

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 16 January 2008 at 2.00pm.

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

In Attendance: J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Service), N Copland, K Duncan, L Knowles, B Reid, K Robertson, R Rodger, A Taylor, M Walker, S Watson and C Webb (all Education and Children's Services); J Cockburn (Corporate Services); J Dickson, J Adamson and S Hendry (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies: Councillors Hayton and S Miller and Monsignor K McCaffrey.

Councillor E Grant, Convener, Presiding

Prior to the commencement of the business the Convener referred to the sad death of Councillor Eleanor Howie, a Vice Convener of this Committee, and paid tribute to her long service as a greatly valued member of the Council and to her commitment and contribution to the community. Following the Convener's opening remarks, the Committee observed one minute silence.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor W Wilson declared a non-financial interest in Art. 22.

17. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 21 November 2007 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 13 December 2007 was submitted and noted (**Appendix I**).

18. STATUTORY CONSULTATION – GLENEARN CAMPUS (Art. 206(d)/04)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (08/14) seeking permission to consult formally on the redelineation of the existing Caledonian Road, Moncreiffe and Craigie Primary Schools' catchment areas in connection with the proposed amalgamation of those schools into a single primary school on a new site at Glenearn Road, Perth.

Resolved:

- (i) Formal consultation take place on the redelineation of the existing Caledonian Road, Moncreiffe and Craigie Primary Schools' catchment areas.
- (ii) The options for consultation as outlined in Appendix 1 of Report 08/14 be approved.
- (iii) Any options proposed during the consultation exercise which are considered acceptable by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), also be considered as part of the formal consultation.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report back to this Committee with proposed catchment areas for the new Inch View Primary School (at Glenearn Road, Perth) and the existing Moncreiffe and Craigie Primary Schools by August 2008, in line with the timetable shown in Appendix 2 to Report 08/14.

19. PERTH AND KINROSS CULTURAL PATHFINDER PROJECT – FOLLOW UP REPORT (Art. 24/07)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (08/15), (1) detailing the progress of the Cultural Pathfinder Project in widening participation in the arts

and culture in Perth and some key issues emerging from it and (2) advising that the Council's Cultural Pathfinder Project was now compiling its interim report to the Scottish Government.

Resolved

- (i) The contents of Report 08/15 be noted.
- (ii) The contents of the executive summary of the draft evaluation for the Cultural Pathfinder Project, attached in Appendix 1 to Report 08/15, be noted.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report back to Committee in May 2008 on the findings and final evaluation of the Pathfinder Project.

20. AWARD OF RECOGNISED COLLECTIONS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE STATUS TO THE HERITAGE SERVICE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (08/16), outlining (1) the scheme set up in December 2006 by the then Scottish Executive, aimed at providing formal recognition and some financial support to museum collections held by non-national organisations in Scotland, but deemed to be of national significance; (2) the recent award of Recognised Status to Perth and Kinross Council's Museum and Galleries collection, (3) recommending projects to meet the Scheme's objectives; and (4) noting that this major award for the Authority would help raise the profile of the Council's Museums and Art Galleries and lead to extra financial support to increase public access to and enhance care of the collection in the future.

Resolved:

- (i) The achievement of obtaining the Recognised Status award be noted.
- (ii) The initial submission made to the Recognition Fund, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 08/16, and the successful award of this bid, be noted.
- (iii) The acceptance of this bid be approved.
- (iv) The Heritage Service be authorised to make future applications to the Fund and to use any grants made for the purposes intended.

21. HUNAN ART EXCHANGE – FOLLOW UP REPORT (Art. 372/07)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (08/17) informing the Committee of the outcomes of the Arts and Cultural Exchange trip to Hunan undertaken by Officers in September 2007 and outlining the next phase of this programme in order to develop contact further and reciprocate the exchange.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 08/17 be noted.
- (ii) Formal invitations be extended for a Chinese delegation to visit Perth and Kinross.
- (iii) Education and Children's Services staff be involved in leading and taking the initiative forward.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973

***22. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES – CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2008/09 TO 2012/13**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (08/18), (1) summarising the proposed Education and Children's Services capital programme for financial years 2008/09 to 2012/13, subject to funding being approved by the Council at its special meeting on 14 February 2008 for the 3 years from 2010/11 to 2012/13; and (2) noting that all the projects had been subject to a Business Case and full option appraisal procedure as per the Council's approved guidelines for the development of capital projects.

Resolved:

The proposed capital programme as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 08/18 be approved, subject to funding totalling £21.408m being approved by the Council at its special meeting on 14 February 2008 for the years 2010/11 to 2012/13.