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Dear Andrea

Reprofiling of Learning Estate Capital Allocations

I am writing to provide you with further information following consideration by Cabinet of the East Ayrshire Performs report on 2 September 2026, which included an update on the review and reprofiling of Learning Estate capital allocations.

The review of the Learning Estate allocations was undertaken following the decision of Cabinet on 1 July 2026, as part of the Learning Estate Management Plan report, to delegate authority to the Strategic Oversight Group to review and, where necessary in response to emerging service needs, reprioritise projects within the overall approved Capital Investment Programme funding allocation for the Learning Estate.

The review has identified that the extent of priority works which can be delivered at Mount Carmel Primary School over the next five years allows the budget allocation to be reduced from £3.000m to £1.500m. The revised allocation is intended to reflect the scope of priority works currently considered deliverable within the programme and does not represent a withdrawal of the Council's commitment to investment in the school.

The priority works identified include essential upgrading of building fabric components such as roofs and walls along with heating and electrical systems. It is important to note that estimates for these priority works are approximately £0.750m leaving a balance of £0.750m to further improve suitability and accessibility within the school. Officers will work closely with you and your management team and other stakeholders to scope the extent of these works and develop a phased delivery programme.

It is also important to recognise the recent significant investment to improve kitchen facilities in the school.

The reduction in the Mount Carmel Primary School allocation has enabled funding to be redirected to other Learning Estate projects where additional funding is required or where there was previously no current budget allocation.

This approach is consistent with the Council's wider Building a Future East Ayrshire capital investment reviews, which have recognised the financial pressures facing the Council and the need to prioritise capital investment, validate project requirements and ensure that projects are delivered on an affordable and sustainable basis.

I would be grateful if you could share this information with your Parent Council and wider parents/carers. I would also be happy to attend a future Parent Council meeting to discuss the budget changes in more detail and to answer any questions that members may have.

I hope this clarifies the current position and provides reassurance of the Council's continued commitment to investment at Mount Carmel Primary School.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Bell', written in a cursive style.

Simon Bell
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