

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 23 November 2005 at 3.10pm.

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

In Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive; L McConnell, Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), I Mason, W McCullough, B Renton, M Walker, J Clark, R MacKay, W Kirkpatrick, G Boland, S Farrer (all Education and Children's Services), J Cockburn, S Grant, A Wilson and J Adamson (all Corporate Services).

Apology for Absence: Ms J Whitfield.

Councillor Hayton, Presiding.

854. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

855. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 28 September 2005 (Arts 718-730) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

856. MINUTE OF MEETING OF JOINT NEGOTIATING-COMMITTEE FOR TEACHING STAFF

The minute of meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 31 October 2005 was submitted and noted. (**Appendix I**)

857. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF ATTENDANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Meetings of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 22 September 2005 and 3 November 2005 were submitted and noted. (**Appendices II and III**)

858. PETITION FOR FAIRTRADE GOODS IN SCHOOLS (Art. 05/576)

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/787) updating the Committee as to actions being taken in response to a petition received by this Council from approximately 800 pupils across five Secondary Schools (Crieff, Kinross and Pitlochry High Schools, the Community School of Auchterarder and Perth Grammar School) requesting that Fairtrade goods be made available in schools.

Resolved:

- (i) In response to the petition, the action proposed in report 05/787, to provide, with immediate effect, the Fairtrade products listed in the report throughout Perth and Kinross secondary schools, be approved.
- (ii) The Council Secretary be instructed to respond to the pupils accordingly.
- (iii) All Fairtrade products be continually assessed for suitability as the service develops, particularly in providing healthier choices and managing the supply/demand interface.
- (iv) Report 05/787 be referred to the Youth Council for its interest.

859. PERTSHIRE YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGY (ART. 733/05)

There was submitted a joint report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) and Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (05/781) seeking endorsement of the Perthshire Youth Justice Strategy 2005-2006 as developed by the Perthshire Youth Justice

Partnership whose aim was to enhance young people's lives, thereby improving community safety, by promoting social inclusion and addressing the causes and impacts of offending and anti-social behaviour by young people.

Resolved:

In noting the approval of the Strategy by the Community Safety Committee on 19 October 2005 (Article 733/05 refers), that the Perthshire Youth Justice Strategy, as developed by the Perthshire Youth Justice Partnership, be endorsed.

860. THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MODERN SYSTEM OF INCOME GENERATION WITHIN CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/782) detailing the background and rationale behind charges in Cultural and Community Services and proposing new charges in the context of the Services Improvement Plan.

Resolved:

- (i) The rationale behind the charges, based on the principles of inclusion, be noted.
- (ii) The proposed charges for Cultural and Community Services as outlined in Appendices 1-9 of report 05/782 be approved.
- (iii) The flexible system of income generation promoting opportunity for all be approved.

861. STATUTORY CONSULTATION – PERTH SOUTH CAMPUS (Art. 05/579)

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/785) outlining issues arising from the statutory consultation undertaken for Perth South Campus required as a result of the approval in principle to merge Caledonian Road Primary School and Friarton Nursery into one 'all-through' establishment with a single management structure.

Resolved:

- (i) The issues raised during the statutory consultation exercise be noted.
- (ii) The proposal that Caledonian Road Primary School and Friarton Nursery be merged into one 'all through' school establishment, and that a single management structure be created, be approved.

862. STATUTORY CONSULTATION – ST COLUMBA'S RC HIGH SCHOOL AND ST JOHN'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL (Art. 05/579)

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/786) outlining issues arising from the statutory consultation undertaken for the proposed St Columba's High School and St John's Nursery and Primary School campus.

Resolved:

- (i) The issues raised during the statutory consultation exercise be noted.
- (ii) The proposal that St Columba's RC High School and St John's RC Nursery and Primary School be merged into one 'all-through' school establishment, and that a single management structure be created, be approved.

863. ATTAINMENT IN PERTH AND KINROSS SCHOOLS 2005

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/783) providing an analysis of the performance of candidates presented by Perth and Kinross Schools in the 2005 diet of Scottish Qualifications Authority Examinations, and pupil attainment in 5-14.

Resolved:

- (i) The attainment of pupils in 2005 be noted.
- (ii) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to ensure that schools take forward the agreed outcomes of the Learning and Achievement visits through their School Improvement Plans.
- (iii) Staff and pupils be commended for their efforts in achieving these results.
- (iv) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to submit Report 05/783 to a future meeting of the Standards and Scrutiny Committee.

864. TRENDS IN HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORS OF EDUCATION (HMIE) AND CARE COMMISSION – REPORTS ON STANDARDS AND QUALITY IN SCHOOLS, NURSERY CLASSES AND PRE-SCHOOL CENTRES IN 2004/05 (Art. 05/788)

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/784) on key trends with respect to HMIE and Care Commission reports for Nursery Classes, Pre-School Centres and Schools in the session 2004-05.

Resolved:

- (i) That the trend information from these reports set out a clear agenda for continuous improvement in the standards and quality of services provided in Perth and Kinross, be noted.
- (ii) That the Standards and Scrutiny Committee on 26 October 2005 had welcomed the positive nature of the report be noted (Article 05/788 refers).
- (iii) That a request for the report on session 2005-06 to examine trends in relation to the whole report rather than only main points for action, be noted.

865. 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) (05/789) advising of the key findings and progress with main points for action as set out in six summary reports from HMIE, Care Commission and Education Authorities.

Resolved:

- (i) The summary of HMIE Inspection Reports on Coupar Angus Primary School, Kenmore Primary School and Blairingone Primary School be noted.
- (ii) The summary of HMIE/Care Commission Integrated Inspection Reports on Coupar Angus Primary School Nursery Class, Kirkmichael Nursery Class and Letham Primary School Nursery Class be noted.
- (iii) It be noted that the Standards and Scrutiny Committee on 26 October 2005 had welcomed the positive nature of the HMIE/Care Commission reports. (Article 05/787refers)