

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
4 February 2009

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Minute of Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 4 February 2009 at 3.00pm.

Present: Councillors K Baird, J Law, I Campbell, A Gaunt, W Lumsden, D Scott and B Vaughan.

In Attendance: G Stevenson, Executive Director (Corporate Services); C Carlin, B Renton and M Kay (all Chief Executive's); M Walker, W Aitchison, H Jack, A Taylor and C Webb (all Education and Children's Services).

Apologies for Absence: Mr I Jackson, Mrs H Bridge and Mr D Stewart

Councillor Baird, Convener, Presiding.

65. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

66. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Special Meeting of Scrutiny Committee

The Minute of the Special Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee of 30 October 2008 (Arts. 611-612/08) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(ii) Scrutiny Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee of 3 December 2008 (Arts. 668 – 678/08) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(iii) Audit Sub-Committee of 27 August 2008

The Minute of Meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee of 27 August 2008 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

(iv) Audit Sub-Committee of 19 November 2008

The Minute of Meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee of 19 November 2008 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix II*)

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***67. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES – STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT 2007-08 (ART 3)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (09/77) (1) presenting the achievements of services during 2007-08 in delivering Council and Single Outcome Agreement priorities; and (2) which, having secured the approval of the Lifelong Learning Committee at its meeting on 7 January 2009, sought comments from the Scrutiny Committee prior to publication of the Report as part of Education and Children's Services statutory requirement to report to the public on the performance of the services provided.

Members raised a number of points for clarification, requested minor changes to the document, and made suggestions for inclusions in future reports.

Resolved

- (i) The report on Standards and Quality in Education and Children's Services in Perth and Kinross 2007-08 be approved, subject to minor amendments.
- (ii) It be noted that the report will be made available to staff, parents, carers, Parent Councils, external agencies and the wider community in Perth and Kinross.

68. VALEDICTORY

The Convener intimated the resignation of Mrs Bridge from the Scrutiny Committee. On behalf of Members, she thanked her for her contribution to the work of the Committee.

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