Agree	I Disagree
The proposal to establish a nursery in Prestwick with a capacity of 30:30 places		

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSALS *(tick only one box)*

- I have no additional comment to make
- My comments are written on the reverse of this sheet
- I attach my comments

Signed

Send your reply to South Ayrshire Council, Care, Learning and Wellbeing, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr, KA7 1DR no later than midnight on **24rd February 2014.**

PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS BELOW

The reason(s) I have for reaching my decision is/are

Reason 1

Reason 2

Reason 3

Any other additional comment