

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 17 October 2007 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors E Grant, G Hayton, E Howie, K Baird, I Campbell, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, S Miller, L Simpson, A Stewart, B Vaughan, W Wilson, A Wylie; Mrs H Bridge, Mr I Jackson, Monsignor K McCaffrey, Mr D Stewart and Mr G Young .

In Attendance: D Montgomery, Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), J Fyffe, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services), C Bell, J Cessford, J Clow, A Irvine, P Otreba, J Scott, A Taylor, G Thomson, M Walker, S Watson and C Webb (all Education and Children's Services); J Cockburn and R Thomson (Corporate Services); G Taylor and C Irons (Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor E Grant, Convener, Presiding

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener welcomed all Council and non-Council Members to the Meeting. She congratulated Ken McCaffrey on becoming Monsignor and also advised that this was the last meeting for the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), David Montgomery, and thanked him for the significant contribution he had made to the Service in providing stability and strong leadership and offered best wishes on behalf of the Committee.

607. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

608. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 22 August 2007 was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

609. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE JOINT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR TEACHING STAFF

The Minutes of Meetings of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 18 June 2007 and 20 August 2007 were submitted and noted. (*Appendices I and II*)

610. ATTAINMENT IN PERTH AND KINROSS SCHOOLS 2007

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/670), (1) analysing pupil attainment in primary schools and at S2 in secondary schools; (2) analysing the performance of candidates presented by Perth and Kinross schools in the 2007 diets of Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA) examinations; and (3) outlining the proposed actions, and those underway, to raise levels of attainment and achievement across Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposals to raise levels of attainment and achievement as set out in report 07/670 be endorsed.
- (ii) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to ensure that schools take forward the agreed outcomes of the learning and achievement visits through their School Improvement Plans
- (iii) Report 07/670 be referred to the Standards and Scrutiny Committee, for its interest.

611. RAISING ACHIEVEMENT STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/671) revising the Raising Achievement Strategy previously approved by the Lifelong

Learning Committee, seeking to ensure that raising achievement and attainment is fully embedded within the community planning process.

Resolved:

- (i) The revised Raising Achievement Strategy, as appended to Report 07/671, be approved.
- (ii) The setting up of a working group to support the strategy, as a Sub-Group of the Community Planning Lifelong Learning Partnership, be approved.
- (iii) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report back regularly to this Committee on the impact of the strategy.

612. DETERMINED TO SUCCEED PROGRESS REPORT 2006/2007 AND SUPPORT PLAN FOR 2007/2008

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/672), (1) providing an update on the progress of the Scottish Executive's Determined to Succeed initiative in Perth and Kinross for session 2006/2007; and (2) setting out a plan of support for 2007/2008.

Resolved:

- (i) The plan for central support of the Determined to Succeed initiative for the forthcoming session, be approved.
- (ii) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), be instructed to report back to this Committee on progress made with the initiative by September 2008.

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

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/673) advising of the key findings and progress with main points of action, as set out in four 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 Perth High School; Cherrybank School Nursery Class, Perth; Viewlands Primary School Nursery Class, Perth and Gowans Terrace Family Centre, Perth. Representation of Perth High School, Cherrybank Primary School Nursery Class, Viewlands Primary School Nursery Class and the Service Manager for Gowans Terrace Family Centre, provided an update on progress made since the publication of the respective reports.

Resolved:

The summary reports as attached in Appendices 1-4 of report 07/673 be noted:-

- (i) Summary of the HMIE Inspection Report on Perth High School.
- (ii) Summary of the HMIE/Care Commission Integrated Inspection Report on Cherrybank Primary School Nursery Class, Perth.
- (iii) Summary of the HMIE/Care Commission Integrated Inspection Report on Viewlands Primary School Nursery Class, Perth.
- (iv) Summary of the Care Commission Inspection Report on Gowans Terrace Family Centre, Perth.

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

614. PERTH AND KINROSS LEISURE - BUSINESS PLAN 2007-2009

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/674) providing the Business Plan 2007-2009 for Perth and Kinross Leisure, as approved by the Board of Directors of Perth and Kinross Leisure.

Resolved:

The receipt of the Perth and Kinross Leisure - Business Plan 2007-2009, be noted.

During the course of discussion of this item, Councillor E MacLachlan declared a non-financial interest as a Member of the Board of Directors of Perth and Kinross Leisure.