

Education Authority

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EA Vision

**‘To inspire, support and challenge
our children and young people to
be the best that they can be’**

EA Services operating in Mid Ulster

- ▶ Schools – controlled nursery, primary, post primary, special
- ▶ School Development Service teams, including:
 - Area Planning
 - School Governance
 - School Improvement
 - Professional Learning
 - Shared Education
- ▶ Youth Service
- ▶ Music Service

EA Services operating in Mid Ulster

- ▶ Range of other support services for schools including:
 - Finance
 - HR
 - Transport
 - Special Education
 - Targeted Services for Children & Young People
 - School Meals
 - Procurement
 - Maintenance
 - Major and Minor Building Works

STRATEGIC AREA PLAN FOR EDUCATIONAL PROVISION 2017 – 2020

Providing Pathways

- ▶ Shapes the priorities for all proposed changes to education provision, for the period 2017 -2020
- ▶ Developed through partnership working between school managing authorities and sectoral support bodies
- ▶ Implemented through Area Planning Groups – strategic and local partnership groups

Key Issues Emerging from Analysis of Current Local Provision in Mid Ulster, 2017-2020

- ▶ Number and location of available school places
- ▶ Schools facing sustainability challenges
- ▶ Equitable access to Entitlement Framework pathways for all post-primary pupils
- ▶ Potential for Irish Medium and Integrated school development in the district
- ▶ Potential opportunities for shared education development in the district
- ▶ Need to establish additional learning support provision within mainstream schools in the district

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Primary Schools: Sustainability issues

- ▶ Culnady PS – proposal to discontinue the school with effect from 31 August 2019
- ▶ Lisferty PS – proposal to discontinue the school with effect from 31 August 2019
- ▶ Desertmartin PS – proposal to discontinue the school with effect from 31 August 2020
- ▶ Churchtown PS – proposals to be developed following engagement with school community
- ▶ Provision of sustainable schooling in Coagh/Stewartstown area:
Ballytrea PS, Coagh PS, Stewartstown PS

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Primary Schools - Increase in enrolment

- ▶ Aghnacloy PS – proposal to increase the admission and enrolment numbers
- ▶ Gaelscoil Aodha Rua
- ▶ Killyman PS
- ▶ Dungannon Area – review of potential impact of BREXIT - due to the large number of newcomer pupils currently in schools

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Post Primary Schools - issues

- ▶ Ensuring adequate future provision
- ▶ Ensuring equitable access to the Entitlement Framework

Strategic area solutions being developed for:

- ▶ Magherafelt Area: Sperrin IC and Rainey Endowed GS – schools are taking forward proposals to increase their admission and enrolment numbers
- ▶ St Joseph's GS, Donaghmore – potential increase in Irish Medium provision
- ▶ Dungannon Area – review of potential impact of BREXIT - due to the large number of newcomer pupils currently in schools

Annual Action Plan for 2019/2020

- ▶ Culmination of work carried out by Area Planning Local Groups and the Regional Area Planning Working Group
- ▶ 2019-20 Action Plan will be submitted to Department of Education for endorsement – late February 2019
- ▶ Contact with schools affected by 19/20 Action Plan – March 2019
- ▶ Annual Action Plan for 19/20 published – late March 2019

Other EA led developments

Shared Education Partnerships

- ▶ 35+ partnerships across 80+ schools in the area

Extended School provision

- ▶ 10 clusters of schools offering extended provision in the area

Promoting community use of schools

- ▶ Support and advice available from EA

Re-constitution of Boards of Governors

- ▶ New Boards coming into place across all schools, for a 4 year term of office

Other EA led developments

Introduction of on-line applications for pre-school and primary school places

- ▶ One example of increasing digitalisation of EA services

School Enhancement Programme

- ▶ Significant schemes at Dungannon PS, and Kilronin School, Magherafelt, to upgrade and extend accommodation

Other EA led developments

Working with DE and CCMS to develop and implement a 'Transformation Programme' for education

- ▶ Team in place which includes seconded school principals
- ▶ Initial transformation projects focus on:
 - Area Planning – increasing the pace and developing approaches
 - Digitalisation of services
 - Strategic Review of Pupil Support Services
 - Provision of maintenance and minor works services
- ▶ EA working to secure greater funding and support for transformation of the education system

Questions and Comments