Action from Council Meeting on 27 September 2023 Agenda Item No: 14 Report Title CAT – Grant Park Responsible Officer: Andy Hall, Programme Manager (Learning Estate)

Information Sought:

CAT - Grant Park Forres

Officers to evaluate the viability of an outdoor, multi-sport facility within the Forres Area, consulting Forres Skate Park Initiative and other relevant community groups. Council asks that this work is done following the Forres Learning Estate Review, and any findings be reported to the relevant committee.

Response:

Programme Manager (Learning Estate) met with representatives of the Forres Skate Park initiative and other community groups (Forres Sports Hub, Forres Community Football Trust and Community Council) in November 2023 to discuss the current proposal for the new build Forres Academy and its potential to support the siting of an outdoor, multi-sport facility on the existing school site.

The new school project is currently considering 2 sites for the new building – an adjacent Applegrove/Roysvale option and an edge of town (west) site identified for residential development at Lochyhill option. A decision on the preferred site is anticipated in May 24 following public engagement.

A report on the site selection is planned to be presented to the Education, Children's and Leisure Services Committee on 12 May 2024. The site selected will have an impact on the viability of the outdoor sports hub. It is intended to add detail on the impact of the site decision on the outdoor sports hub proposal in that same report.

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