

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 19 April 2006 at 3.00pm.

Present: Councillors Hayton, Baird, Coburn, Cowan (substituting for Councillor Bushby), Culliven, Doig, A Grant, E Grant, Howie, Lennie, MacLellan, Simpson, Stewart, Mr A Dunlop, Mr I Jackson, Mr C Mackie and Father K McCaffrey, Mr F Shewan and Mr D Stewart.

In Attendance: L McConnell (Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services)), G Boland, J Cockburn, C Flanigan, I Mason (up to Item 7), P McAvoy, B Renton, K Robertson, A Taylor, A Turnbull, M Walker and M Wells (all Education and Children's Services); C Irons and A Wilson (both Corporate Services).

Councillor Hayton, Convener, Presiding.

260. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

261. ELECTION OF PARENTS TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

It was noted that Mr Ian Jackson had been appointed as the secondary sector parent representative to the Lifelong Learning Committee and the statutory process is being completed for the appointment of the primary sector representative.

262. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 22 February 2006 (Arts 123-139) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

263. MINUTE OF MEETING OF ATTENDANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minute of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 9 March 2006 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

264. MINUTE OF MEETING OF JOINT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR TEACHING STAFF

The minute of meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 27 March 2006 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix II*)

265. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2006-2009

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/265) seeking approval of the Education and Children's Services Business Management and Improvement Plan 2006-2009.

Resolved:

- (i) The Education and Children's Services Business Management and Improvement Plan 2006-2009 be approved.
- (ii) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to provide updates as appropriate on the progress made with the implementation of the 2006-2007 actions.

266. DRAFT POLICY FOR FOSTERING AND ADOPTION SERVICES IN PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/266) seeking approval to consult further with key stakeholders on the Draft Policy for Fostering and Adoption Services in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to consult with key stakeholders on the Draft Policy for Fostering and Adoption Services in Perth and Kinross.
- (ii) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report back to the Lifelong Learning Committee on the outcome of this consultation on 31 May 2006.
- (iii) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to inform the Committee of the introduction of a new Bill: The Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill 2006 and its implications prior to the legislation being passed.

267. FRAMEWORK FOR INTERVENTION – EXCLUSION GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/287) presenting revised exclusion guidelines for schools as part of the overall Framework for Intervention.

Resolved:

The revised advice and guidance to schools on exclusion, as part of the overall Framework for Intervention, be approved.

268. STATUTORY CONSULTATION - OUDENARDE

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/267) outlining the issues arising from the statutory consultation undertaken on the school catchment area for the Oudenarde development.

Resolved:

- (i) The issues raised during the statutory consultation exercise be noted.
- (ii) The proposed catchment area for the Oudenarde development, as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 06/267, be approved.

269. STATUTORY CONSULTATION – GLEBE AND CHERRYBANK SCHOOLS

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/268) outlining the issues arising from the statutory consultation undertaken for the proposed merger of Glebe School and Cherrybank School.

Resolved:

- (i) The issues raised during the statutory consultation exercise be noted.
- (ii) The proposal – "Glebe School and Cherrybank School be merged into a single establishment and that a single management structure be created", be approved.

270. CARE COMMISSION INSPECTION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILDCARE SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/269) introducing the report *Residential Childcare Services*, which detailed the recent Care Commission Inspection of residential units for looked after children and accommodated young people.

Resolved:

- (i) The findings of the recent Care Commission Inspection of residential units for looked after children and accommodated young people, be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that the Standards and Scrutiny Committee on 8 March 2006 had welcomed the overall positive nature this report.

271. 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) (06/270) advising the Committee of the key findings and progress with main points for action as set out in three summary reports (Appendices 1-3) from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE), Care Commission and Education Authorities.

Resolved:

- (i) The following summary reports, as attached in Appendices 1-3 to Report 06/270, be noted:

- (a) Summary of the HMIE Inspection Report on Royal School of Dunkeld (Appendix 1);
 - (b) Summary of the HMIE/Care Commission Integrated Inspection Report on Tulloch Primary School Nursery Class (Appendix 2); and
 - (c) Summary of the HMIE/Care Commission Integrated Inspection Report on Abacus Day Nursery, Auchterarder (Appendix 3).
- (ii) It be noted that the Standards and Scrutiny Committee on 8 March 2006 had welcomed the positive nature of the HMIE/Care Commission reports contained within Appendices 2 and 3 to Report 06/270, but had expressed some disappointment regarding the Royal School of Dunkeld report.