

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE
21 May 2008

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Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 21 May 2008 at 2.00pm.

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

In Attendance: J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); M Walker, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); C Webb; B Atkinson; T McKinlay; K Duncan, H Smout, M Anderson, S Devlin; P Otreba and D Lingley (all Education and Children's Services); J Cockburn (Corporate Service); A Wilson and J Adamson (both Chief Executive's Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor A Wylie, Mr I Jackson and Mr G Young.

Councillor E Grant, Convener, Presiding

Prior to the commencement of business there was a Presentation of Certificates for National Youth Awards to Colin Hay, National Youth Worker of the Year and to Karen Gracie, Bronze Award.

318. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

319. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 12 March 2008 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 6 March 2008 was submitted and noted (*Appendix I*).

(iii) Lifelong Learning Executive Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 7 May 2008 was submitted and noted (*Appendix II*).

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(iv) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff

The Minute of Meeting for the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 12 February 2008 was submitted and noted (*Appendix III*).

320. APPOINTMENT TO PERTH AND KINROSS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Resolved

Councillor Band be appointed a member of the Perth and Kinross Educational Trust in place of the late Councillor E Howie.

321. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2007-2008

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (08/267) reviewing the performance of Education and Children's Services for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008, and showing the progress made on the Business Management and Improvement Plan 2007-2010.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Education and Children's Services Annual Performance Report 2007-2008, as appended to Report 08/267, be agreed.
- (ii) The submission of Report 08/267 to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 11 June 2008, be noted.

322. CREATING A CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE PART 1: 3-18 CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (08/268) on the document entitled *Creating a Curriculum for Excellence, Part 1: 3-18 Curriculum Framework*, the first of 5 which, taken together, outlined Education and Children's Services framework and guidance for the implementation of *Curriculum for Excellence* across all early years centres and schools in Perth and Kinross. The adoption and implementation of the document would provide an over-arching framework for all schools within which they could develop an appropriately broad and rich curriculum to meet the needs and expectations of all learners.

Resolved:

- (i) The development of a 5 stage process to develop and implement the Curriculum for Excellence, be noted.
- (ii) The 'Creating a Curriculum for Excellence, Part 1: 3-18 Curriculum Framework', be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report back to this Committee in August 2009 outlining progress made to date.

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323. PERTH AND KINROSS CULTURAL PATHFINDER PROJECT – FINAL REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (08/269), (1) outlining the findings of the final evaluation of the Cultural Pathfinder Project which was working effectively to widen participation in the arts and culture in Perth and Kinross while also acting as a Pathfinder Project for the nation; and (2) seeking support for the recommendations arising from it.

Resolved:

- (i) The findings of the evaluation report be noted.
- (ii) The future approaches outlined in the proposals, contained in Paragraphs 6.1 to 6.5 of Report 08/269, be supported.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to take forward those proposals in line with the review of the Cultural Strategy.

324. PROVISION OF PLAYGROUP SERVICES IN PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (08/270), (1) informing as to current challenges facing playgroups in Perth and Kinross whose needs were complex and changing in response to emerging national policy and regulatory frameworks; (2) setting out in Paragraph 3 of the Report models of management and delivery of services as examples of ways in which groups facing difficulties could address their particular issues; and (3) seeking agreement on the proposals for supporting and developing services for these groups in the future.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposed way forward for supporting playgroups in Perth and Kinross over the next five years, as set out in Paragraph 4 of Report 08/270, be agreed.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to take action on these proposals.

325. PRIORITY SPORTS FOR SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (08/271), (1) outlining priorities to be supported by the Sports Development Team for the period 2008 – 2011; and (2) detailing the actions to be taken in order to ensure continuous improvement of the service.

Resolved:

The proposals and priorities for the Sports Development Team, as outlined in Paragraph 4 of Report 08/271, be agreed in order to maximise performance of the sports development service throughout Perth and Kinross.

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326. A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO MANAGING TEACHER COMPETENCE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (08/272) seeking approval for the document entitled *A Practical Guide to Managing Teacher Competence* which sat alongside the General Teaching Council for Scotland publication *Code of Practice on Teacher Competence*. The implementation of the Guide would support schools in developing the skills of teachers and subsequently raising the quality of educational experiences for young people.

Resolved:

The *Practical Guide to Managing Teacher Competence*, including the proposals to support leaders in improving the quality of learning and teaching in schools contained in Paragraph 3 of Report 08/272, be approved.

327. SUPPORTING SMALL SCHOOLS – SHARED HEADSHIP

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (copy herewith 08/273), (1) reviewing the provision of small schools in Perth and Kinross and assessing their ongoing value and effectiveness in a rapidly changing contemporary environment and period of challenging educational change; and (2) proposing the piloting of shared headship in Perth and Kinross for the period 2008-2010.

Resolved:

- (i) A two year pilot of one or more of the proposed models of shared headship, as part of a process of consultation, be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to implement appropriate pilots in selected schools as set out in Section 3 of Report 08/273 and report back to the Lifelong Learning Committee in October 2010 on the impact of the models adopted.

328. IMPLEMENTING BUSINESS CHANGE – IIL PROJECT (Art. 698/07)

With reference to Art. 698/07 (Council Minute of 14 November 2007) instructing the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) to submit a progress report on the implementation of business change to this Committee in May 2008, the Committee noted that the progress report would be submitted for consideration to the School Estates Sub-Committee in May 2008. The remit of the Sub-Committee was to oversee the entire school estate, including the business change process in relation to the Investment in Learning Programme.

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