

LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 12 January 2005 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors Baird, Barrett (substituting for Councillor Simpson), Coburn, Cowan (substituting for Councillor Bushby), Culliven, Doig, A Grant, E Grant, Hayton, Howie, Lennie, MacLellan and McDonald (substituting for Councillor Stewart), and Mr A Dunlop, Mr I Jackson, Mr C Mackie, Mr F Shewan and Mrs J Whitfield.

Also in Attendance: G Waddell (Executive Director (Education and Children's Services)), M Anderson, P Fegen, C Flanigan, L Mason, P McAvoy, L McConnell, F Patton, B Renton, H Richardson, K Robertson, A Taylor, M Taylor, M Walker and S Watson, all Education and Children's Services; J Cockburn, Financial Services, Corporate Services; N Crowe and M Underwood, Performance Planning and Management; V Goldthorp, C Irons and A Wilson, Council Secretary Division, Corporate Services.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Father S Mulholland and Mr D Stewart.

Councillor Hayton, Presiding.

1. TSUNAMI DISASTER

Councillor Hayton referred to the recent Indian Ocean Tsunami Disaster and the impact this has had on children in schools here.

2. NEW YEARS HONOURS LIST

Councillor Hayton offered congratulations to Mr Ian Jackson on receiving an MBE in the New Years Honours List and referred to his involvement in many aspects of education, particularly through Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 24 November 2004 (Arts 821-835) were submitted, noted and authorised for signature.

5. MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ATTENDANCE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 16 DECEMBER 2004

The Minutes of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 16 December 2004 were submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

6. REPATRIATION REQUEST (MUSEUM OF NEW ZEALAND)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/01) on a repatriation request received from the Museum of New Zealand in respect of human remains in the collection of Perth Museum and Art Gallery. Mike Taylor, Head of Arts and Heritage, also gave a presentation to Committee on the background to the items being received by the Museum in 1825 and the request for their return by the Museum of New Zealand (Te Papa Tongarewa) as part of that Museum's formal repatriation programme of Maori ancestral remains to that country, and, where possible, to their communities of origin.

Resolved:

- (i) The Committee acknowledge the status of the two items concerned as ancestral remains sacred to the Maori people.

- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to make appropriate arrangements for the return of these items to New Zealand and for this process to be documented fully.

7. SERVICE SIX MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/02) reviewing the performance of Education and Children's Services for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 September 2004. The report had previously been approved by the Standards and Scrutiny Committee on 8 December 2004.

Resolved:

The Service Action Plan Progress – Six Monthly Report attached as Appendix 1 to Report 05/02 be approved for the interests of the Committee.

8. INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN 2005-2008

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/03) advising that the Scottish Executive had indicated that integrated children's services plans would be required from April 2005.

Resolved:

- (i) The briefing paper attached as Appendix 1 to Report 05/03 be noted.
- (ii) The proposals for coordinating integrated children's services plans in Perth and Kinross be agreed.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be required to provide an update report to this Committee in due course on progress made, following further discussions with key partners.

9. SCHOOL ESTATES STRATEGY – PHASE 1

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/04) to update members with regard to Education and Children's Services' proposed capital projects prior to setting the capital programme for 2006/07 and 2007/08.

Resolved:

The inclusion and development of the projects listed in Appendix 1 to Report 05/04, from within the agreed capital budget, be recommended.

10. DELIVERING FOR GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS IN PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/05) providing details of the key recommendations made for improvement actions for gypsy and traveller communities in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The recommendations for improvement as detailed in Report 05/05 be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be requested to provide a report on progress to this Committee by December 2005.

11. HMIE, CARE COMMISSION AND EDUCATION AUTHORITY REPORTS ON STANDARDS AND QUALITY IN SCHOOLS, PRE-SCHOOL CENTRES AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/06) advising of key findings and progress with main points of action as set out in nineteen summary reports from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education, Care Commission and Education Authorities.

Resolved:

- (i) Summary of the Care Commission/HMIE Integrated Inspection Reports on the following establishments be noted:
 - Milnathort Primary School Nursery Class (Appendix 1)
 - Dunbarney Primary School Nursery Class (Appendix 2)
 - Balhousie Primary School Nursery Class (Appendix 3)
 - Oakbank Primary School Nursery Class (Appendix 4)

- Bridge of Earn Playgroup (Appendix 6)
- Fossway Primary School Nursery Class (Appendix 7)
- Honeypot Children's Nursery, Luncarty (Appendix 8)
- Blair Atholl Primary School Nursery Class (Appendix 14)
- Paintpots Nursery (Appendix 16)
- Caledonian Road Primary School Nursery Class (Appendix 17)
- (ii) Summary of the follow-through inspection report on the following establishments be noted:
 - Glebe School (Appendix 5)
 - Blair Atholl Primary School (Appendix 15)
 - Blackford Primary School (Appendix 19)
- (iii) Summary of the HMIE Inspection Report on the following establishments be noted:
 - Oakbank Primary School (Appendix 9)
 - Blairgowrie High School (Appendix 10)
 - Straloch Primary School (Appendix 11)
 - St Fillans Primary School (Appendix 12)
 - Luncarty Primary School (Appendix 13)
 - Forgandenny Primary School (Appendix 18)
- (iv) It be noted that the Standards and Scrutiny Committee on 8 December 2004 welcomed the positive nature of the HMIE/Care Commission reports and also requested an update on the Action Plan for Forgandenny Primary School in six months.

12. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON DRAFT GUIDANCE ON ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2004 (PARTS 1-6)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Performance Planning and Management (04/574) on the draft guidance for parts 1-6 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, etc (Scotland) Act 2004 which had previously been submitted to the Council's Community Safety Committee on 20 October 2004.

Resolved:

- (i) The report be noted.