

LMETB Statement on the proposal by the Department of Education and Skills, in consultation with Educate Together, to facilitate the provision of Modular Accommodation at St. Oliver's Community College, Rathmullen Rd, Drogheda, Co Louth.

Louth and Meath Education and Training Board (LMETB) understands that efforts made by Educate Together to date to find a site for a school under their patronage have been unsuccessful. The need for a suitable site was urgent. Following consultation, between Educate Together and the Department of Education and Skills' Planning and Building Unit, LMETB were requested to make available a portion of LMETB's lands located behind St. Oliver's Community College to accommodate temporary modular accommodation for Educate Together.

The Chief Executive of LMETB consulted with the Principal of St. Oliver's Community College, Mr. John Halpin and informed him of the request. Given the circumstances Educate Together found themselves in, the Principal and St. Oliver's Community College, agreed to support the proposed temporary relocation of Educate Together to their site mindful always that the move would encroach on a significant portion of St Oliver's playing pitches and recreational space.

LMETB is guided in its actions by the Education and Training Board Act, 2013. The Chief Executive caused a special meeting of the Land and Buildings sub-committee of LMETB to be convened to review the proposal made by Department of Education and Skills on behalf of Educate Together. Following careful consideration to that proposal, and having taken on board the willingness of St. Oliver's Community College to cooperate with the proposal, the Land and Buildings sub-committee agreed to recommend the proposal to the Board of LMETB.

To arrive at a final decision, on the recommendation of the Land and Buildings sub-committee, a special meeting of the Board of LMETB was called for the 1st February at 7pm. All such recommendations are subject to confirmation by the Board of LMETB. LMETB's Board resolved to support the recommendation of the sub committee. That is, they supported the proposal made by the Department of Education and Skills, on behalf of Educate Together.

In the circumstances, LMETB have agreed to make a site available and oversee the design and procurement of a Modular Building for the Department of Education and Skills, on behalf of Educate Together.

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