

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 3 November 2010 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors E Grant, B Band, G Hayton, A Cowan, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan (substituting for C Gillies), C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, B Vaughan and W Wilson; Mrs H Bridge, Mr I Jackson, Mrs A McAuley and Mr D Stewart.

In attendance: J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); M Walker, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); H Stuart, B Atkinson, J Halawi, G Boland, S Devlin, A Taylor, K Robertson, P McAvoy, J Gilchrist, J Cockburn and J Harding (all Education and Children's Services); C Flynn, S Hendry and S Grant (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors C Gillies, S Miller and A Wylie; Monsignor K McCaffrey.

Councillor E Grant, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Articles 599-604; Vice Convener Hayton for Articles 605-606; and Vice Convener Band for Articles 607-608.

599. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

600. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 25 August 2010 (Arts. 443-454) 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 24 June 2010 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

(iii) Executive Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of 8 September 2010 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix II*)

(iv) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff

The Minute of Meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 25 May 2010 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix III*)

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601. APPOINTMENTS TO SUB-COMMITTEES

Following the appointment of Councillor C Gillies to replace Councillor A MacLellan on the Lifelong Learning Committee, the Committee agreed the following appointments to the resultant vacancies on the relevant Sub-Committees:

Executive Sub-Committee	Councillor C Gillies
School Estate Sub-Committee	Councillor C Gillies
Perth and Kinross Educational Trust	Councillor C Shiers

602. RE-APPOINTMENT OF NON-ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

The extension of the appointments of the following non-elected members of the Lifelong Learning Committee until May 2012, to align with the next Scottish Local Government Elections, be agreed.

Mrs Hilary Bridge
Mrs Audrey McAuley
Monsignor Kenneth McCaffrey
Mr Douglas Stewart

603. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (10/547) reviewing the performance of Education and Children's Services against the action and improvement plan targets set out in the Services' Business Management and Improvement Plan.

Resolved:

- (i) Following consideration, the contents of the Education and Children's Services Six Monthly Performance Report 1 April 2010 to 30 September 2010, attached at Appendix 1 to Report 10/547, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 10/547 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 1 December 2010 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

604. ATTAINMENT IN PERTH AND KINROSS SCHOOLS 2010

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (10/548) which presented a summary analysis of pupil attainment in 2009/10, specifically related to 5-14 attainment, and of the performance of pupils presented by Perth and Kinross schools for the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) examinations. The report also outlined the improvement actions that were being taken forward as part of the Council's strategy to raise further levels of attainment and achievement for learners across Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) Following consideration, the contents of Report 10/548 be accepted.
- (ii) The proposals set out in Section 8 of Report 10/548, designed to raise further levels of attainment and achievement, be endorsed.

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- (iii) It be noted that Report 10/548 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 1 December 2010 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

605. SUPPORTING SMALL SCHOOLS – PROPOSALS FOR CLUSTER HEADSHIP IN PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (10/549) which referred to a report submitted to the Lifelong Learning Committee on 21 May 2008 (Art. 327/08) which outlined proposals and sought approval for piloting a shared headship programme in Perth and Kinross. It was agreed that an evaluation of the process would be undertaken at the end of the two year pilot. Report 10/549 detailed the benefits and lessons learned from the pilot, and also proposed a new model for such approaches to headship, to be known as Cluster Headship, within Perth and Kinross.

Further information on costings for shared headship was circulated to the Committee for information.

Resolved:

- (i) The evaluation of the Shared Headship Pilot, as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 10/549, be noted.
- (ii) The recommendations for Cluster Headship as an appropriate model of headship, detailed in Section 5 of Report 10/549, be agreed.
- (iii) The continuation of the modification of the existing shared headships to meet the criteria outlined in Section 5 of Report 10/549, be agreed.

606. COMMUNITY CAMPUSES UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (10/550) providing an update on the progress of the community use of Blairgowrie, Glenearn, Strathearn, Loch Leven and North Inch Community Campuses.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 10/550 be noted.
- (ii) It be agreed that an annual review of the operation of the Campuses be completed.

607. SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS AND SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS – 2011/2012, 2012/2013 AND 2013/2014

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (10/551) requesting the approval of the draft scheme of dates for school terms and holidays for sessions 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.

Resolved:

- (i) The draft schemes appended to Report 10/551 for school terms and holidays for sessions 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 be noted and approved.
- (ii) The proposals for school closure days for in-service and occasional holidays, appended to Report 10/551, be noted and approved.

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- (iii) The proposals for additional closure days for particular schools, where necessary, to facilitate school moves and decant arrangements, as detailed in Report 10/551, be noted and approved.

608. REVIEW OF THE ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS POLICY FOR THE HERITAGE SERVICE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (10/552) outlining the Council's requirement to maintain an up to date Acquisitions and Disposals Policy with a fixed term review date for its museum collection as one of its obligations under the National Accreditation Scheme for museums. A revised version of the policy was attached as an appendix to Report 10/552.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 10/552 be noted, and the adoption of the Acquisitions an Disposals Policy, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to review the policy prior to November 2015.

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