

Proposed Closure of Achfary Primary

Appendix B

Expected Impacts	Formal Closure of Achfary PS with re-zoning to Scourie	Formal Closure of Achfary PS with re-zoning to Kinlochbervie	Continued Mothballing (as a short-term measure only)	Re-Opening of Achfary PS
Availability of Age-Appropriate Peer Group	Better availability than at Achfary, but low numbers mean low probability of an age appropriate peer group.	Significantly better availability than at Achfary, but low numbers mean an age appropriate peer group may not be sustainable.	Significantly better availability than at Achfary, but low numbers mean an age appropriate peer group may not be sustainable.	Would not provide for an age-appropriate peer group.
Development of Profiling	Improved opportunities for comparisons and peer review.	Significantly improved opportunities for comparisons and peer review.	Significantly improved opportunities for comparisons and peer review.	Self-assessment made more difficult by limited comparisons and lack of peer review.
Access to Music, PE, Drama, Art	Would provide access to specialist teaching.	Would provide access to specialist teaching.	Would provide access to specialist teaching.	Would provide access to specialist teaching.
Provision for ASN	Scourie PS requires significant investment to improve disabled access.	Appropriate provision.	Appropriate provision.	Appropriate provision.
Personal, Social, Health Needs	Limited opportunities for socialisation, but better than those available at Achfary.	Limited opportunities for socialisation, but better than those available at Achfary.	Limited opportunities for socialisation, but better than those available at Achfary.	Socialisation would be severely hampered by school roll of 2 or 3
Equality for All	Appropriate provision.	Appropriate provision.	Appropriate provision.	Appropriate provision.

Morale and Ethos	As at present.	At present Achfary pupils are part of a larger class with opportunities for peer group interaction.	At present Achfary pupils are part of a larger class with opportunities for peer group interaction.	Morale and Ethos would have to be created. Low pupil numbers may have a negative impact.
Partnership Working	As at present.	As at present.	As at present.	As at present.
Standard of Accommodation	Scourie has ratings of C/B	Kinlochbervie has ratings of B/B.	As at present.	Achfary has ratings of B/C
Availability of Adequate Professional Network	Scourie PS would be too small to provide an adequate professional network.	KLB PS would be two-teacher school, and a wider professional contact is available via the adjacent	As at Columns B and C	Would be a single teacher school with very limited professional network
Access to after-school activities	Access as at present.	Access as at present, but the facilities at KLB HS offer better opportunities than the other locations.	Access as at present, but the facilities at KLB HS offer better opportunities than the other locations.	Access might be possible by travelling to KLB or Scourie although pupils would be less familiar with their peers.
Access to school during adverse weather	Access as at present.	Access as at present.	Access as at present.	Improved access due to shorter travel distances.
Location in recognised village	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Travel Times	Additional travel time of 25 minutes (potential overall travel time of 44 minutes)	Additional travel time of 27 minutes (potential overall travel time of 46 minutes)	See Cols B and C	Potential maximum travel time of 19 minutes.
Provision of funded school transport for primary age pupils	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Provision of funded transport for nursery age pupils	No	No	No	No, but with reduced travel times.
Community impact	Achfary PS is located within the village hall. Potential for further development for greater community use?	Achfary PS is located within the village hall. Potential for further development for greater community use?	Achfary PS is located within the village hall. Potential for further development for greater community use?	No opportunity for school building to be developed for community use.
Best Value	As at present.	As at present.	As at present	Additional annual revenue costs of c £64K