

# 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 28 September 2005 at 3.10pm.

Present: Councillors Baird, Barr (substituting for Councillor Howie), Bushby, Coburn, Culliven, Hayton, Hulbert (substituting for Councillor A Grant), Hunter (from Article (substituting for Councillor E Grant), Lennie, MacLellan, Simpson, Stewart, Mr A Dunlop, Mr I Jackson, Mr C Mackie, and Mr D Stewart.

In Attendance: L McConnell, Interim Executive Director (Education & Children's Services), M Allan, Interim Depute Director (Education & Children's Services), I Mason, W Wood, M Walker, W McCullough, J Cessford, F Revell, A Taylor, B Renton, J Cockburn, G Boland, K Robertson, S Watson, G Lynn, M Brown (all Education & Children's Services), P Bing, C McAllister (both Perth & Kinross Leisure), D Henderson, A Wilson and J Adamson (all Corporate Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Doig; Father Mulholland and Mrs J Whitfield

Councillor Hayton, Presiding.

## 718. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

## 719. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 17 August 2005 (Arts. 573-587) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

## 720. MINUTE OF MEETING OF REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minute of Meeting of the Review Sub-Committee of 25 August 2005 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

## 721. MINUTE OF MEETING OF JOINT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR TEACHING STAFF

The Minute of Meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 5 September 2005 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix II*)

COUNCILLOR HUNTER ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

## 722. APPOINTMENT OF PARENTS TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

The Council Secretary reported that the period of appointment of the parent representatives on the Committee for primary and secondary schools was due to expire on 30 November 2005 and that Schools Boards would be asked to submit nominations from parent members who wished to serve on the Committee, whereby in the event of more than one nomination in either sector, an election would be held.

Because of the timescale involved however, with forthcoming School Board elections due to be held in November 2005, it would not be possible for the Boards to submit nominations by 30 November 2005 and it was therefore proposed that the appointments of the present parent representatives on the Committee be extended to 31 January 2006.

### **Resolved:**

The appointments of the present parent representatives on the Lifelong Learning Committee, Mr Ian Jackson and Mrs Jill Whitfield, be extended to 31 January 2006.

**723. PROPOSED OPERATION OF THE GEORGE DUNCAN ATHLETICS ARENA AT PERTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL – INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/639) on the proposed management arrangements for running the day-to-day activities of the George Duncan Athletics Arena at Perth Grammar School. The facilities would be available to the whole community.

There was tabled an amended Appendix 2 (Proposed Charging Policy) to the report.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The management arrangements detailed in Appendix 1 to report 05/639, for the running of the George Duncan Athletics Arena, be approved.
- (ii) The charging policy and summary of charges set out in Appendix 2 (as amended) to Report 05/639 be approved also;
- (iii) The members of the Arena's Consultation Group be congratulated for their work in the provision of this facility.
- (iv) Copies of the marketing strategy for the Arena be made available to members.

**724. DETERMINED TO SUCCEED PROGRESS REPORT 2004/2005 AND SUPPORT PLAN FOR 2005/2006**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/633) on the progress of the Scottish Executive's 'Determined to Succeed' initiative in Perth and Kinross for session 2004/05 and setting out a plan of support for 2005/06. A presentation on the initiative was given by J Cessford and F Revell.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress of the 'Determined to Succeed' initiative in session 2004/05, and the plan for central support of the initiative for the forthcoming session, be noted.
- (ii) The Interim Executive Director (Education & Children's Services) be instructed to report back to this Committee by May 2006 on progress made.

**725. A YOUTH STRATEGY FOR PERTH AND KINROSS 2005-2008**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/634) on the Draft Youth Strategy for Perth and Kinross produced by Community Planning Partners to address the needs of young people. The document was aimed at partners and agencies who were committed to making sure that young people in Perth and Kinross achieved their full potential and were able to make the most of opportunities available to them.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Draft Youth Strategy set out in Appendix 1 to report 05/634 be approved.
- (ii) The Youth Strategy be submitted to the Community Planning Partnership on 13 October 2005 for ratification.
- (iii) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to bring forward a progress report on the implementation of the Youth Strategy from September 2006.

COUNCILLOR HUNTER LEFT AND RETURNED TO THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE ITEM.

**726. SCHOOLS OF AMBITION PROGRAMME – BLAIRGOWRIE HIGH SCHOOL**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/635) on Blairgowrie High School's participation in the Scottish Executive's Schools of Ambition Programme.

**Resolved:**

- (i) Blairgowrie High School's successful bid to participate in the Schools of Ambition Programme be noted.
- (ii) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to submit a progress report to this Committee by June 2006.

**727. SPECIALIST SUPPORT PROVISION WITHIN EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/640) on developing an Additional Support Needs (ASN) Strategy to establish a profile for ASN specialist support provision within Education and Children's Services.

**Resolved:**

The overall profile, criteria and capacity relating to the Additional Support Needs (ASN) specialist support provision in a number of establishments within Education and Children's Services, as detailed in Appendix 1 to report 05/640, be approved.

**728. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND HORSECROSS**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/636) on the outcome of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) for 2004/05 between the Council and Perth Theatre and Concert Hall (Horsecross) and making recommendations for the monitoring of the SLA for 2005/06.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The outcome on the Service Level Agreement for 2004/05 be noted.
- (ii) The development of a more robust monitoring system of the Service Level Agreement for 2005/06 with Horsecross, as detailed in Report 05/636, be noted.
- (iii) It be noted that the Standards and Scrutiny Committee on 31 August 2005 had welcomed this report and had agreed that the six-month and annual reports should be considered by that Committee at the appropriate time.

**729. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND PERTH AND KINROSS LEISURE**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (05/637) on the outcome of the Service Level Agreement for 2004/05 between the Council and Perth and Kinross Leisure and on the monitoring of the Service Level Agreement for 2005/06.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The outcome of the Service Level Agreement for 2004/05 be noted.
- (ii) The monitoring of the Service Level Agreement for 2005/06, as detailed in Report 05/637, be noted.
- (iii) It be noted that the Standards and Scrutiny Committee on 31 August 2005 had welcomed this report and had agreed that the six-month and annual reports be considered by that Committee at the appropriate time.

**730. 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) (05/638) advising of the key findings and progress with the main points for action as set out in 16 summary reports (Appendices 1 to 16) from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE), Care Commission and Education Authorities.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The summary reports of HMIE and Care Commission and inspection reports on the following 16 establishments be noted : -

Aberuthven Primary School  
Dunning Primary School  
Viewlands Primary School  
Blairgowrie High School  
Glebe School  
Murthly Primary School  
Auchtergaven Primary School Nursery Class  
Craigie Primary School Nursery Class  
Goodlyburn Primary School Nursery Class  
Gowans Terrace Child and Family Centre  
Hill Primary School Nursery Class  
Kinross Primary School Nursery Class

Murthly Primary School Nursery Class  
Our Lady's Primary School Nursery Class  
Robert Douglas Memorial School Nursery Class  
Royal School of Dunkeld Nursery Class

- (ii) It be noted that the Standards and Scrutiny Committee on 31 August 2005 had welcomed the positive nature of the HMIE/Care Commission Reports and had requested a report summarising the HMIE reports for session 2004/05 along with an analysis of trends over the same period.

COUNCILLOR BARR LEFT THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE ITEM.