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Subject: Meeting with Dumfries and Galloway Leader and Depute Leader

Dear [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)],

I refer to the meeting due to take place on Tuesday 12th February with Mr John Swinney meeting with the South of Scotland Alliance.

Councillor Elaine Murray has requested Mr Swinney's time for an hour, either before, or after this meeting to discuss with him Schools for the Future and Dumfries Learning Town 2. This meeting will only consist of Elaine, John and Councillor Rob Davidson.

Both Councillor Murray and Councillor Davidson can accommodate which is better for the Deputy First Minister.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards,
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Subject: RE: Meeting with Dumfries and Galloway Leader and Depute Leader

Dear [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)],

Thank you for your email. Mr Swinney would be delighted to meet with Councillor Murray and Councillor Davidson on the 12 February. Unfortunately due to prior commitments he would only be available 15:00-15:45 and this would need to be in the same venue as the SOSA meeting as it concludes at 15:00. To note we are still awaiting confirmation of the venue. Please let me know if this suits?

Kind Regards,
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Dear [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)],

Thank you for coming back to me about this.

I have popped Councillors Murray and Davidson a note that this is the time that Mr Swinney can accommodate to meet with them. I will be in touch as soon as I have had confirmation from them both.

Regards,
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Hi [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)],

Further to my e-mail below, Councillors Murray and Davidson would like to accept the 15 minutes Mr Swinney can accommodate to meet with them after the SOSA meeting.

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Hi [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)],

Just to confirm that 15 minutes was a type – we have offered a 45min slot? HE can meet 15:00-15:45 on 12/02 in the same venue as the SOSA meeting.

Kind Regards,
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Hi [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)],

My mistake, apologies, I don't know why I thought 15 minutes.

Thank you for coming back to me to confirm that.

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Hello [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)],

I hope you are well.

Ahead of Mr Swinney's meeting with Councillor Murray and Councillor Davidson, on 12 February, regarding the Schools for the Future programme and Dumfries Learning Town 2, I would be grateful if you could provide me with more detail on what Councillor Murray and Councillor Davidson would like to discuss.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
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Hi [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)],

I'm very well thank you, and yourself.

Thanks very much for your e-mail below regarding Councillors Murray and Davidson's meeting with Mr Swinney. I have sent on a note to them both to give me more of an outline with what they wish to discuss regarding DLT2 and Schools for the Future.

They are rather busy today with meetings, however I'll aim to get a response to you today.

Kind regards,
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Subject: RE: Meeting with Dumfries and Galloway Leader and Depute Leader

Hi [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)],

I just wondered if you know when you will be able to get back to me regarding what Councillor Murray and Councillor Davidson would like to discuss at the meeting with Mr Swinney?

Thanks for your time.

Kind regards,

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Hi [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)],

Thanks for your e-mail.

I have sent both Councillors a little prompt for them to get back to me as soon as possible with an outline of what they wish to discuss regarding schools for the future and DLT2. I will send on that information as soon as I have it.

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Dear [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)],

Apologies in the delay in coming back to you.

I have had a little update from the Leader and Depute Leader regarding the meeting with Mr Swinney. They would like to discuss what they have learned from the North West Community Campus situation and also; how we take forward Dumfries Learning Town 2.

I hope this is sufficient enough, however, happy to go back to them if Mr Swinney would like more information. They are both in Edinburgh today at a COSLA meeting, so I wouldn't be able to confirm anything further until later on this afternoon.

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Subject: EXTERNAL: New Schools Investment Programme - Return due by COP 5th
August
Importance: High

Dear Local Authority Chief Executives

Copied Education Directors and Finance Directors

Please find attached letter regarding the above.

Please note that the response to this letter is due by 5th August.

Clare Hicks

Deputy Director, Workforce, Infrastructure and Reform Division Learning Directorate

DOCUMENT 2 (ATTACHMENT)

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Local Authority Chief Executives

CC: LA Directors of Finance / Directors of Education / COSLA officers

Sent by email on Thursday 4 July

Dear Chief Executive

New Schools Investment Programme

In November 2018, the Deputy First Minister announced his intention to publish a new Learning Estate Strategy which would be co-produced with local government and other strategic partners. Working collaboratively, the Scottish Government and local government partners have agreed a principles-based strategy which we anticipate publishing in September 2019. The Learning Estate Strategy was agreed by COSLA Leaders at their meeting in April 2019. Our collective vision is “a Learning Estate which supports Excellence and Equity for all”.

At the same time, the Deputy First Minister also set out his plans for a new shared investment programme, to be supported by a £1bn Scottish Government investment package, which builds on the successes of the Scotland’s Schools for the Future programme. Over recent months significant work has been undertaken with COSLA and local government representative bodies to support the development of this new programme.

It is our intention to announce an initial phase of projects to be supported by the new investment programme around the time of the publication of the Learning Estate Strategy and to seek COSLA Leaders further agreement to this at their August meeting. This small initial phase of projects will seek to demonstrate the principles of the strategy. Working with the Scottish Government and the Scottish Futures Trust, the projects will also take forward the next stage of development activity to inform future phases of the investment programme.

Through engagement with COSLA, it is recognised that local authorities are at different stages of developing their own learning estate strategies and associated investment plans. With that in mind, the Scottish Government is seeking to announce a further larger phase of investment within 12 months of the first announcement to allow sufficient time for local development activities and decision making.

This letter sets out the strategic outcomes of the new investment programme as agreed with COSLA Leaders, outlines the shared investment approach, and requests that each local authority provide a brief update to the Scottish Government on the status of its current learning estate strategy and associated investment plans.

In line with all previous phases of the Schools for the Future programme, project selection will rest with Scottish Ministers. We anticipate this will apply to the small initial phase and the wider programme, however we are in discussion with COSLA officers regarding the governance and decision making for both this phase and the wider programme. The Scottish Futures Trust will continue to coordinate, facilitate and manage the delivery of the investment programme.

Strategic Outcomes

Consistent with the principles of the forthcoming Learning Estate Strategy, Scottish Ministers are seeking to invest in projects which connect people, places and learning,

deliver improved outcomes for all, and enable sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

In particular, investment will be focused on sustaining and improving the condition and suitability of the learning estate, establishing links across the learner journey where appropriate, and supporting sustainable estate planning and improved stewardship.

The investment programme is being designed to deliver high quality, suitable, sustainable, low carbon, digitally enabled learning environments. By working collaboratively, together we will achieve our common goals.

The national investment programme is intended to augment, not replace, local authorities' own investment plans. Scottish Ministers would anticipate that every local authority will continue to invest in its wider learning estate, in line with the significant local investment which has been undertaken in recent years.

It is recognised that demographic changes can impact upon need across the learning estate. With that in mind, Scottish Ministers are open to considering projects which are responding to these demographic changes particularly where there is a clear linkage to sustainable and inclusive economic growth and / or there is an associated link to sustaining and improving the condition of the local authorities wider learning estate.

Shared Investment Approach

All local authorities will be eligible to benefit from the new investment programme to sustain or improve the condition of their learning estate.

Each local authority must provide a commitment to deliver a new / refurbished school that will achieve and maintain 'A' good or 'B' satisfactory category condition throughout a minimum of a 25-year period.

To support this investment the Scottish Government has set out a funding package which seeks to align the funding commitment across primary, secondary and additional support needs (ASN) sectors. Previously there was a difference between the secondary sector and the primary / ASN sector. The alignment of the funding commitment recognises that many local authorities are investing in multi-sectoral projects:

Previous Programme			New Programme		
Primary	Secondary	ASN	Primary	Secondary	ASN
50%	66.6%	50%	50%	50%	50%

Funding made available through the previous programme supported the like for like replacement of existing capacity where required. While capacity growth has been supported locally through other mechanisms such as developers (or Section 75) contributions it is recognised that some local authorities have been unable to secure

sufficient funding to progress and / or fully fund development. On a project by project basis where a local authority can evidence that it has maximised other sources of funding prior to seeking investment through the programme, proposals that respond to population growth or tackle capacity issues in an efficient and effective way may be considered for inclusion in the new programme.

An outcomes based funding model has been developed to take forward this programme of investment. You will have received details of the model from your finance colleagues, who have been engaged through workshops facilitated by COSLA. It is recognised that the model has been developed in a theoretical space and is yet to be tested on specific projects. Part of the intention to launch a small first phase is to facilitate further development of this funding model in a practical manageable way. As part of the initial phase, local authorities will be required to actively work with Scottish Government and the Scottish Futures Trust to take forward this development work. There will be a particular focus on developing the scope, delivery and monitoring arrangements associated with the outcomes approach including the approach to FM and lifecycle. The Scottish Government remains in active dialogue with COSLA concerning all these matters.

Request for Status Update

As noted earlier, the Scottish Government is seeking to announce an initial phase of projects to be supported by the new investment programme around the time of the publication of the Learning Estate Strategy.

Whilst recognising that this initial phase of projects is intended to be small, and will be followed by a larger phase of investment within 12 months, it is important that there is a comprehensive current understanding of local authorities' own plans to support decision making.

It would be appreciated if you could provide a short status update setting out how your authority is developing its local learning estate strategy and associated investment plans. If the local authority has identified a priority project(s) for investment, that is supported with an approved financial commitment, please identify the project(s) in your update and outline how the proposal is responding to the strategic outcomes outlined above.

Responses should be submitted by email or letter to myself at the Scottish Government by **5 August 2019** if this deadline causes significant issues then please get in touch. We anticipate, on this basis that COSLA will be in a position to provide an update to COSLA Leaders in late August ahead of the formal launch of the Learning Estate Strategy and an announcement of an initial phase of investment. Further contact will be made seeking further submissions prior to any subsequent phase of investment. If you have any queries please contact me on 0131 244 0950, or [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)], Head of School Building, on [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)] or [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)] or Sarah Watters, COSLA on 0131 474 9329 or sarah@cosla.gov.uk

Yours faithfully



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DOCUMENT 3

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I forward to you as Clare is showing out of office.

Regards
Colin

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Dear Clare

Please find attached a short status update from Dumfries and Galloway. I hope this clear but would be happy to discuss with you or [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)] if helpful.

Regards
Colin Grant

DOCUMENT 3 (ATTACHMENT)

Dumfries and Galloway Context

Dumfries and Galloway is the third largest Local Authority covering an area of 6,426km², with the overall population just under 150,000. The largest centre of population is the capital, Dumfries, with a population of 31,600 people.

Across the Authority education is provided to around 3000 nursery, 10,500 primary and 8,200 secondary aged children. This is delivered in a range of educational facilities consisting of sixteen secondary schools ranging in size from 50 pupils to 1000. Of the sixteen secondary schools 2 are collocated with primary school

provision and 5 are part of a 2-18 all through campus. In addition to the sixteen secondary schools there is also the Bridge facility, which provides learning opportunities for the whole community and can facilitate specialist learning spaces as a link to further education and work.

There are currently ninety-eight primary schools, of which 2 are collocated with a secondary school and 5 are within 2-18 campuses. The primary school's range in size from 3 pupils up to 400.

Of the secondary schools 2 are classified as Accessible rural and 2 Remote rural. Within the primary schools thirty-nine are Accessible rural and twenty-seven Remote rural.

There are three main funding streams for significant investment in the school buildings;

Smarter Schools PPP project

In 2009/10 there was significant investment across eight sites through the construction of new schools at the following locations;

Castle Douglas PS	361 pupils
Heathhall PS	304 pupils
Kirkcudbright PS	240 pupils
St Andrews RC PS	182 pupils
Lockerbie Ac and PS	743 & 318 pupils
Moffat Ac and PS	256 & 225 pupils
Wallace Hall Ac and PS	539 & 183 pupils
Stranraer Ac	926 pupils

The revenue funding mechanism ensures that these buildings are maintained including lifecycle replacement costs to an agreed standard until 2039. The asset value recorded against these facilities amounts to £117mil.

Asset Class Schools

In line with many local authorities Dumfries and Galloway Council allocate capital funds to different asset groups, Education and schools being one of them. This funding stream is predominantly targeted at non-strategic projects with investment based on need and governed by Elected Members of the Children, Young People and Lifelong Learning committee. Need is determined by condition ratings based on Scottish Government core facts guidance. The current asset value for the asset class schools amounts to around £360m.

Repairs and maintenance, inclusive of servicing and statutory compliance, of the asset class schools is delivered in house through Council revenue funding. The revenue allocation is circa £1.8m which supports the maintenance of all Council buildings, of which there are circa 505. Schools draw around 60% of the overall revenue costs.

Strategic projects

In addition to asset class investment and the PPP schools there are also selected strategic projects which are allocated support through full Council. These strategic

projects can be schools, or programmes of investment in schools, and also include wider Council projects within other directorates.

In recent times Dalbeattie learning campus was completed through partnership funding with the Scottish Government, this school was delivered through HubSW utilising the DBFM contract with ongoing revenue funds to support maintenance and lifecycle replacement over the lifespan of the school.

Dumfries learning town phase 1 was also supported through partnership funding with the Scottish Government and saw the refurbishment of St Joseph's College and the replacement of Maxwelltown HS, Lochside Primary School and St Ninians's Primary School. The replacement being North West Community Campus, a new all through facility on one site for all three schools with the inclusion of a community library. In addition to this Langlands school, which supports children with severe and complex needs, was collocated on the same site. The Bridge is a new facility constructed as part of phase 1 Dumfries Learning Town which provides opportunities for people/students to develop specialist skills and knowledge within bespoke accommodation designed as a link to further education and work. All of these projects were delivered through HubSW utilising the DBDA contract.

Future investment

Phase 2 Dumfries Learning Town was always predicated on funding being available through a shared investment approach with the Scottish Government and the Council remains committed to the completion of Dumfries Learning Town as the authorities next strategic project/programme.

With the completion of phase 1, and all schools operational, attention has now turned to phase 2. Historically design work has been undertaken to stage one of the HubSW design process, which had identified a monetary value of circa £80mil at Q4 2018 for the construction of;

Laurieknowe PS	311(Primary) & 99(Nursery) pupils
Central Campus	671(Secondary),165 (Primary) & 21(Nursery) pupils
North East Campus	759(Secondary), 270(Primary) & 83(Nursery) pupils

A paper was presented to Elected members of the Children Young People and Lifelong Learning Committee in May this year to remind them of key decisions taken around Phase 2. The report also noted that there was a need to update the cost estimate to reflect inflation to the midpoint of construction . Members reiterated their commitment to phase 2 as previously detailed and agreed for the updated costs to be brought to a future meeting. This has not yet been presented to Members however this report will be considered in September this year.

The revised programme and updated figures will determine the viability of phase 2, together with the anticipated level of Scottish Government support to sustain or improve the condition of our learning estate.

Whilst the revised funding value will be based on an BCIS uplifted stage one submission cost, it is likely that the designs will change.

The Dumfries Learning Town aspiration was and still remains around changing the educational experience and outcomes for young people within Dumfries town and the wider community. It was driven by a sense of place, linking four secondary schools within the burgh, creating connections across the learner journey, with the ability to bring learners together through network schools and the offering at the Bridge. The ethos already in place is very much in alignment with the new Strategic Outcomes linked within the draft version of the Learning Estate Strategy.

The redesign process for phase 2 Dumfries Learning Town allows us the opportunity to reinforce the deliverables of high quality, suitable, sustainable, low carbon, digital learning environments, whilst learning lessons from phase 1 Dumfries Learning Town and wider national projects. It also provides the opportunity to reflect on the evolving Council wide estate strategy which has a focus on fewer, better assets within a collocated collaborative approach.

The scale of ambition alongside the anticipation of detail on an updated funding model being announced by the Scottish Government means that no approved financial commitment is yet in place. To provide appropriate levels of scrutiny and reassurance the existing stage one proposals will be reviewed to include current data around pupil enrolment, design metrics and revised Scottish Government investment funding support. It is not anticipated that Dumfries and Galloway will be in a position to move in time for the initial phase of projects to be announced Aug/Sept this year. We would hope however to be in a position to be considered for part of the larger phase of investment within 12 months of the first announcement. This will ensure that we can demonstrate alignment of phase 2 with the principles of the Learning Estate Strategy and update the solution to reflect current influences both locally and nationally.

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Subject: Letter from the Scottish Government - Learning Estate Investment Programme

Dear Mr Stevenson,

Copied Education Directors and Finance Directors

Please find attached letter regarding the new Learning Estate Investment Programme from Clare Hicks, Deputy Director, Workforce, Infrastructure and Reform Division, Scottish Government.

Kind regards,

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9 September 2019

Dear Chief Executive

NEW LEARNING ESTATE INVESTMENT PROGRAMME SUBMISSION OF 5TH AUGUST

Thank you for providing a status update regarding your Learning Estate Strategy and associated investment plans, in response to my letter dated 4th July 2019.

Scottish Government officials alongside SFT supported by COSLA officers, ADES Resources and Directors of Finance have assessed all the submissions in relation to the initial phase of the new Learning Estate Investment Programme. As my previous letter stated this initial phase is proposed to be small and will seek to demonstrate the principles of the strategy in an innovative manner.

We note that your authority has not put forward a priority project to be considered as part of the initial phase of investment and that you are reviewing your estate as a whole to understand where investment should next be directed, which is welcomed.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on the strategic direction of your learning estate and which projects might be suitable for Scottish Government support within future phases of the programme.

If you wish to discuss further or have any queries, please contact [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)], Head of School Building, on [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)] or [REDACTED – s.38(1)(b)] or Seonaid Crosby, SFT on 07885 461 141 or seonaid.crosby@scottishfuturestrust.org.uk

Yours faithfully



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