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New school for Torry gets the green light

A new primary school for Torry got the go ahead when councillors on Aberdeen City Council's Education and Children's Services committee today (Wednesday 1 March) approved plans for the new facility.

The new school which would include early learning and childcare facilities and a Community Hub is scheduled to be built on the site of Torry Academy. It is expected to be operational for the start of the 2020/21 academic year in August 2020.

The plan follows a review of education provision in the Torry community, recognising the rising school aged population resulting from new housing developments and increased birth rates in the area.

Councillor Angela Taylor, Convener of the Education and Children's Services committee at Aberdeen City Council said: "This is great news for Torry. Not only are we going to build a new primary school offering greater service provision, including early learning and childcare facilities, but we are also building a new hub for the entire community to use.

"We recognise that Torry is a close knit Aberdeen community that has its own distinct identity and so a new purpose built Community Hub is vitally important to the area".

The news follows a period of public consultation which also included seeking comments on proposals to

- re-zone the existing zone south of Balnagask Road from Walker Road School to Tullos School from the start of the 2017/2018 academic year

- re-zone some areas currently in the Tullos and Walker Road School boundaries into a new zone which will be serviced by the new, third Torry primary school by August 2020

The new school will also help Aberdeen City Council meet national plans to expand early learning and childcare entitlements across the country by 2020.

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