

An aerial photograph of Buckie High School. The school is a large, multi-story building constructed from light-colored stone or brick. It features numerous rectangular windows, some of which are multi-paned. A central entrance with a white door is visible on the right side of the main building. To the left, there is a smaller entrance with a covered porch. In front of the main building is a large, rectangular green lawn. A paved path runs along the edge of the lawn. The sky is clear and blue.

Buckie High School Project Community Meeting 17th June 2025

Welcome

**Chief Executive
Karen Greaves**

**Education, Children
and Leisure Services
Committee Chair
Councillor Kathleen
Robertson**



Overview

Buckie High School Project Background

Condition/Suitability of School Buildings

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Buckie High School Project Background - Status

Project brief approved
for Future Buckie High
School –
acknowledgement of
affordability
challenges

Future Forres
Academy selected as
Moray 'priority' LEIP
Phase 3 project

Extension of feasibility
study on alternative
affordable options

Further reduction of
£32.4m to Learning
Estate Programme 3
year capital plan

Jan. 2022

Oct. 2022

Nov. 2022

Sep. 2023

Apr. 2024

Dec. 2024

Jan. 2025

May 2025

Bids submitted for
LEIP Phase 3 funding
for Future Buckie High
School and Forres
Academy projects

Project
feasibility/project
definition for Future
Buckie High School

Identification of
alternative options
following £66m
reduction to planned
10 year capital plan
for Learning Estate

Progress report
submitted to the
Education, Children &
Leisure Services
Committee

Secondary School Condition

Condition	2009	2014	2015	2016	2021	2022	2024	2025
BUCKIE HIGH SCHOOL	B		B		C			C
ELGIN ACADEMY PPP - 2012	C							
ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL DBFM – 2017/LEIP Phase 2	C							
FORRES ACADEMY LEIP Phase 3	C			C		D		
KEITH GRAMMAR	C			C			B	
LOSSIEMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Schools For the Future – 2021	C		C					
MILNES HIGH SCHOOL	B	C					C	
SPEYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL	C	C					B	

Current core condition issues at Buckie High School include:

- D - roofs; floors & stairs; sanitary services and mechanical elements
- C - ceilings; external walls, windows & doors; internal walls & doors; electrical; decoration and external areas

Secondary School Suitability

Suitability	2013	2017/2018	2020	2024
BUCKIE HIGH SCHOOL	C	C	B	B
ELGIN ACADEMY	A	A	A	A
ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL	D	A		B
FORRES ACADEMY	B	B		A
KEITH GRAMMAR	C	B	A	B
LOSSIEMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL	B	B	A	A
MILNES HIGH SCHOOL	B	B	A	B
SPEYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL	B	B	A	A

Works carried out over recent years to improve suitability at Buckie High School:

- Security CCTV
- Security doors upgraded around the school to improve security of the buildings with locking security system applied to majority of external doors; safe and secure entrance to school created with addition of internal security doors between reception and pupil areas of the school



Buckie High School Project Challenges

Financial Considerations

Substantial investment is necessary to address the building condition issues and deliver a sustainable secondary school.

Future Investment Planning

Strategic planning is essential for scheduling future investments, particularly after decisions regarding Elgin High School Capacity Expansion and Condition/Suitability BB upgrade works across the Learning Estate.

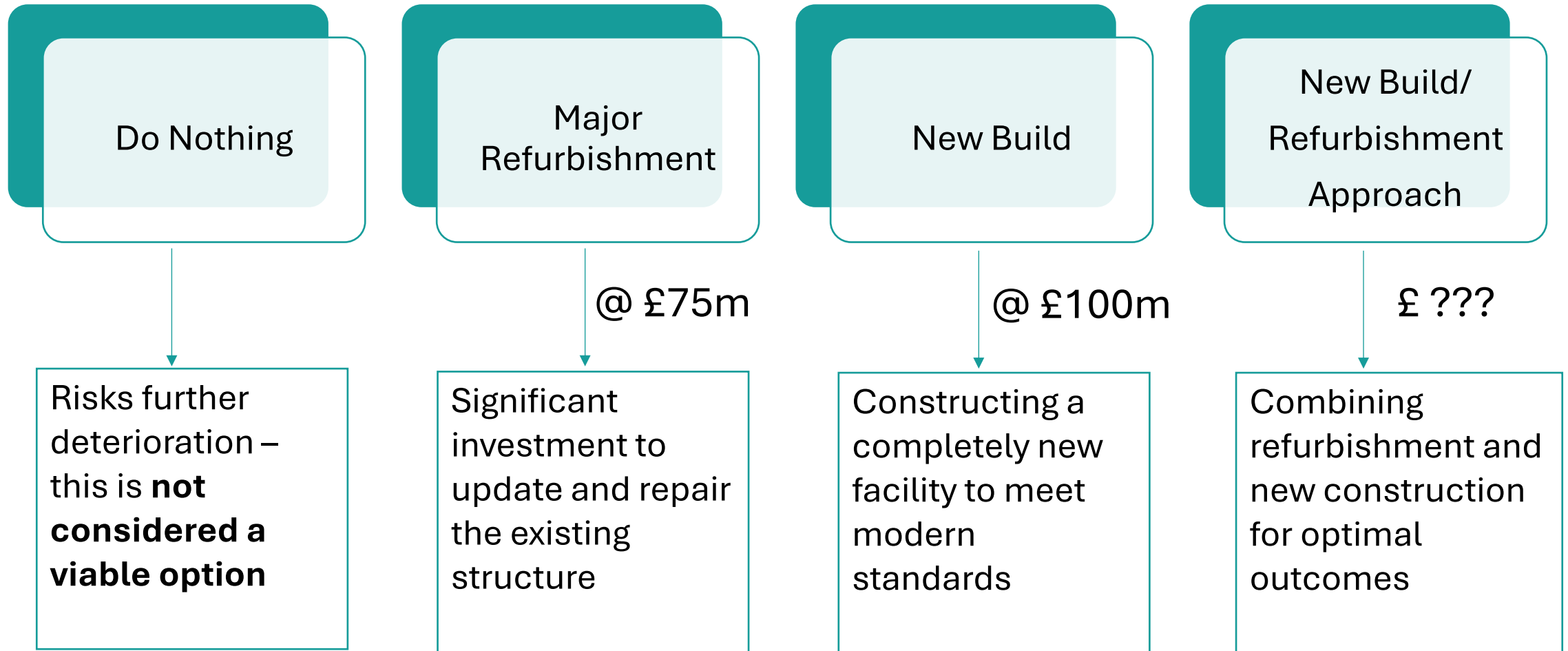
Current Building Condition

Buckie High School is facing significant building condition issues that require attention and investment to ensure sustainability in short, medium and long term.

Capacity Planning

Initial concern over future capacity was due to planned house building; now it is more related to a significant fall in birth rates, smaller families and less school age children.

Buckie High School Project Options



Planning and Future Considerations



Future options for the Buckie High School project depend on affordability of the Learning Estate Programme.



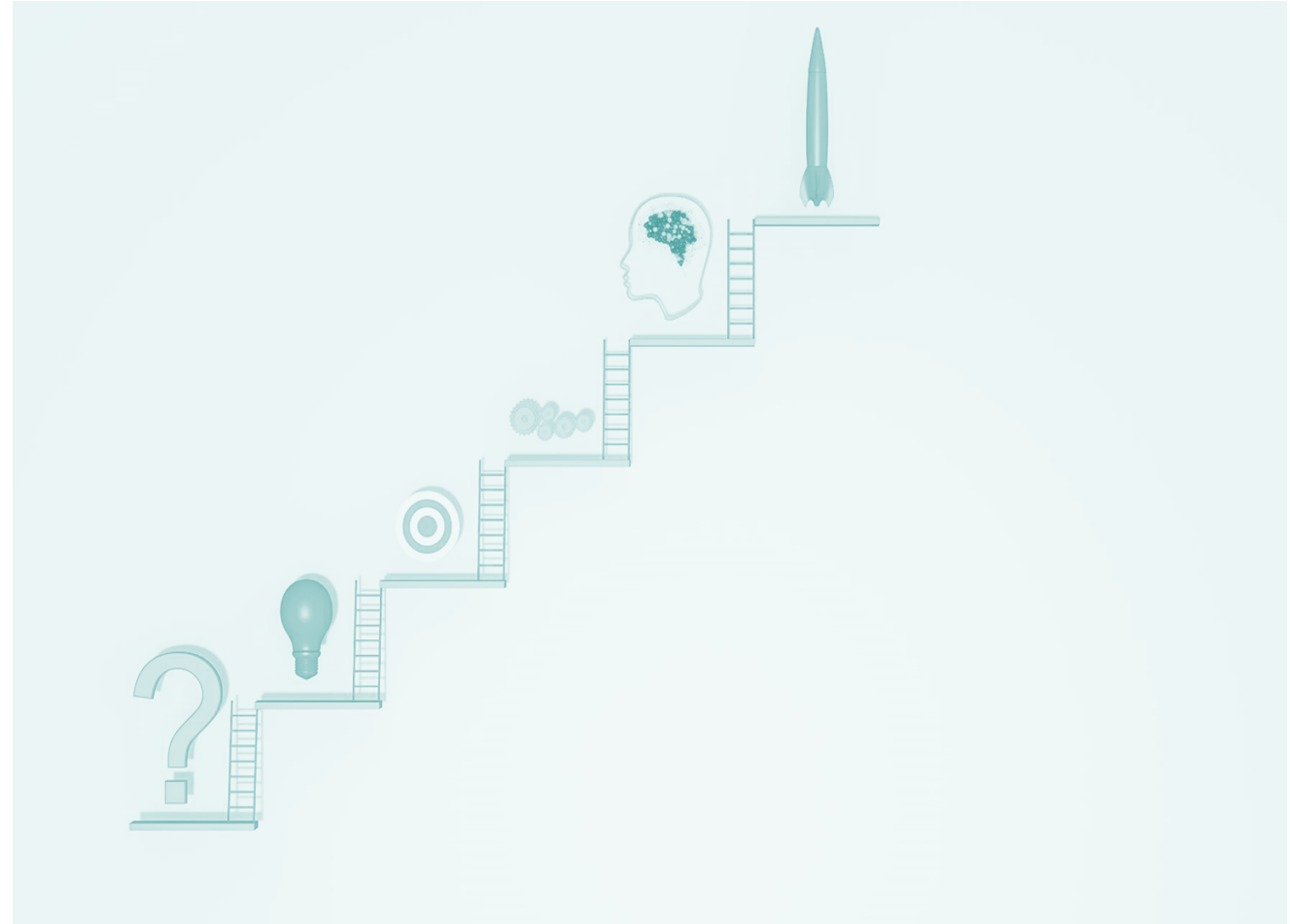
Investment decisions await clarity from the Scottish Government's future funding strategies.



Immediate repair and maintenance must be prioritised as issues arise.

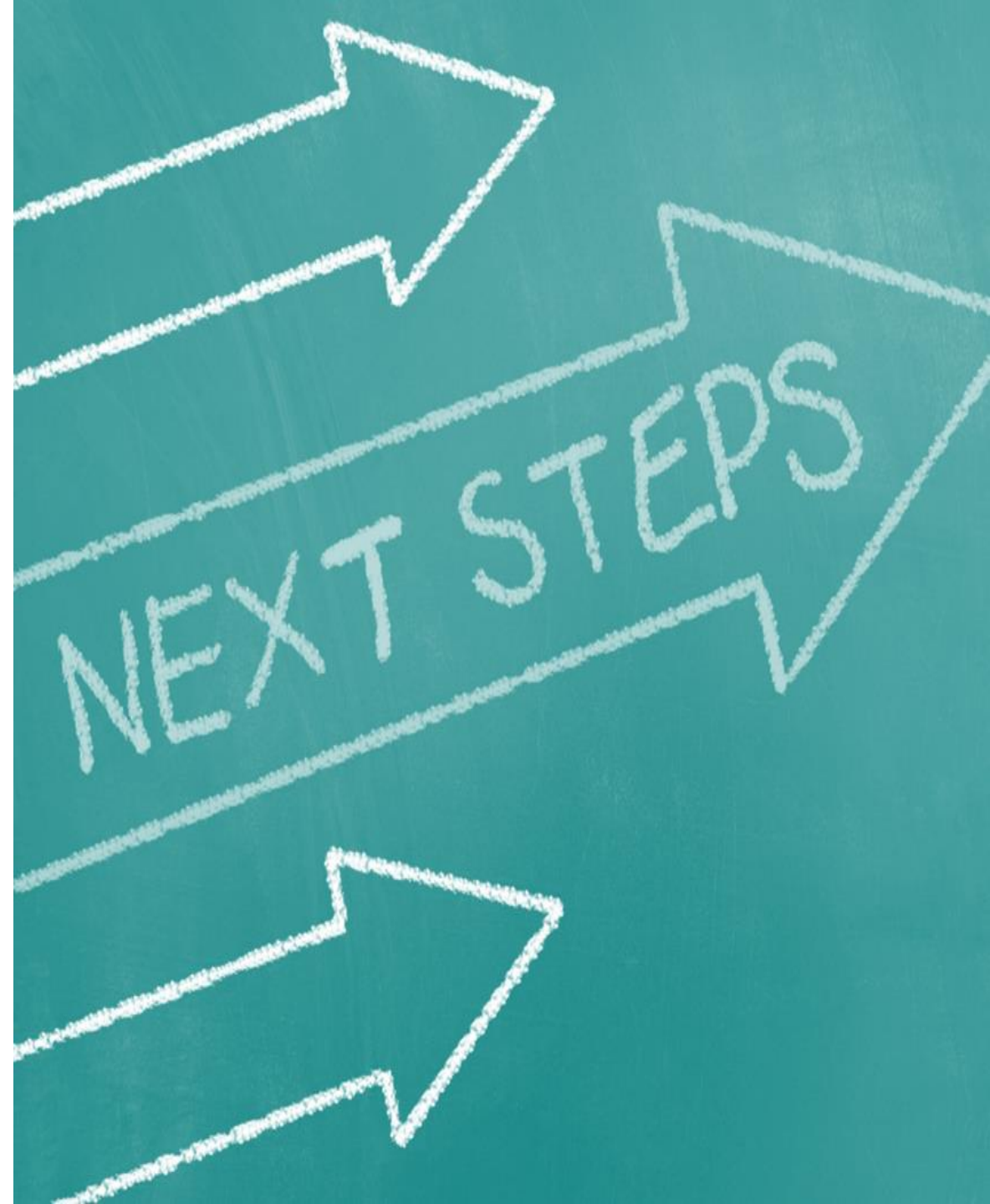


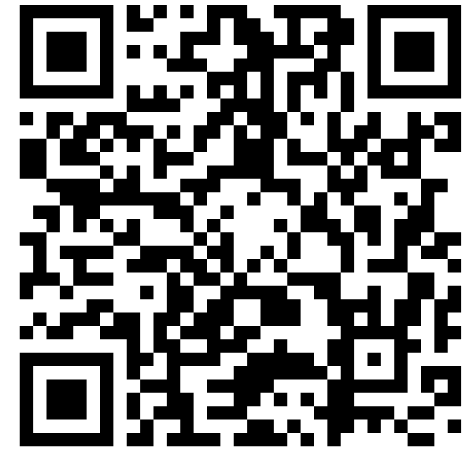
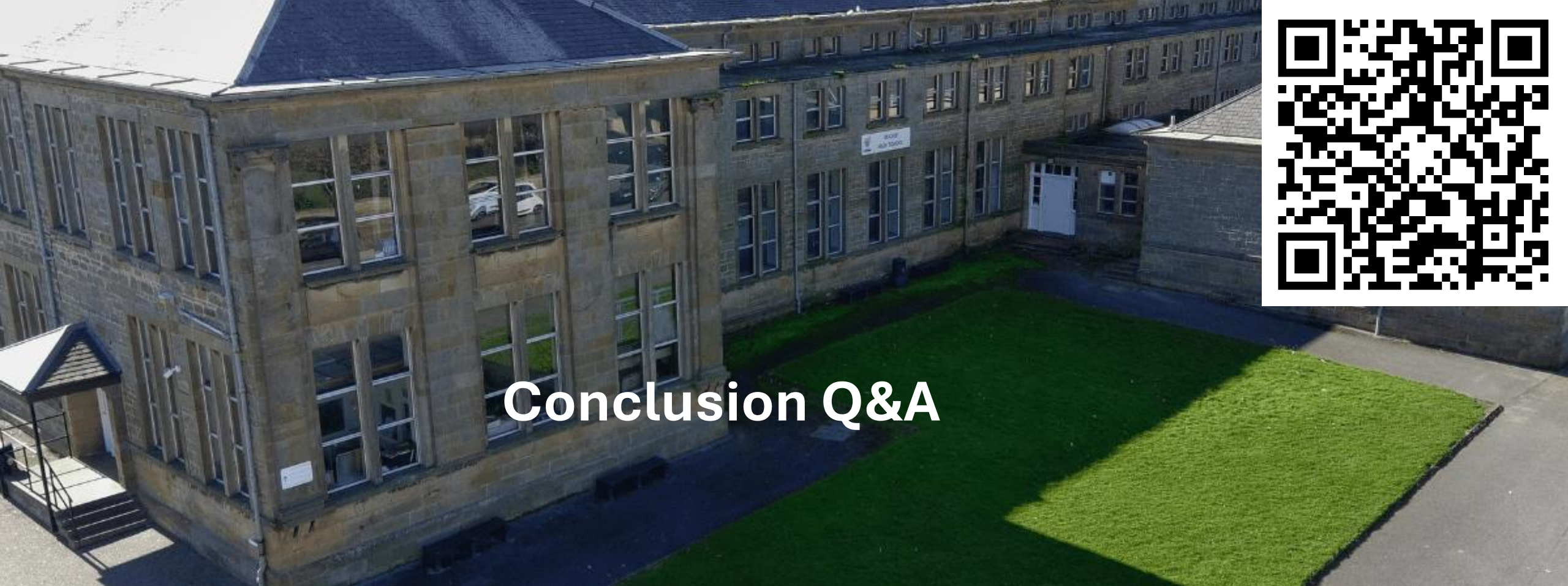
Buckie High School project may be done in phases or kept ready to start when the council's financial situation improves.



Next Steps for Buckie High School Project

- **Consider Funding Options** : Explore internal and external funding options.
- **Explore Design Options**: Look at different affordable design options to find the best one that meets the needs of the students, staff and community.
- **Plan Future Actions**: Outline the steps that need to be taken to confirm timescales and keep the project on track in the coming months.
- Ensure **repair and maintenance issues** are addressed expeditiously





Conclusion Q&A

Enhancement of Facilities

The Buckie High School Project has significant potential to enhance educational facilities and outcomes in the community.

Affordability Challenges

The project has significant affordability challenges that need to be addressed to achieve its intended goals effectively.

Stakeholder Engagement

Successful project implementation requires active engagement and collaboration with all stakeholders involved.

Please email LearningEstate@moray.gov.uk with any further questions or comments.