

# LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 6 June 2007 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors E Grant, G Hayton, I Campbell, J Law (substituting for Councillor E Howie), S Miller, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, L Simpson, A Stewart, H Stewart (substituting for Councillor K Baird), B Vaughan, W Wilson, A Wylie, Mr I Jackson, Mr C Mackie, Father K McCaffrey, Mr D Stewart and Mrs H Bridge.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors K Baird and E Howie, and Mr G Young.

Councillor E Grant, Convener, Presiding

## 314. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

## 315. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 28 February 2007 (Arts. 131-146) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

## 316. MINUTES OF ATTENDANCE SUB-COMMITTEE (E/18/4)

The Minutes of Meetings of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 8 March 2007 and 19 April 2007 were submitted and noted. (*Appendices I and II*)

## 317. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SUB-COMMITTEES AND PERTH AND KINROSS EDUCATIONAL TRUST COMMITTEE (E/1/10)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services (07/367) addressing the need for the Committee to appoint Members to Sub-Committees, and to the Perth and Kinross Educational Trust Committee, in terms of the Council's Scheme of Administration.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) It was agreed that Councillors E Grant, G Hayton, E Howie, B Vaughan and A MacLellan, and Father McAffrey be appointed to the Executive Sub-Committee.
- (ii) The Members of the Lifelong Learning Committee form part of the panel of Council Members from which the three Council Members, not being the Convener and Vice Convener of this Committee, would be selected to sit on the Attendance Sub-Committee as required, together with one non-Council representative.
- (iii) The Members of the Lifelong Learning Committee form part of the panel of Council Members from which the three Council Members, not being the Convener and Vice Convener of this Committee, would be selected to sit on the Review Sub-Committee as required, together with two non-Council representatives.
- (iv) Nominations to the Perth and Kinross Educational Trust Committee be submitted to the Head of Democratic Services as soon as possible, but to include 11 members of the Lifelong Learning Committee, 1 person from each of the Church of Scotland Presbyteries of Dunkeld, Perth and Auchterarder, 2 persons from the Perth and Kinross Local Association of the EIS, 1 person from the Governors of the McLaren Educational Trust from their own number as a life member to be succeeded by 1 person to be nominated by the Church of Scotland Presbytery of Stirling and Dunblane, who shall be the Minister of St Kessog's Church, Callander or the Minister of St Bride's Church, Callander and 1 person from the senatus academicus of the University of St Andrews.

### **318. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE EDUCATION APPEAL COMMITTEE (E/1/11)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services (07/368) addressing the need for the Council to appoint Members to serve on the Education Appeal Committee in terms of Section 28D of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1980.

**Resolved:**

The Members of the Lifelong Learning Committee be appointed to a panel from which the Council's representative would be selected as required to sit on the Education Appeal Committee.

### **319. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE JOINT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR TEACHING STAFF (E/16/2)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services (07/369) proposing the re-establishment of a Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff.

**Resolved:**

- (i) A Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff be re-established on the basis of the Constitution contained in Appendix 1 to Report 07/369, for the period until May 2011.
- (ii) Councillors E Grant, G Hayton and B Vaughan and Father McCaffrey be appointed to the Joint Negotiating Committee.

### **320. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN (Art. 141)**

Prior to considering this report, the Committee heard from two foster carers.

There was thereafter submitted and noted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), (07/370) on the strategy and associated project plans for Looked After Children.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The draft strategy and associated project plan (attached as appendices to report 07/370), be approved.
- (ii) A progress report on the strategy be submitted to this Committee by March 2008.
- (iii) A report be submitted to the Council meeting on 26 September 2007 on corporate parenting and implications.

### **321. SUMMARY REPORTS ON STANDARD AND QUALITY IN SCHOOLS, PRE-SCHOOL CENTRES AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), (07/371) advising the Committee of the key findings and progress with main points of action as set out in seven summary reports (Appendices 1-7) from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE), Care Commission and Education and Children's Services. In each case, the Committee heard from a spokesperson on behalf of the school, nursery or playgroup, who also answered Members' questions.

**Resolved:**

The summary reports as attached in Appendices 1-7 of report 07/371 be noted:-

- (i) Summary of the HMIE Inspection Report on Hill Primary School, Blairgowrie.
- (ii) Summary of the follow through HMIE/Care Commission Integrated Inspection Report on the Four Seasons Nursery, Perth (private sector).
- (iii) Summary of the follow-through Care Commission/HMIE Integrated Inspection Report on The Wendy House Nursery, Perth (private sector).
- (iv) Summary of HMIE/Care Commission Integrated Inspection Report on St Madoes Primary School Nursery Class (local authority).
- (v) Summary of the HMIE Progress Report on the Ruthvenfield Primary School.
- (vi) Summary of HMIE/Care Commission Integrated Inspection Report on Almondbank and Pitcairngreen Playgroup, Perth.
- (vii) Summary of the Interim follow-through HMIE Inspection Report on Inchtute Primary School.

### **322. PERTH AND KINROSS/HUNAN ARTS EXCHANGE**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/372) on proposals to enter into cultural exchange arrangements with Xiangtan University, Hunan, China.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The initiative as outlined in report 07/372 be approved.
- (ii) The invitation to exhibit in China be accepted.
- (iii) The involvement of Education and Children's Services staff in leading and taking forward the initiative be approved.
- (iv) A report be submitted to this Committee by January 2008 on the outcomes of the first exhibition phase in China and on the further development of the initiative.

### **323. VALEDICTORIES**

**(a) Mr Colin Mackie**

On behalf of the Committee, the Convener paid tribute to Colin Mackie, for many years a teachers' representative on the Joint Consultative Committee and its successor the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff, at both Tayside Regional Council and Perth and Kinross Council. He had also served on the Education Committee and Lifelong Learning Committee of this Council since 1995. Councillor Hayton and Mr Douglas Stewart also paid tribute, while Mr Mackie replied in suitable terms.

**(b) Mr Bob Shewan**

On behalf of the Committee, the Convener paid tribute to the service given by Bob Shewan who had represented Churches/Denominational Bodies for many years on the Committee under the present Education Authority and its predecessor, and on other bodies.