

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee held in the Civic Lounge, Second Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 11 February 2009 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors B Band, G Hayton, E Maclachlan (substitute for Councillor E Grant) and B Vaughan; Mrs H Bridge and Monsignor K McCaffrey.

In Attendance: C Webb, S Watson, M Anderson, A Irvine, W McCullough, R Renfrew and A Turnbull (all Education and Children's Services); the following were in attendance for Item 2 of the Agenda only: Danielle McPhee, Head Teacher, Braco Primary School and Nursery Class, A Thomson, Head Teacher, Balhousie Primary School and Nursery Class, E Houston, Head Teacher, North Muirton Primary School and Nursery Class, L Findlay, Methven Primary School, C Ross, Head Teacher, Crieff High School, C Flanigan, Head Teacher, St Columbus RC High School, L Dobbins, Head Teacher, Pitlochry High School and Nursery Class.

Apologies: Councillor E Grant and Mr D Stewart

Councillor G Hayton, Vice-Convener, Presiding.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. SUMMARY REPORTS ON STANDARDS AND QUALITY IN SCHOOLS, PRE-SCHOOL CENTRES AND COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (09/86) advising the Committee of the key findings and progress with areas for improvement, as set out in eight summary reports (Appendices 1-8), from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) and the Care Commission. Copies of the full reports in each case were also appended.

Resolved:

Having heard the respective Head Teachers or Service Manager reporting on the main points for action and improvement in each case and following scrutiny and comment by the Committee, it was agreed that the following reports, attached in Appendices 1-8 of Report 09/86, be noted:

- (i) Summary of the HMIE Inspection Report on Braco Primary School and Nursery Class, Braco (Appendix 1);
- (ii) Summary of the HMIE Inspection Report on Balhousie Primary School and Nursery Class, Perth (Appendix 2);
- (iii) Summary of the HMIE Inspection Report on North Muirton Primary School and Nursery Class, Perth, (Appendix 3);

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- (iv) Summary of the HMIE Inspection Report on Methven Primary School, Methven, (Appendix 4);
- (v) Summary of the HMIE Follow-through Inspection Report on Crieff High School, Crieff, (Appendix 5);
- (vi) Summary of the HMIE Inspection Report on St Columba's RC High School, Perth, (Appendix 6);
- (vii) Summary of the HMIE Inspection Report on Pitlochry High School and Nursery Class, Pitlochry, (Appendix 7); and
- (viii) Summary of the HMIE Inspection Report on the learning community surrounding Pitlochry High School, Pitlochry, (Appendix 8).

3. CARE COMMISSION INSPECTION OF FOSTERING AND ADOPTION SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (09/87), advising the Committee of the outcome of the second inspection of the Council's Adoption and Fostering Services carried out by the Care Commission in September 2008 which highlighted the good practice and strengths of the Council's fostering and adoption services.

Resolved:

- (i) The outcomes of the inspection reports for Fostering and Adoption Services, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to Report 09/87, be noted.
- (ii) The Action Plans for Fostering and Adoption Services, as set out in Appendices 3 and 4 to Report 09/87, be endorsed.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) submit a report to a future meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee confirming that all the legal requirements relating to the fostering services, as highlighted by the Care Commission, were being fully met by the Council.

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