

# 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 10 January 2007 at 2.00pm.

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

In Attendance: L McConnell, M Walker, C Webb, J Cessford, K Duncan, B Kirkpatrick, P McAvoy, L Mason, H Richardson, M Underwood and S Watson (all Education & Children's Services); J Cockburn (Corporate Services); A Wilson and C Irons (Democratic Services).

Apologies for absence: S Powell Executive Director (Education & Children's Services)

Councillor Hayton, Convener, Presiding.

## 21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

## 22. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 22 November 2006 (Arts 748-756/06) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

COUNCILLORS A GRANT AND MACLELLAN ARRIVED DURING DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM

## 23. STATEMENT OF INTENT AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/01) presenting a Statement of Intent and Policy Framework developed by Education and Children's Services, following the Strategic Review of Education and Children's Services which had recommended that work should continue in Education and Children's Services to strengthen the leadership, policy and direction of the integrated services and establish a clear rationale for the Service.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The Statement of Intent for Education and Children's Services (Appendix 1 to report 07/01) be approved.
- (ii) The Policy Framework for Education and Children's Services (Appendix 2 to report 07/01) be approved.

## 24. PERTH AND KINROSS CULTURAL PATHFINDER PROJECT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/02) detailing the successful bid by Perth and Kinross Council to be one of the Pathfinder Projects following the setting up of Cultural Pathfinder Projects by the Scottish Executive to support the development of expertise in relation to Cultural Entitlements; local entitlements were to be developed by local authorities to include arts, heritage, libraries and archives.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) The elements of the Cultural Pathfinder, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 07/02, be noted.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report back on progress to this Committee in January 2008.
- (iv) To commend the work of the Arts Development Manager and her team in securing the success of the Perth and Kinross bid.

## 25. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR EMPLOYEE REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/03) submitting the revised version of 'A Strategic Framework for Employee Review and Development' within Education and Children's Services which considered comments from consultation on the original draft and also included amended Employee Review and Development Guidelines.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of the Strategic Framework for Employee Review and Development be approved.
- (ii) The proposals for the rolling out of training in the new system to all staff be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to review the Strategic Framework in August 2010.

## \*26. INVESTMENT IN LEARNING PROGRAMME CAMPUS NAMING CONSULTATION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/04) on the outcome of the wide consultation process held to generate suitable names for the new Investment in Learning campuses and recommending the final selection of names.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) All six campuses be known as 'Community Campuses' to reflect the expanded range of facilities and anticipated community usage.
- (ii) The following names for each school and associated campuses be recommended to the Council for endorsement:

<u>Campus</u>	<u>School Name Recommendation</u>	<u>Campus Name Recommendation</u>
Aberfeldy	Breadalbane Academy	Breadalbane Community Campus
Blairgowrie (Joint Campus)	i) St Stephen's RC Primary School ii) Newhill Primary School	Blairgowrie Community Campus
Crieff	Crieff High School	Strathearn Community Campus
Kinross	Kinross High School	Loch Leven Community Campus (with Kinross Library and Museum to be separately identified as part of campus)
Perth RC	St John's Academy	North Inch Community Campus
Perth South	Inch View Primary School	Glenearn Community Campus

- (iii) The consultation process, and the manner in which it was conducted, be commended.

## 27. REPORTS ON STANDARDS AND QUALITY IN SCHOOLS, PRE-SCHOOL CENTRES AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/05) advising on the key findings and progress with main points of action as set out in seven summary reports from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE), Care Commission and Education and Children's Services.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The summary reports, as attached in Appendices 1-7 of Report 07/05, be noted:
  - (a) Summary of the HMIE Inspection Report on Muthill Primary School (Appendix 1)
  - (b) Summary of the HMIE Follow-through Inspection Report on Blairgowrie High School (Appendix 2)
  - (c) Summary of the HMIE/Care Commission Integrated Inspection Report on Glenfarg Playgroup (voluntary sector) (Appendix 3)
  - (d) Summary of the HMIE/Care Commission Integrated Inspection Report on Paddington's Children's Nursery, Perth (private sector) (Appendix 4)
  - (e) Summary of the HMIE/Care Commission Integrated Inspection Report on Teddy Bear Care Nursery, Crieff (private sector) (Appendix 5)

- (f) Summary of the HMIE Follow-through Inspection of Forgandenny Primary School (Appendix 6)
  - (g) Summary of the Education Service's report on Perth Grammar School (Appendix 7) from which it was noted that certain accommodation security issues were being addressed immediately, while other long term accommodation issues at the school were under consideration, which would be the subject of future progress reports to this Committee.
- (ii) It be noted that the Standards and Scrutiny Committee on 6 December 2006 welcomed the reports in (a)-(e) above and that in future such inspection reports would be considered by this Committee only.