

LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

SCHOOL ESTATE SUB-COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the School Estate Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on 11 March 2009 at 11.00am.

Present: Councillors E Grant, B Band, G Hayton and B Vaughan; Monsignor K McCaffrey.

In Attendance: K Robertson and A Taylor (both Education and Children's Services); J Cockburn (Corporate Services); J Adamson (Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Mr D Stewart and Mr I Jackson.

Councillor E Grant, Convener, Presiding.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the School Estate Sub-Committee of 29 May 2008 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

3. MUSIC CENTRE PROVISION, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (09/139) updating the Sub-Committee on the proposal to relocate the Music Centre provision to the new St John's Academy when these facilities became available in March 2010; this date to be kept under review.

Resolved:

- (i) The scheme, as set out in Appendix A to Report 09/139, be approved.
- (ii) The Council's decision to dispose of Caledonian Road Primary school should now proceed following the successful relocation of the Music Centre provision.
- (iii) The location and requirements of the Central Music Group (including expansion possibilities) be considered further as part of the ongoing Education and Children's Services review of properties.

4. BREADALBANE ACADEMY AND DUNNING PRIMARY – SCHOOL DECANT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (09/140) updating the Sub-Committee on the outcomes of the

school decant experiences at Breadalbane Academy and Dunning Primary School and seeking permission for the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) to adopt the proposals outlined within the report for future similar projects as both decant projects had gone very well and had been handled as smoothly and as seamlessly as possible.

Resolved:

- (i) The position and experiences at Breadalbane Academy and Dunning Primary School, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 09/140, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be authorised to adopt the proposals contained within Report 09/140, where appropriate, for future projects within the capital programme which required decant.

5. PRIMARY SCHOOL UPGRADE PROGRAMME 2009/10 PRIORITIES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (09/151), (1) providing details of the immediate priorities being taken forward in the primary school upgrade capital investment programme and the implications arising from this year's Primary 1 intake; and (2) advising that a model had been developed based on the current core facts, condition suitability and running costs, and potential occupancy based on the effect of new house building on school roll projections.

Resolved:

- (i) The prioritised scheme for Abernethy Primary School be progressed from the Primary School Upgrades Budget.
- (ii) The work to develop possible solutions for Primary 1 intake of schools be taken forward as a matter of urgency.

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