

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 1 June 2011 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors E Grant, B Band, G Hayton, A Cowan, C Gillies, E Maclachlan, S Miller, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, B Vaughan, W Wilson and A Wylie; Mr I Jackson, Monsignor K McCaffrey and Mr D Stewart.

In attendance: Councillor K Baird (Art. 286 onwards); Councillor M Roberts (Art. 288 onwards); John Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); M Walker, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); H Richardson, J Gilchrist, A Taylor, C Archibald, J Cockburn, S Farrer, K Robertson, H Stuart, B Atkinson, P McAvoy, J Halawi, J Allan, K Lawrie, J Harding and S Johnstone (all Education and Children's Services); T Yule, C Flynn, S Hendry and M Willis (all Chief Executive's Service)

Apologies for Absence: Mrs A McAuley.

Councillor E Grant, Convener, Presiding.

In terms of Standing Order 19, the Committee unanimously agreed to change the order of business on the agenda.

The Convener led discussion on Items 286, 287, 288, 289 and 290, Vice-Convener Hayton on Items 285, 291 and 292, and Vice-Convener Band on Items 293 and 294.

282. VALEDICTORY

(i) Mrs Hilary Bridge

The Convener referred to the resignation of Mrs Hilary Bridge as Church of Scotland representative on both the Lifelong Learning Committee and Executive Sub-Committee. The Convener paid tribute to the support, commitment and expertise that Hilary had brought to the Lifelong Learning Committee since 2007, and to the Executive Sub-Committee since 2008, and wished her well for the future.

(ii) Maria Walker, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services)

The Convener referred to the forthcoming departure of Maria Walker, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services), who was leaving the Council to take up the post of Director of Education, Learning and Leisure at Aberdeenshire Council after 15 years with Perth and Kinross Council. On behalf of the Council, the Convener thanked Maria for her considerable contribution to Education and Children's Services, and wished her well for the future. The Convener congratulated Bill

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Atkinson, who would shortly take up the post of Depute Director (Education and Children's Services).

(iii) Alan Taylor, Head of Support Services

The Convener paid tribute to Alan Taylor, Head of Support Services, who would shortly be leaving Education and Children's Services to take up the post of Head of Finance and Support Services within Housing and Community Care. The Convener thanked Alan for his contribution, and wished him well in his new post.

(iv) Karen Lawrie, Head of Information Technology

The Convener referred to the forthcoming retiral of Karen Lawrie as Head of Information Technology, thanked her for her contribution, and wished her well in her retiral. The Convener welcomed Tina Yule to the Service, who would shortly take up the post of Head of Corporate Business Change and Information Technology.

283. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

284. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 23 March 2011 (Arts. 165-171) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

(ii) Attendance Sub-Committee

(a) The Minute of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 24 February 2011 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix I)**

(b) The Minute of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 31 March 2011 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix II)**

(iii) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff

The Minute of Meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 2 March 2011 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix III)**

285. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES JOINT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2011-2014

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (11/251) presenting the Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan and Annual Performance Report 2011-2014 for Education and Children's Services.

Resolved:

- (i) The Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan and Annual Performance Report 2011-2014 for Education and Children's Services be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 11/251 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 15 June 2011 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

286. PERTH AND KINROSS CULTURAL STRATEGY 2011 "QUALITY FOR LIFE"

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (11/252) (1) presenting the proposed updated Cultural Strategy, which provided a summary of its vision, main aims and objectives, and the strategic context in which it was drafted; (2) informing members of the community and partner engagement and consultation activities which have informed its development; and (3) outlining the high level actions which have been agreed to deliver on the aims and objectives.

Resolved:

- (i) The achievements under the 2005 cultural strategy, be noted.
- (ii) The Perth and Kinross Cultural Strategy 2011, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 11/252, including the vision, aims and objectives within it, be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be remitted to ensure that the Strategy is disseminated widely, and, wherever practicable, embedded into the plans of the Council and its partners.

287. CULTURE AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP PROJECT "LIVING COMMUNITIES"

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (11/253) detailing information about a major new creative learning project, Living Communities, working in all the schools in Perth and Kinross during the 2011/12 and 2012/13 academic years.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 11/253 be noted.
- (ii) It be agreed that the Council manage the Living Communities project;
- (iii) It be agreed to roll out the project during the 2011/12 and 2012/13 academic years.

288. STATUTORY CONSULTATION – STRALOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (11/254) seeking approval (1) to commence formal consultations on the proposal to close Straloch Primary School; and (2) of the Options Appraisal (Appendix A) and Proposal Paper (Appendix B).

Resolved:

- (i) The Options Appraisal, attached as Appendix A to Report 11/254, be approved.
- (ii) The Proposal Paper, attached as Appendix B to Report 11/254, be approved;
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to formally consult the appropriate bodies and persons in relation to the proposal to close Straloch Primary School, in terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report back to the Committee on the outcome of the consultations in due course.

289. STATUTORY CONSULTATION – STRUAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (11/255) seeking approval (1) to commence formal consultations on the proposal to close Struan Primary School; and (2) of the Options Appraisal (Appendix A) and Proposal Paper (Appendix B).

Resolved:

- (i) With reference to Section 2.3 of Report 11/255, it be noted that the number of pupils due to be in attendance during school session 2011/2012 is now three;
- (ii) The Options Appraisal, attached as Appendix A to Report 11/255, be approved;
- (iii) The Proposal Paper, attached as Appendix B to Report 11/255, be approved.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to formally consult the appropriate bodies and persons in relation to the proposal to close Struan Primary School, in terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010;
- (v) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report back to the Committee on the outcome of the consultations in due course.

290. OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (11/286) that provided an update on (1) the review of the Kids Clubs provision (within the context of Out of School Care) in Perth and Kinross; and (2) the engagement process with registered users of the Kids Clubs identified for closure or reduction in the current service. The report also sets out a series of proposals stemming from the engagement process.

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Resolved:

- (i) The current position with regard to the on-going engagement with registered users of Kids Club in Perth and Kinross be noted.
- (ii) The proposals, and financial implications of same, outlined in Report 11/286, be agreed.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to bring back an update on the agreed proposals to the Committee in August 2012.

291. EFFICIENT USE OF COMMUNITY CAMPUSES AND SCHOOL ESTATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (11/256) (1) setting out the findings of the review of opening times and usage of schools and community campuses; and (2) seeking approval for the implementation of new hours of opening, in order to ensure the efficient and effective running of both community campuses and schools.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposals, as set out in Section 3 of Report 11/256, be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to review and report back on progress within 12 months.

292. BREAKFAST CLUBS IN SCHOOLS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (11/257) providing (1) an update on the current provision of breakfast clubs; and (2) an evaluation of the pilot scheme introduced from August 2010. The report also set out a range of proposals for a way forward with breakfast club provision.

Motion (Councillors C Gillies and G Hayton)

- (i) The current position and content of the evaluation be noted**
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to take forward the proposals outlined in Report 11/257**

Amendment (Councillor B Vaughan and A Stewart)

Accept recommendation 1.1 in Report 11/257.

Accept proposals contained in paragraphs 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 of Report 11/257.

Move that no further developments are undertaken until such time as the Executive Director brings a report to the Committee detailing:

- (i) The impact of charging those pupils not eligible for free school meals at a similar level to the charges made to children attending Out of School Care and Wrap Around Care breakfast clubs;

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- (ii) The implications of the rolling out of free school breakfast provision to those eligible for free school meals in other Primary Schools within Perth and Kinross

Amendment – 4 votes

Motion – 11 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

293. JOINT PERTH AND KINROSS STRATEGY FOR YOUNG CARERS 2011-2014

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (11/258) seeking approval for the Joint Perth and Kinross Strategy for Young Carers 2011-14, which together with the Adult Carers and Parent Carers Strategy, forms the Perth and Kinross Joint Strategy for Carers.

Resolved:

- (i) The Joint Perth and Kinross Strategy for Young Carers 2011-14, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 11/258, be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report on progress on the Strategy's implementation to this Committee and the Perth and Kinross Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership by 31 March 2012.
- (iii) Report 11/258 be referred to the Housing and Health Committee for information.

294. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REVIEW OF POLICY INTEGRATION (MORE CHOICES, MORE CHANCES)

There was submitted and noted a report by Councillor Kathleen Baird, Convener, Scrutiny Committee (11/75) setting out the findings of the Scrutiny Committee Review of Policy Integration (More Choices, More Chances) during the period from April 2010 to January 2011, based on the scope approved by the Committee on 21 April 2010.

In terms of Standing Order 53, Councillor K Baird addressed the Committee based on the findings of the review, as detailed in Report 11/75.

Resolved:

- (i) The content of Report 11/75 be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to consider the findings of Report 11/75 through the forum of the More Choices, More Chances Partnership.

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