

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 25 August 2010 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors E Grant, B Band, G Hayton, A Cowan, B Ellis (substituting for Councillor L Simpson), E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, D Melloy, S Miller, A Stewart, B Vaughan, W Wilson and A Wylie; Mrs H Bridge, Mr I Jackson, Mrs A McAuley, Monsignor K McCaffrey and Mr D Stewart.

In attendance: Councillors M Roberts and C Shiers; J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); M Walker, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); B Atkinson, A Taylor, K Robertson, S Devlin, H Stuart, W McCullough, J Harding, S Younie and J Cockburn (all Education and Children's Services); A Wilson, S Hendry and R Muller (all Chief Executive's Service); Mr P Denning, HMle (Arts. 443-447 only).

Apology for Absence: Councillor L Simpson.

Councillor E Grant, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Articles 443-447 and 451-454; Vice Convener Hayton on 448-449; and Vice Convener Band on Article 450.

443. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

444. DEPUTATION

In terms of Standing Order 59, the Committee agreed the request to address the Committee received from Mr C Youlten in terms of Art. 454 - Review of School Estate – Logiealmond Primary School.

In terms of Standing Order 19, the Committee unanimously agreed to hear the deputation in the order of business.

445. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 19 May 2010 (Arts. 292-299) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

(ii) Attendance Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 20 May 2010 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

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(iii) Executive Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of 28 April 2010 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix II)**

(iv) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff

The Minute of Meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 9 February 2010 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix III)**

(v) School Estate Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the School Estate Sub-Committee of 4 March 2010 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix IV)**

446. RE-APPOINTMENT OF PARENT TO SERVE AS MEMBER OF THE LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

Resolved:

The extension of the appointment of Mr Ian Jackson as parent representative for secondary schools on the Lifelong Learning Committee until May 2012, to align with the next Scottish Local Government Elections, be agreed.

447. NATIONAL PILOT – HOW GOOD IS OUR CULTURE AND SPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (10/421), advising (1) of the outcome of the self assessment pilot of a draft quality improvement framework for culture and sport services in Scotland; and (2) that the pilot used the "How Good is Our Culture and Sport" (HGIOCS) framework, and was supported by HMle which culminated in a joint visit by inspectors during the week beginning 24 May 2010.

The Committee was addressed by Mr Phil Denning, HMle, who provided members with a briefing on the "How Good is our Culture and Sport" framework in relation to the recent visit to examine cultural and sport services in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 10/421, including actions to take forward areas for improvement, be noted.
- (ii) The continued involvement of Perth and Kinross Council in supporting the development of the "How Good is Our Culture and Sport" model be agreed.

448. PERTH AND KINROSS ACCREDITED CLUB EXCELLENCE SCHEME

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (10/422); (1) providing an update on progress with the implementation of the Perth and Kinross Accredited Club Excellence Scheme (PACES); and (2) seeking agreement to adopt the recommendations identified in the review of the initiative.

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Resolved:

- (i) The adoption of the recommendations identified through the recent review, as set out in bold at Section 3 of Report 10/422, be agreed.
- (ii) A further progress report be submitted in Spring 2012 to update Committee on the implementation of the recommendations.

449. MORE CHOICES, MORE CHANCES AND 16+ LEARNING CHOICES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (10/423) providing the Committee with information on the progress being made with the delivery of the Scottish Government's *More Choices, More Chances Strategy* and in particular the introduction of 16+ Learning Choices, an initiative to support all young people into positive and sustained destinations.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposed approach to improving the delivery of the *More Choices, More Chances Strategy* and in particular the introduction of 16+ Learning Choices, be approved.
- (ii) The contents of Report 10/423 otherwise be noted.

450. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE STRATEGY FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (10/424), (1) updating the Committee on progress made with the Strategy for Looked After Children, approved in June 2007 (Article 07/320); and (2) advising that in future, the Strategy would be included within a wider, revised Children and Families Strategy.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made against each action within the strategy be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to take forward remaining actions, as set out in Appendix 2 to Report 10/424, within the timescales given.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be requested to include looked after and corporate parenting priority actions within a revised Children and Families Service Strategy in August 2011.

451. REVIEW OF SCHOOL ESTATE – STRONE OF CALLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (10/425) seeking approval to proceed with the undertaking of an Options Appraisal and, if appropriate, the production of a Proposal Paper containing an Educational Benefits Statement in respect of Strone of Cally Primary School, and a range of options for consideration including possible closure of the school.

Resolved:

- (i) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to proceed with the undertaking of an Options Appraisal and, if appropriate, the production of a Proposal Paper containing an Educational Benefits Statement in respect of Strone of Cally Primary School.

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- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to bring a detailed report back to the Committee in due course.

452. REVIEW OF SCHOOL ESTATE – STRALOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (10/426) seeking approval to proceed with the undertaking of an Options Appraisal and, if appropriate, the production of a Proposal Paper containing an Educational Benefits Statement in respect of Straloch Primary School, and a range of options for consideration, including possible closure of the school.

Resolved:

- (i) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to proceed with the undertaking of an Options Appraisal and, if appropriate, the production of a Proposal Paper containing an Educational Benefits Statement in respect of Straloch Primary School.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to bring a detailed report back to the Committee in due course.

453. REVIEW OF SCHOOL ESTATE – STRUAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (10/427) seeking approval to proceed with the undertaking of an Options Appraisal and, if appropriate, the production of a Proposal Paper containing an Educational Benefits Statement in respect of Struan Primary School, and a range of options for consideration, including possible closure of the school.

Resolved:

- (i) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to proceed with the undertaking of an Options Appraisal and, if appropriate, the production of a Proposal Paper containing an Educational Benefits Statement in respect of Struan Primary School.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to bring a detailed report back to the Committee in due course.

454. REVIEW OF SCHOOL ESTATE – LOGIEALMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (10/428) seeking approval to proceed with the undertaking of an Options Appraisal and, if appropriate, the production of a Proposal Paper containing an Educational Benefits Statement in respect of Logiealmond Primary School, and a range of options for consideration, including possible closure of the school.

Mr Youlten, a parent of a pupil currently attending the school addressed the Committee on behalf of a number of other parents of pupils on the proposed Options Appraisal and Educational Benefits Statement. Mr Youlten answered a number of questions from Committee members and thereafter withdrew to the public gallery.

Resolved:

- (i) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to proceed with the undertaking of an Options Appraisal and, if appropriate, the

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production of a Proposal Paper containing an Educational Benefits Statement in respect of Logiealmond Primary School.

- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to bring a detailed report back to the Committee in due course.

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