

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 27 May 2009 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors E Grant, B Band, K Baird, G Hayton, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, S Miller, M Roberts (substituting for Councillor D Melloy), D Scott (substituting for A Wylie); A Stewart and B Vaughan; Mrs H Bridge, Mr S Clark and Mrs A McAuley.

In attendance: John Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); Maria Walker, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); B Atkinson, A Elliot, A Irvine, H Jack, A Taylor, K Robertson, J Russo, C Webb and S Younie (all Education and Children's Services); J Cockburn (Corporate Services); A Wilson and C Irons (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors D Melloy, L Simpson, W Wilson and A Wylie; Mr I Jackson, Monsignor K McCaffrey and Mr D Stewart.

Councillor E Grant, Convener, Presiding.

271. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

272. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 25 February 2009 (Arts. 103-109) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

(ii) Executive Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 11 February 2009 was submitted and noted (*Appendix I*).

(iii) Executive Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 29 April 2009 was submitted and noted (*Appendix II*).

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(iv) School Estate Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the School Estate Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 11 March 2009 was submitted and noted (**Appendix III**).

(v) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff

The Minute of Meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 10 February 2009 was submitted and noted (**Appendix IV**).

(vi) Attendance Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 18 December 2008 was submitted and noted (**Appendix V**).

(vii) Attendance Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 12 March 2009 was submitted and noted (**Appendix VI**).

273. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2008/2009

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (09/250) reviewing the performance of Education and Children's Services, for the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009.

Resolved:

- (i) After consideration, the contents of the Education and Children's Services Annual Performance Report 2008/2009, as appended to Report 09/250, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that this report would also be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 10 June 2009 for scrutiny and comments, as appropriate.

274. INVESTMENT IN LEARNING - COMMUNITY LIBRARIES AND LIFELONG LEARNING SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (09/251), (1) detailing the proposed operation of the community libraries, including opening hours and services, within the Loch Leven, Strathearn, Breadalbane and North Inch campuses; and (2) noting the significantly enhanced provision provided by the Investment In Learning programme.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress of planning for an extended libraries and lifelong learning service in the four campuses be noted.
- (ii) The opening hours, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 09/251, be approved.

275. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (09/252), setting out the Perth and Kinross Parental Involvement Strategy.

Resolved:

- (i) The Parental Involvement Strategy for Perth and Kinross Council be approved and implemented.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to present an update on the progress of the implementation of the strategy by December 2010.

276. POST SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (09/253), (1) advising Committee of the progress to date of Post School Psychological Services in Perth and Kinross; and (2) providing an update to the previous report to Committee, in November 2006, which outlined the development of a Post School Psychological Service (PSPS) following the successful bid for funding to the Scottish Executive from Perth and Kinross Psychology Service.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress of Post School Psychological Services in Perth and Kinross to date, be noted.
- (ii) The plan for continued development of Post School Psychological Services up to March 2011, be approved.

277. INTENSIVE FAMILY SUPPORT PROJECT (Art. 152)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/152) outlining a demonstration project to support the parents of 'At Risk' children out of harmful substance misuse, while simultaneously providing effective supervision and support to their children.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposals, as outlined in Paragraph 3 of Report 09/152, be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care), and Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), be instructed to bring forward to Committee a further report in twelve months time on the progress of the project and outcomes to date, with an interim report on this subject also submitted in six months time.

278. SCHOOL LET CHARGES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (09/254) detailing the proposed School Let Charges to be implemented with effect from 1 August 2009.

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Resolved:

- (i) The **sportscotland** research study information in Appendix 1 to Report 09/254 be noted.
- (ii) The current School Let Charges, as set out in Appendix 2 to Report 09/254, be noted.
- (iii) The proposed School Let Charges, as outlined in Appendix 3 to Report 09/254, be approved.
- (iv) In publication of the Charges, clarification be given of 'non-profit' making groups.

279. SCHOOL CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR GRANT PAYMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (09/255) explaining the requirement to move from an age related payment to one which used the school stage of a child to determine the amount to be allocated for School Clothing and Footwear Grants with effect from session 2009/2010.

Resolved:

- (i) The requirement to move from an age related payment to one which used the school stage of a child to determine the level of grant to be provided, be noted.
- (ii) The proposed option of awarding £45 for all primary pupils and £50 for all secondary pupils be approved.

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