

## 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 2 November 2011 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors E Grant, B Band, A Cowan, A Gaunt (substituting for L Simpson), C Gillies, A Grant (substituting for A Wylie), J Kellas (substituting for W Wilson), E Maclachlan, S Miller, M Roberts (substituting for C Shiers), A Stewart and B Vaughan; Mrs H Bridge, Mrs P Giles, Mr I Jackson, Mrs A McAuley, Monsignor K McCaffrey and Mr D Stewart.

In attendance: J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); P McAvoy, J Clow, T Yule, H Stuart, S Devlin, J Gilchrist and K Price (all Education and Children's Services); J Cockburn, C Flynn and S Hendry (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors G Hayton, C Shiers, L Simpson, W Wilson and A Wylie.

Councillor E Grant, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 591-595, and Vice-Convener Band on Art. 596-597.

### 591. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

### 592. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#### (i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 31 August 2011 (Arts. 475-485) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

#### (ii) Attendance Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 16 June 2011 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

#### (iii) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff

The Minute of Meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 21 June 2011 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix II*)

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**(iv) School Estate Sub-Committee**

The Minute of Meeting of the School Estate Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 9 June 2011 was submitted and noted.  
*(Appendix III)*

**\*593. ATTAINMENT IN PERTH AND KINROSS SCHOOLS 2011**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (11/534) presenting a summary analysis of pupil attainment in 2010/2011, specifically in relation to key Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and 5-14 attainment measures and in relation to Curriculum for Excellence progress with learning and achievement.

P McAvoy, Head of Education (Secondary and Inclusion), gave a brief presentation to Committee members on the attainment figures and trends that were detailed in the report, and thereafter answered a number of questions from the Committee.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 11/534 be accepted.
- (ii) The proposals set out in Section 9 of Report 11/534, designed to continue to raise levels of attainment and achievement, be endorsed.
- (iii) It be noted that Report 11/534 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 30 November 2011.

**594. ARRANGEMENTS FOR INSPECTING SCHOOLS IN SCOTLAND IN THE CONTEXT OF A REVISED SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK IN PERTH AND KINROSS**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (11/535) outlining the key changes to the arrangements for inspecting schools in Scotland and the associated revisions made to the existing School Improvement Framework in Perth and Kinross.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The changes to the arrangements for inspecting schools in Scotland, set out by Education Scotland in August 2011, and detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 11/535, be noted.
- (ii) The revisions to the School Improvement Framework in Perth and Kinross, as detailed in Report 11/535, be endorsed.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to submit an evaluation report on the new inspection arrangements by May 2013.

**595. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES SIX MONTHLY BMIP PERFORMANCE EXCEPTION REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (11/536) (1) reviewing the performance of Education and

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Children's Services against the Services' Business Management and Improvement Plan for the period 1 April to 30 September 2011; and (2) reviewing performance against those indicators from the Chief Executive's Service Business Management and Improvement Plan 2011-2014 that were relevant to the Corporate Business Change function.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of the Education and Children's Services Six Monthly Performance Exception Report 1 April to 30 September 2011, attached as Appendix A to Report 11/536, be accepted.
- (ii) The contents of the Corporate Business Change Six Monthly Performance Report 1 April to 30 September 2011, attached as Appendix B to Report 11/536, be accepted.
- (iii) It be noted that Report 11/536 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 30 November 2011.

**596. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' SERVICES STRATEGY**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (11/537) introducing the Children and Families' Services Strategy, that set the direction for further improvement and developments within the service over 2011-2012. The strategy provides a reference document for staff, elected members and partners to understand the focus, progress achieved and emerging priorities of the service.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of the Children and Families' Services Strategy, as detailed in Appendix 1 of Report 11/537, be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report annually to the Lifelong Learning Committee on the progress with the delivery of the strategy.
- (iii) It be noted that the strategy would be submitted to a future meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership.

**597. EARLY YEARS STRATEGY UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (11/538) that provided an update on the progress with the implementation of the Education and Children's Service's Early Years Strategy.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress report on the Early Years Strategy, as detailed in Report 11/538, be noted.
- (ii) The revised action plan, as appended to Report 11/538, be endorsed.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to present a further report to the Lifelong Learning Committee in early 2012.

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