

# 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 11 January 2006 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors Hayton, Baird, Bushby, Coburn, Culliven (from Article 5), Doig, A Grant, E Grant, Lennie, Stewart, Wilson (substituting for Councillor Simpson) Mr A Dunlop, Mr I Jackson, Mr C Mackie, Father K McCaffrey, Mr D Stewart.

In Attendance: Councillor J McEwen (up to Article 7), B Malone, Chief Executive; L McConnell, Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); M Wells, (Interim Depute Director); J Cessford, J Cockburn, B Kirkpatrick, I Mason, L Mason, P McAvoy, W McCullough, B Renton, K Robertson, A Taylor and M Walker all Education and Children's Services; A Wilson and C Irons, Corporate Services.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Howie and Simpson, Mr F Shewan and Mrs J Whitfield.

Councillor Hayton, Presiding.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener welcomed Father McCaffrey and Margaret Wells to their first meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee.

## 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 Lifelong Learning Committee of 23 November 2005 (Arts 854-865) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

## 3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF JOINT NEGOTIATING-COMMITTEE FOR TEACHING STAFF

The minute of meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 19 December 2005 was submitted and noted, and with reference to Paragraph 7 (Protocol for Monitoring Learning and Teaching), approved. (*Appendix I*)

## 4. MINUTE OF MEETING OF ATTENDANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minute of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 15 December 2005 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix II*)

## 5. DELIVERING 21ST CENTURY SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/01) detailing the proposed structure of Youth Services within Education and Children's Services to support the delivery of a Modern Youth Service for Young People in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The proposed structure of Youth Services be approved.
- (ii) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), in conjunction with the Head of Human Resources, be instructed to implement the proposals for the revised structure.

COUNCILLOR CULLIVEN JOINED THE MEETING DURING DISCUSSION OF THE ABOVE ITEM.

## **6. STATUTORY CONSULTATION - OUDENARDE**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/02) seeking approval of the Lifelong Learning Committee for the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) to enter into formal consultations to determine the school catchment area for the forthcoming Oudenarde development.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to consult formally with appropriate bodies and persons listed in Schedule 1 of the Education (Publication and Consultation Etc) (Scotland) Regulations 1981 (as amended 1987, 1988 and 1989) on school catchment area proposals for the Oudenarde development.
- (ii) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report back to the Committee on the outcome of these consultations on 19 April 2006.

## **7. POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION TO NURSERY SCHOOLS AND CLASSES FOR SCHOOL SESSION 2006-2007**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/03) presenting an updated Policy and Guidelines for Admission to Nursery Schools and Classes managed by Education and Children's Services.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The changes to the Policy and Guidelines for Admission to Nursery Schools and Classes for School Session 2006-2007 be approved.
- (ii) The expansion of provision at Luncarty Primary School and St Dominic's RC Primary School, Crieff, be noted.
- (iii) The updated guidance regarding allocation of places be agreed.

COUNCILLOR MCEWEN LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

## **8. STUDENT TEACHER PLACEMENT GUIDELINES**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/04) setting out the proposals for Student Teacher Placements within Perth and Kinross Council along with suggested guidelines for schools to support students.

### **Resolved:**

The Student Teacher Placement Guidelines, as attached at Appendix 1 to Report 06/04, be agreed.

## **9. DELIVERING FOR GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS IN PERTH AND KINROSS: PROGRESS REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/05) updating the Committee on the progress made in implementing the improvement actions which were approved on 12 January 2005 in Committee Report No 05/05 (Article 10/05 refers) Delivering for Gypsies and Travellers in Perth and Kinross.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The progress of the improvement action plan, as attached at Appendix I to Report 06/05, be noted.
- (ii) Implementation of key recommendations of the improvement action plan be continued.

## **\*10. HMIE FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION REPORT – PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/06) advising the Committee of the key findings of the HMIE follow-up inspection of the education functions of Perth and Kinross Council and outlining actions already taken in response to the report along with an improvement plan developed to address the issues within the follow-up report.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The HMIE follow-up inspection report of the education authority functions of Perth and Kinross Council, which was approved by the Standards and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 30 November 2005, (Article 905/05 refers) be noted.
- (ii) The improvement plan, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 06/06, be approved.
- (iii) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to provide an update on progress made with the improvement plan in September 2006.

**\*11. SERVICE SIX MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/07) providing information on the performance of Education and Children's Services in the period from 1 April 2005 to 30 September 2005.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress made with the Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) actions as a result of the 2005-06 service planning process be noted.
- (ii) That the report was welcomed by the Standards and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 7 December 2005 (Article 926(iii)/05 refers) be noted.

**\*12. HMIE CARE COMMISSION AND EDUCATION AUTHORITY 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) (06/08) advising the Committee of the key findings and progress with main points for action as set out in six summary reports (Appendices I-VI) from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE), Care Commission and Education Authorities.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The following summary reports, as attached in Appendices I-VI of Report 06/08, be noted:
  - (a) HMIE Inspection Report on Errol Primary School (Appendix I).
  - (b) Care Commission/HMIE Integrated Inspection Report on Friarton Nursery School (Appendix II).
  - (c) Care Commission/HMIE Integrated Inspection Report on Kinnoull Church Nursery (Appendix III).
  - (d) Care Commission/HMIE Integrated Inspection Report on Muthill Pre-School Group (Appendix IV).
  - (e) Care Commission/HMIE Integrated Inspection Report on Old Oak Children's Nursery (Appendix V).
  - (f) Care Commission/HMIE Integrated Inspection Report on Whistlebrae Montessori Nursery (Appendix VI).
- (ii) That these reports were welcomed by the Standards and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 7 December 2005 (Article 925/05 refers) and that the action plan for Errol Primary School would be circulated to all members of both Standards and Scrutiny Committee and Lifelong Learning Committees be noted.

**13. DELIVERING MODERNISATION AND IMPROVEMENT IN PERTH AND KINROSS – STRATEGIC REVIEW OF EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (06/09) attaching reports on Delivering Modernisation and Improvement in Perth and Kinross and Strategic Review of Education and Children's Services for information.

**Resolved:**

The reports attached to Report 06/09, as approved by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 14 December 2005, (Article 943/05 refers) be noted.

**14. APPOINTMENT OF PARENTS TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE**

**Resolved:**

The appointment of Mrs Jill Whitfield and Mr Ian Jackson as parent representatives on the Lifelong Learning Committee for Primary and Secondary Schools be extended to 10 April 2006.