

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 21 November 2007 at 2.00pm.

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

In Attendance: J Fyffe, Acting Executive Director (Education and Children's Service), B Atkinson, J Clow, N Copland, S Devlin, J Hay, P Otreba, A Taylor, A Urquhart, M Walker, S Watson, C Webb and C Wood (all Education and Children's Services); J Cockburn (Corporate Services); A Wilson and J Adamson (Chief Executive's Service)

Apologies: Councillors Baird, Howie and Simpson.

Councillor E Grant, Convener, Presiding

Prior to the commencement of the business the Convener welcomed to the meeting John Fyffe, Acting Executive Director (Education and Children's Services). She also referred to the current indisposition of Councillor Howie, Vice-Convener and on behalf of the Committee offered Councillor Howie best wishes for a speedy recovery.

714. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillors H Stewart, S Miller and W Wilson declared a non-financial interest in Art. 723; and Councillor Maclachlan a non-financial interest in Articles 719 and 720.

715. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 17 October 2007 was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

716. MINUTE OF MEETING OF ATTENDANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minute of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 1 November 2007 was submitted and noted (**Appendix 1**).

717. SETTING THE STANDARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SETTING THE STANDARD FOR WORKING TOGETHER

There was submitted a Report by the Acting Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/773) outlining two leaflets, 'Setting the Standard for Leadership' and 'Setting the Standard for Working Together', to support the implementation of the Education and Children's Services Policy Framework to (1) raise standards in schools and learning centres and (2) deliver improved outcomes for learners.

Resolved

- (i) The standards set out in 'Setting the Standard for Leadership' and 'Setting the Standard for Working Together' be approved.
- (ii) The implementation of the standards be monitored through the work of Service Managers in providing appropriate support and challenge to schools and learning centres and a report on progress be made to a future meeting of the Committee.

718. SIX MONTHLY UPDATE ON THE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN

There was submitted and considered a report by the Acting Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/774) reviewing the performance of Education and Children's Services from 1 April 2007 to 30 September 2007, against the Business Management and Improvement Plan

and showing that the Service was making steady progress in achieving its targets as defined in the Plan while providing high quality outcomes for the people of Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The Six Monthly Update be accepted.
- (ii) The report be referred to the Standards and Scrutiny Committee.

719. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES PUBLIC ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2007

There was submitted a report by the Acting Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/775) on the Education and Children's Services Public Asset Management Plan 2007 covering the non-school public buildings from which Education and Children's Services provided front-line services to the citizens of Perth and Kinross. The Plan proposed the way forward for the Council in further developing the Services' public buildings property portfolio over the coming years. The report was considered in tandem with the School Estate Management Plan 2007 (07/776), which is dealt with under Art. 720 below.

Resolved:

The Public Buildings Asset Management Plan 2007 be approved.

720. SCHOOL ESTATE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2007

There was submitted a report by the Acting Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/776) on the Education and Children's Services School Estate Management Plan 2007 intended to assist the Council in continuing to develop its school property estate in a way which would allow the Council to achieve 21st Century learning and teaching experiences for all who used its school buildings. The report was considered in tandem with the Education and Children's Services Public Asset Management Plan 2007 (07/775) which is dealt with under Art. 720 above.

Resolved:

The School Estate Management Plan be approved as the Council's submission for 2007 to the Scottish Government.

721. COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING

There was submitted a report by the Acting Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/777) detailing: (1) the revised role and function of the Community Capacity Building Team; (2) proposed future action to develop a strategy for Community Capacity Building and the actions to be taken in Perth and Kinross to ensure the continuation of Capacity Building in communities to enable the practice to be embedded, thereby increasing capacity across the Authority.

Resolved:

- (i) The role and remit of the Community Capacity Building Team be approved.
- (ii) The actions proposed in paragraph 4 of Report 07/777 be approved including establishing a working group of senior officers to be involved in Community Capacity Building, Community Engagement, Community Regeneration, Locality Management and the 21st Century Review of Social Work to review current support, share information, build good practice and develop joint actions resulting in a strategy for Community Capacity Building across the Authority.

722. SUMMARY REPORTS ON STANDARDS AND QUALITY IN SCHOOLS, PRE-SCHOOL CENTRES AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Acting Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/778) advising of the key findings and progress with main points of action, as set out in the three summary reports following inspections by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) and The Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care (the Care Commission) following inspections of Goodlyburn Primary School, Perth, Crieff Road Pre-school Centre, Perth and Old Oak Children's Nursery, Dunkeld. In each case, the Committee heard from a spokesperson on behalf of the school, nursery or playgroup, who answered Members' questions.

Resolved:

After discussion of various aspects of the reports, and hearing from head teachers and officers, the following summary reports as attached in Appendices 1 – 3 of report 07/778 and the action proposed be noted:-

- (i) The summary of the HMIE Inspection Report on Goodlyburn Primary School, Perth.

- (ii) The summary of the Care Commission/HMIE Integrated Inspection Report on Crieff Road Pre-School Centre, Perth.
- (iii) The summary of the Care Commission/HMIE Integrated Inspection Report on Old Oak Children's Nursery, Dunkeld.

**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**

COUNCILLOR H. STEWART LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

723. HORSECROSS BUSINESS PLAN 2007/08 TO 2009/10

There was submitted a report by the Acting Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/779) providing the Business Plan for 2007/08 to 2009/10 for Horsecross Arts Ltd appraised in the light of Council priorities.

Resolved:

The Horsecross Business Plan 2007/08 to 2009/10, be noted.