CATCHMENT AREAS IN
THE NORTH WEST OF KILMARNOCK AND KILMAURS

The following schools are affected by this Proposal Document:

HILLHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL
KILMAURS PRIMARY SCHOOL
ONTHANK PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRANGE ACADEMY
KILMARNOCK ACADEMY
JAMES HAMILTON ACADEMY
STEWARTON ACADEMY

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- The parents of the pupils at the affected schools and their associated Primary Schools
- Parents of children expected to attend either of the affected primary schools within 2 years of the date of publication of this Proposal Document
- The pupils at the affected schools
- The teaching and ancillary staff, at the affected schools
- The trade unions representatives of the above staff
- The Community Councils
- Relevant users of the affected schools
- Relevant Community Associations
- The constituency MSP
- List MSPs for the area
- The Constituency MP
- Sub-Divisional Commander, Police Scotland
- Chief Executive, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
- Chief Executive Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)
- Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services, East Ayrshire Council
- Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support, East Ayrshire Council
- South Ayrshire Council
- North Ayrshire Council
- Community Planning Partnership Board

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- Public libraries in the vicinity of the schools affected
- Local area offices in the vicinity of the schools affected
- The schools affected by the proposal

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SUMMARY OF PROCESS FOR THIS PROPOSAL DOCUMENT

Consideration by the Cabinet (Education)

This Proposal Document has been issued as a result of a decision by the Cabinet (Education) of East Ayrshire Council. This is to seek views on the proposals in this paper.

Proposal Document issued to consultees and published on Council Web-site

A summary copy of this document will be issued free of charge to the consultees listed on the preceding page. Advice on where the complete Proposal Document can be obtained will be included and both the full version and summarised version will be published on the Council website: www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk. If requested, copies of both the full and summary versions will also be made available in alternative formats or in translated form for readers whose first language is not English.

Publication of advertisement in local newspapers

An advertisement will be placed in the relevant local newspapers and if necessary any national newspaper. In addition, there may be announcements related to the Proposal process on the local radio station, West Sound / West FM.

Length of Consultation period

An advertisement will be placed in local newspapers on 6th February 2015. The consultation will thereafter run until close of business on 27th March 2015 which includes a period of 30 school days.

Public meetings

A formal public meeting will be held to discuss these proposals. Anyone wishing to attend the public meetings is invited to do so. The meetings, which will be convened by East Ayrshire Council in consultation with the Parent Councils of the affected schools and will be addressed by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services, and other senior officers of the Council.

The meeting will be an opportunity to:

- Hear more about the proposal
- Ask questions about the proposal
- Have your views recorded so that they can be taken into account as part of the Proposal process.

The public meeting will be held on:

Date: 23rd February 2015
Venue: Onthank Primary School
Time: 7pm
A note will be taken of comments, questions and officer responses. These notes will be published on the Council website, and a copy will be made available on request. These notes will also be forwarded to Education Scotland along with all other submissions and comments that are received by the Council during the consultation process.

**Responding to the Proposal**

Interested parties are invited to respond to this Proposal document by making written or electronic submissions on the proposal to:

- The Executive Director of Educational & Social Services, East Ayrshire Council, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7BU; or
- education.consultation@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

For the convenience of those wishing to respond, a form is provided at Appendix 9, and is also available on the council’s website at:

- www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Those wishing to respond are invited to state their relationship with the school – for example, “Pupil of XXX Academy / Primary School”, “Parent of a child at XXX Academy / Primary School”, “Grandparent of a child at XXX Academy / Primary School”, “Former pupil of XXX Academy / Primary School”, “Teacher of XXX Academy / Primary School”, “Member of the Community” etc. Responses from the Parent Councils, staff, and Pupil Council are particularly welcome.

Those sending in a response, whether by letter or electronically should know that their response will be open to public scrutiny and may have to be supplied to anyone making a reasonable request to see it. If they do not wish their response to be publicly available, they should clearly write on the document: “I wish my response to be considered as confidential with access restricted to elected members and council officers of East Ayrshire Council.” Otherwise, it will be assumed that the person making the response agrees to it being made publicly available.

**Involvement of Education Scotland**

When the Proposal Document is published, a copy will also be sent to Education Scotland by East Ayrshire Council. 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 further receive a summary of any oral representations made to the Council at the public meeting 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.

**Preparation of Consultation Report**

The Council will review the proposal having regard to the Education Scotland Report, written representations that it has received and oral representations made to it by any person at the public meeting. It will then prepare a Consultation Report. This report will be published in electronic and printed formats and will be advertised in local newspapers and, if necessary, any national newspaper. It will be available on the Council web-site and from Council Headquarters, public libraries in the vicinity of the affected schools, local offices in the vicinity of the affected schools as well as the affected schools, free of charge. Anyone who made written representations during the consultation period will also be informed about the report. 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. The Consultation Report will be published and available for further consideration for a period of 3 weeks.

**Note on Corrections**

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 may 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. The person, or persons, who have raised concerns will receive an individual response to their submission.

**Decision**

This report together with any other relevant documentation will be considered by the Cabinet (Education) who will come to a decision. This decision is then subject to the Council’s call-in procedures.

**Commission for the Delivery of Rural Education**

From 1 August 2014 there is a presumption against the closure of rural schools. This proposal does not relate to a closure of a rural school.
Scottish Ministers Call-in

The Schools Consultation (Scotland) Act 2010 does not make provisions for referral to Scottish Ministers in cases other than closures, therefore the proposal is not subject to Ministerial call in.
CATCHMENT AREAS IN THE NORTH OF KILMARNOCK

This proposal arises from a review of the current catchment areas and entitlement to school transport in the North West of Kilmarnock, taking into account the existing and planned housing develop areas and the historic nature of the existing school catchment boundaries.

PROPOSAL

That subject to the outcome of this consultation exercise:

The delineated area of Onthank Primary School is extended from its existing boundary between the A735 and the B751 to incorporate areas of housing within the Southcraigs and Northcraig developments.

This proposal will rezone the affected ground from the delineated area of Kilmours Primary School to that of Onthank Primary School and consequently from the delineated area of Stewarton Academy to that of James Hamilton Academy.

That changes to the delineated areas of the respective educational establishments are made with immediate effect, subject to the outcome of this consultation process.

Further

That the delineated area of Hillhead Primary School is extended from its existing boundary along the A735 to the C177 to take in ground containing all the houses within the Cardhu Gardens and Cardhu Crescent development.

This proposal will re-zone the affected ground from the delineated area of Kilmours Primary School to that of Hillhead Primary School and consequently from the delineated area of Stewarton Academy to that of Kilmarnock Academy.

That changes to the delineated areas of the respective educational establishments are made with immediate effect, subject to the outcome of this consultation process.

(It is noted that the whole of the Hillhead Primary catchment as proposed will change from Kilmarnock Academy to Grange Academy in 2016 or as soon as possible thereafter following the previous consultation in relation to the merger of Kirkstyle and Bellfield Primaries)
BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

East Ayrshire Council monitors and reviews its school estate on an ongoing basis, to ensure that it is flexible and responsive to both changes in demand for school places and to learners and teachers needs in relation to the provision of the curriculum.

The drivers for the future school estate in East Ayrshire are:

- East Ayrshire Community Plan;
- The Local Development Plan;
- Delivery of the Curriculum for Excellence;
- East Ayrshire Council’s Transformation Strategy; and

Community Planning

Community Planning is about a range of partners in the public and voluntary sectors working together to better plan, resource and deliver quality services that meet the needs of people who live and work in East Ayrshire. The Community Plan is recognised by all partners as the sovereign strategic planning document for the delivery of public services in East Ayrshire over the 12 years from 2003 to 2015 and sets out the overall vision for the local area.

“East Ayrshire will be a place with strong, vibrant communities where everyone has a good quality of life and access to opportunities, choices and high quality services which are sustainable, accessible and meet people’s needs.”

The current Community Plan vision will be replaced in April 2015 however the core vision above will remain.

The Local Development Plan

The Local Development Plan aims to actively promote and enhance the economic, social and physical environment of East Ayrshire as a means of improving the quality of life of all residents of the area. The plan has been designed, in particular, to help achieve the aims and aspirations of the Council’s Community Plan, especially with regard to the improvement of opportunities and the environment. In addition, the plan identifies a range of development sites for housing, industry and other uses to meet future anticipated demands and provides the Council’s policy and physical framework for future development throughout the authority area.

Developing Strong and Vibrant Communities. In order to make East Ayrshire a desirable location within which people would wish to live and work, the Council recognises that local communities must be of the highest quality and provided with a full range of services and facilities to support local populations and to cater for the needs of all residents and visitors to the area. To achieve these objectives, the local plan aims, in particular; as
to provide an adequate supply of effective housing land and associated leisure, recreational, community and other facilities and services to meet anticipated demand; and

to strengthen and improve the viability and vitality of the retail and economic base of East Ayrshire.

In order to achieve these aims, the local plan:

- directs all major future residential, economic and retail development to Kilmarnock

**Promoting Life Long Learning**

Recognising the importance of education to the young people and adult learners, promotion of Lifelong Learning has been one of the four Community Plan themes and raising education attainment is a Key priority for the Council. Key strategic objectives for the Education Service of East Ayrshire Council are:

- Improved literacy and numeracy skills for children, young people and adults;
- Positive and sustained destinations for learners; and
- Improved community capacity, spirit and cohesion is developed.

The provision of education is fundamental to economic regeneration of East Ayrshire and raising individual aspirations. East Ayrshire Council strives to ensure that all its citizens are equipped with the appropriate skills for life and the work place and to achieve these objectives the Council has raising educational attainment as one of its strategic priorities.

**Delivery of Curriculum for Excellence in East Ayrshire**

Curriculum for Excellence is well embedded within all East Ayrshire schools and seeks to achieve a transformation in education by providing a coherent, more flexible and enriched curriculum from 3 to 18. The curriculum includes the totality of experiences that are planned for children and young people through their education, wherever they are being educated.

Curriculum for Excellence aims to ensure that all young people develop knowledge, skills and attributes for learning, life and work, which are encapsulated in the four capacities:

- successful learners;
- confident individuals;
- responsible citizens; and
- effective contributors.

At its meeting of 4 May 2011, the Cabinet of East Ayrshire agreed the priorities for the development of Curriculum for Excellence in East Ayrshire between 2011 and 2015. In summary, these are:
East Ayrshire Transformation Strategy

East Ayrshire Council agreed the Transformation Strategy at its meeting of 28 June 2012. This set out the 10 key strategic imperatives and included:

Asset Management – A significant element of the cost of council services relates to the use of physical assets. These need to be employed to maximum effect and surplus and underperforming assets disposed of. The Asset Management Strategy needs to be reviewed to ensure that it is appropriately re-aligned to reflect changes to strategic priorities. Target occupancy, usage, accessibility levels and unit costs should be established for each category of building and the Transformation Strategy should thereafter include actions to achieve these targets.

The Schools Estate Management Plan has already set a total school occupancy target of 85%. The Scottish Futures Trust is working on an initial target reduction of 25% of the national estate. These targets should be adopted by the Council and pursued relentlessly with regular reports to Cabinet on their achievement. New capital projects should be expected to demonstrate net revenue savings over the lifetime of the asset.”

Building Better Schools: Investing in Scotland's Future

The Scottish Government commitment and vision for national school estate was expressed jointly with COSLA, and resulted in the development of a new school estate strategy that was published in 2009.

The document, Building Better Schools: Investing in Scotland's Future, sets out national and local government’s shared vision, aspirations and principles for the efficient and effective management of the school estate and the key aspirations for the school estate state:

- A school estate that is efficiently run and that delivers maximum value for money;
- A school estate which is flexible and responsive - both to changes in demand for school places and to learners’ and teachers' requirements and wishes, and where the beneficial impact of change is maximised by thorough engagement with users and stakeholders.
- Schools are integral parts of the communities they serve, with pupils making use of community facilities and communities accessing school facilities;
- Schools accommodate and provide a range of services, activities and facilities that make a difference to people’s health and well being, to sustaining economic growth and to the strength and vibrancy of communities;
• “All children and young people will be educated in, and community users will use, schools that are ‘fit for purpose’ in terms of condition, suitability and sufficiency; and
• Schools are well-designed, accessible, inclusive learning environments that inspire and drive new thinking and change and which support the delivery of high quality educational experiences through Curriculum for Excellence.
CURRENT POSITION

The current delineation / catchment area for the three primary schools affected by this proposal have been in place since the time of Ayr County Council and Strathclyde Regional Council and as such do not take account of housing developments in the intervening years or those proposed in the East Ayrshire Local Plan 2010-2017 and beyond for North West Kilmarnock.

Copies of the catchment area maps for the affected establishments are attached in appendices 1 to 3:

Appendix 1: Hillhead Primary School
Appendix 2: Kilmaurs Primary School
Appendix 3: Primary School and Early Childhood Centre

The following section details the implications of the proposed changes to the catchment area boundaries details of which are also presented in map format within the following appendices.

Appendix 4: Adjustment between Hillhead Primary and Kilmaurs Primary
Appendix 5: Adjustment between Onthank Primary and Kilmaurs Primary
Appendix 6: Revised Hillhead Primary – Delineated Area
Appendix 7: Revised Kilmaurs Primary – Delineated Area
Appendix 8: Revised Onthank Primary & ECC – Delineated Area

Hillhead Primary School

The present Hillhead Primary School catchment area includes the Altonhill, Hillhead and Longpark areas of Kilmarnock. Recent developments have seen significant new housing down Western Road towards the Kilmarnock to Glasgow railway line and along the A735 towards Kilmarnock. These developments have contributed to the school roll rising from 130 pupils in 2003 to 249 pupils in 2013, representing an increase in roll of 91.5%.

Hillhead Primary School is classified as an “other urban area” by the Scottish Government Urban / Rural Classification i.e. a settlement of 10,000 to 120,000.

On the boundary of this area there is an anomaly in that the housing development identified as Cardhu Gardens and Cardhu Crescent is split by the catchment boundary line with some houses zoned to Hillhead Primary School while others zoned to Kilmaurs Primary School.

At present there are 22 young people from Cardhu Estate, 16 in the Hillhead Catchment and 7 in the Kilmaurs catchment. There are 4 attending Hillhead Primary School, 11 attending Kilmaurs Primary School with the remaining 7 attending other Kilmarnock schools on placing request. The 11 children attending Kilmaurs Primary are within both catchment areas however on investigating records relating to enrolment, none of these children had been required to submit placing requests to Kilmaurs and therefore they have been treated as all being in the catchment area of Kilmaurs.
The proposals contained within this Document, if implemented after the public consultation, would clarify the position and would establish consistency within the development and foster stronger links within the local Community.

Onthank Primary School and Early Childhood Centre

The present Onthank Primary School catchment covers a significant part of the North West of Kilmarnock extending from the A735 at Hillhead across to Dean Park and north to Southcraigs.

This area has had significant development in the past 10 years with further area of development having been identified in the Local Development Plan but remain to be constructed. The housing developments in the area have contributed to the school roll rising from 410 pupils in 2003 to 578 pupils in 2013, representing an increase in roll of 41%.

The existing boundary cuts across an area of the Southcraigs development resulting in houses being in the delineated area of Kilmours Primary School but in close proximity to Onthank Primary School. There are 128 primary school pupils in the streets below with 74 of them in the catchment of Kilmours. 64 of these children currently attend Onthank Primary with the remaining attending other schools in the Authority on placing request. None of the children from the streets listed below attend Kilmours Primary School even though they are in the catchment:

- Eday Crescent
- Bernera Place
- Southcraig Drive
- Uist Lane
- Vatersay Palce
- Raasay Place
- Trondra Gardens
- Flotta Place
- Burray Drive
- Stornoway Drive
- Westray Drive
- Portree Avenue
- Skye Gardens

Onthank Primary School is classified as an “other urban area” by the Scottish Government Urban / Rural Classification i.e. a settlement of 10,000 to 120,000 people.

Kilmours Primary School

The delineated catchment area of Kilmours Primary School covers the village of Kilmours and the surrounding rural area. The schools catchment area also covers an area of the Annick Valley which extends into the North Ayrshire Council boundary. The School roll of Kilmours has risen slightly over the past 10 years from 213 in 2003 to 233 in 2013 an increase of 9.4%

The establishment’s delineated area, due to the expansion of Kilmarnock to the north west, presently incorporates areas of the urban development of Kilmarnock within the Southcraigs development and the Carhdu Gardens development in Kilmarnock.

Kilmours Primary School is designated as an accessible rural school by the Scottish Government Urban / Rural Classification i.e. a settlement with fewer than 3,000
people within 30 minutes drive of a settlement of 10,000 or more people. Therefore reflecting the connection with the rural community of Kilmaurs. There are no additional requirements under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, as amended, relating to rural schools a part of this proposal.

**Current Delineated Areas - Secondary**

The changes to the primary school catchments would also have the same impact on the catchment areas of the associated Secondary schools.

Cardhu Gardens moving from Stewarton to Kilmarnock (then Grange in 2016, or as soon as possible thereafter)
The Southcraigs developments moving from Stewarton to James Hamilton.

Within the Cardhu Estate there are 8 young people at non-denominational secondary schools, 7 in the Kilmarnock Academy catchment and 1 in the Stewarton catchment. 2 attend Kilmarnock Academy, 1 attends Stewarton, with the remaining 5 children attending Grange Academy. Only the 2 attending Kilmarnock are attending their catchment school.

Within the Southcraig addresses above 67 young people attend non-denominational secondary schools, of those 39 are in the Stewarton catchment, 2 attend Stewarton, 26 attend James Hamilton Academy with the remaining 11 at Grange, Kilmarnock Loudoun and Park.

The consultation exercise which has recently concluded on the merger of Kirkstyle and Bellfield Primaries would result in the catchment area of the merged school being the New Kilmarnock Learning Campus and will take effect from August 2016 or as soon as possible thereafter. At the same time the catchment area of Hillhead Primary School will transfer to that of Grange Academy from James Hamilton Academy.

**School Capacities**

School Capacity information is provided as part of this consultation to outline the occupancy levels within each school and the potential impact of future housing developments on the capacity of each school to accommodate the adjustments to the catchment areas.

The planning capacity primary schools is calculated based on Standard guidance issued by the Scottish Government and in line with the principles agreed in the report presented to the East Ayrshire Cabinet on 27 November 2014.

The planning capacity is the maximum number of children the building can accommodate and therefore the planning capacity is used to define the design capacity and therefore occupancy as it is recognised in law as being appropriate, since the working capacity can alter from one year to the next depending on the class structure within a school. The planning capacity and occupancy levels for the schools are detailed in the table below.
Since the calculations are changing for future years based on the Scottish Government Guidance the table below shows the current level of occupancy with the following information outlining how the new calculation will determine the capacity in future and details the trend of school roll within each school.

The School Estate Management Plan identifies:

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**Proposed School Capacity**

The future primary school planning capacity is more in line with the previous working capacity calculation to reflect the potential occupancy of a building, therefore the table below show the working Capacity to 14-15 and then planning capacity under the new system from 15-16.

**Hillhead Primary**

Hillhead Primary accommodation includes 11 teaching rooms and 2 supplementary with a planned class structure of 9 straight year groups and 2 composite classes giving a planning capacity of 330 (previous planning capacity 363)

Planned class structure 25+25+30+30+30+25+33+33+33+33

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Onthank Primary
Onthank Primary accommodation includes 23 teaching rooms and 5 supplementary with a planned class structure of 22 straight year groups and 1 composite giving a planning capacity of (previous planning capacity 871)

Planned class structure (4x25)+(3x30)+(3x30)+(3x33)+(3x33)+(3x33)+(3x33)+(1x25)

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Kilmaurs Primary
Kilmaurs Primary accommodation includes 12 teaching rooms and 2 supplementary with a planned class structure of 10 straight year groups and 2 composite classes giving a planning capacity of 358 (previously planning capacity 396)

Planned class structure 25+25+30+25+30+33+33+25+33+33+33

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It is therefore expected that the proposed changes will not have an impact on the current or future capacity of the school to accommodate the pupil roll.

Roll Projections

The Council takes a number of factors into account when projecting pupil rolls, gathering information from Community Planning Partners such as NHS Ayrshire and Arran, the Planning Service, Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit, General Registers of Scotland and information held on the Education Service Management Information System. The main factors included in pupil roll projections include:

- The birth rate for the East Ayrshire area;
- The number of children living in a school catchment area aged 0-1, 1-2, 2-3, 3-4 and 4-5;
- The number of houses planned to be built in a school’s catchment area; and
- The number of placing requests into and out of a school.

In 2012, the Council revised its approach to calculating school roll projections based on best current practice in Scotland and to take account of the most recent available
information. The projected pupil rolls for the establishments are shown in the previous tables

**EDUCATION BENEFITS STATEMENT**

East Ayrshire Council is committed to raising educational attainment and ensuring that all young people have the best opportunities in life.

The Educational benefits that will arise from this proposal for children affected by this proposal and those who are likely to attend the schools who are likely to become pupils of the school within two years of the publication of this paper are:

All children from within a geographic community will be able to attend their local neighbourhood school. This means that it will be more possible for the social groups and friendships which form at the weekends, evenings and holidays to be built on and reinforced in the school and classroom.

In the case of the housing in the Cardhu area of Kilmarnock this proposal will ensure that children have automatic access to Hillhead Primary School which is on an assessed safe walking route to school. Presently the route from the Cardhu area to Kilmours is not assessed as a safe walking route. This means that it will give them easier access to extra-curricular and out of school activities. Experience has demonstrated that access to such opportunities is valued highly by parents and young people. Participation in sports and cultural activities contributes to the development of the wider talents of young people better enabling them to develop social skills, and skills for life, learning and work.

In the case of the housing in the Sorthcraigs/Northcraigs area of Kilmarnock this will mean that children will of right attend Onthank Primary School which is nearby, improving access to the school, and it’s out of hours and extra-curricular activities. There will be reduced travel times to Onthank Primary School than to Kilmours Primary School for this group of children, along a suitable walking route.

There will be a wider benefit to children in East Ayrshire as these proposals will result in the Authority not being obliged to provide free school transport for both the Cardhu and Sorthcraigs/Northcraigs areas. This will release financial resources that can be used to provide staffing and learning materials for all of the children of East Ayrshire.

Hillhead Primary School, Onthank Primary School and Kilmours Primary School provide curricula which conform to national and Authority guidelines in terms of depth, breadth, coherence, relevance, challenge and enjoyment.

All three schools have an early childhood centre on campus and therefore there are similar opportunities for families and young people in terms of the development of a coherent 3-12 curriculum.

Similarly, all three schools operate under the Authority policy of a presumption of provision for children with additional support needs and so will be equally able to meet these requirements.
This proposal will not affect other users of Kilmaurs Primary School, Hillhead Primary or Onthank Primary School.

IMPACT ON CHILDREN DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THIS PROPOSAL

Any school aged child currently living in the areas affected by these proposals will continue to be entitled to attend Kilmaurs Primary School and subsequently Stewarton Academy for their school career, with an entitlement to free school transport, so long as they continue to reside at their present address and choose to continue their education at Kilmaurs and/or Stewarton Academy.

Any siblings of children living in the areas affected by these proposals will continue to be entitled to free school transport to Kilmaurs Primary School and subsequently Stewarton Academy for their school career, so long as they continue to reside at their present address.

Since early years establishments do not have a delineated area children presently attending Kilmaurs Early Childhood Centre will not be eligible for the above mitigation measures unless they have a sibling already in attendance at Kilmaurs Primary School.

These proposals do not diminish the parental right to apply for a placing request to any of the schools affected and to have that request assessed in relation to the statutory criteria.

THE AIM OF PROPOSED CATCHMENT AREA CHANGES

Hillhead Primary School

The proposed change to the delineating line for the catchment area for Hillhead Primary School:

- Will address the historical anomaly which currently sees young people in one part of Cardhu Gardens attend Kilmaurs Primary School, instead of Hillhead Primary School which is the main primary school zoned for that part of the community;
- Will align the catchment with the urban community and the school;
- Will provide children with a safe walking route to school, currently the affected children are provided with school transport to Kilmaurs Primary School as there are no safe walking routes from their home to school.

Onthank Primary School

The proposed change to the delineated catchment area for Onthank Primary School:

- Will address the anomaly of children requiring a placing request to attend their local school in parts of Southcraigs.
- Will address the current and future housing developments at Southcraigs/Northcraigs, Kilmarnock and would ensure that children in Southcraigs/Northcraigs have a right to attend Onthank Primary School.
Kilmaurs Primary School

The proposed changes to the delineated line for the catchment areas for Hillhead Primary School and Onthank Primary School and Early Childhood Centre:

- Will strengthen the school as the centre of the rural community of Kilmaurs.

EQUALITY STATEMENT

An Equality Impact assessment would be undertaken as part of the consultation exercise to assess if the proposal discriminates against anyone on the basis of:

- Age
- Gender
- Religion
- Racial Group
- Disability
- Sexual Orientation

In carrying out the equality impact assessment the council would take account of, and address, any equality issues raised in writing or oral representation made as part of the consultation process. The result of the equality impact assessment would be included in the consultation response document.

PROPOSED DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION

It is intended that the proposals, if approved, would be implemented immediately which in effect will impact on the intake to each school from August 2015.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that

On 28 January 2015, the Cabinet of East Ayrshire Council agree to adopt, for the purpose of consultation, that:

(i) The delineated area of Onthank Primary School is extended from its existing boundary between the A735 and the B751 to incorporate areas of housing within the Southcraigs and Northcraig developments.

(ii) That the delineated area of Hillhead Primary School is extended from its existing boundary along the A735 to the C177 to take in ground containing all the houses within the Cardhu Gardens and Cardhu Crescent development.

(iii) Otherwise note the contents of this report.

It is also recommended that:
Interested parties be invited to make written or electronic submissions on the proposal to:

a) The Executive Director of Educational & Social Services, East Ayrshire Council, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7BU; or

b) education.consultation@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

**no later than close of business on Friday 27 March 2015.**

Graham Short
Executive Director of Educational and Social Services
EXISTING HILLHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL – DELINEATED AREA

APPENDIX 1
EXISTING KILMAURS PRIMARY SCHOOL – DELINEATED AREA
ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN HILLHEAD PRIMARY AND KILMAURS PRIMARY

APPENDIX 4
Area added to Hillhead Primary and Kilmarnock Academy catchment (transferring to Grange Academy August 2016)
Area removed from Kilmaurs Primary and Stewarton Academy catchment.
Area added to Onthank Primary and James Hamilton Academy catchment
EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT CONSULTATION PROPOSAL RESPONSE FORM

PROPOSAL

That subject to the outcome of this consultation exercise:

The delineated area of Onthank Primary School is extended from its existing boundary between the A735 and the B751 to incorporate areas of housing within the Southcraigs and Northcraig developments. This proposal will rezone the affected ground from the delineated area of Kilmaurs Primary School to that of Onthank Primary School and consequently from the delineated area of Stewarton Academy to that of James Hamilton Academy. That changes to the delineated areas of the respective educational establishments are made with immediate effect, subject to the outcome of this consultation process.

Further

That the delineated area of Hillhead Primary School is extended from its existing boundary along the A735 to the C177 to take in ground containing all the houses within the Cardhu Gardens and Cardhu Crescent development. This proposal will re-zone the affected ground from the delineated area of Kilmaurs Primary School to that of Hillhead Primary School and consequently from the delineated area of Stewarton Academy to that of Kilmarnock Academy. That changes to the delineated areas of the respective educational establishments are made with immediate effect, subject to the outcome of this consultation process.

(It is noted that the whole of the Hillhead Primary catchment as proposed will change from Kilmarnock Academy to Grange Academy in 2016 following the previous consultation in relation to the merger of Kirkstyle and Bellfield Primaries)

The consultation and response form is available online at www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/consultations

MUST BE COMPLETED FOR A VALID RESPONSE

Name (Please Print)  Address

Postcode

CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSE

I wish my response to be considered as confidential with access restricted to elected members and council officers of East Ayrshire Council

PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE READ THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION DOCUMENT (FULL DOCUMENT) BY TICKING THIS BOX

YOUR INTEREST: Please tick the most relevant box below

| Other | 29. Parent Council Member | 30. Elected member / MSP / MP | 31. Community Planning Partner | 32. Member of Community Council |

33. Resident East Ayrshire | 34. Other (please specify)
### SUMMARY OF REPORT
Please refer to the statutory consultation document for the full details of the proposal

1. **Do you agree to the review of the catchment area for Hillhead Primary School?**
   - AGREE [ ]
   - DISAGREE [ ]

   List the two main reasons for your view agree / disagree

   **Reason 1**

   **Reason 2**

2. **Do you agree to the review of the catchment area for Kilmaurs Primary School and Early Childhood Centre?**
   - AGREE [ ]
   - DISAGREE [ ]

   List the two main reasons for your view agree / disagree

   **Reason 1**

   **Reason 2**

3. **Do you agree to the review of the catchment area for Onthank Primary School and Early Childhood Centre?**
   - AGREE [ ]
   - DISAGREE [ ]

   List the two main reasons for your view agree / disagree

   **Reason 1**

   **Reason 2**