

# FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES OSC

## REPORT TO CABINET

21 September 2022

### **The Outcomes of Consultation Proposals for the Coquet Partnership**

Councillor Guy Renner-Thompson, Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, and Sue Aviston, Head of School Organisation and Resources, presented the report to the Committee at their meeting on 8 September 2022.

The Committee sought clarity on the savings made from the Astley and Whytrig new build project. Members were concerned these savings were being predicted too early; however, they were reassured that the budget for this project had been carefully costed including taking into account anticipated inflationary increases in construction costs.

The comments of stakeholders from the consultation were discussed giving rise to a question being asked on the proposed 24-month timeframe. The timeline considered the construction challenges of the sites covered by this proposal and it was not anticipated that the construction and relocation of pupils could be done in an organised way before the proposed end date. The Committee were informed that the timeline was realistic and well supported by the schools involved.

The importance of local school transport provision was stressed as the Committee advised that careful consideration should be taken when looking at the impact these changes will have on this area.

The proposal was welcomed, and it was **RESOLVED** that Cabinet be advised that the Committee supports the recommendations as outlined in the report.

**RICHARD DODD  
VICE-CHAIRMAN**