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 22 November 2006 at 3.00pm.

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

In Attendance: S Powell, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), J Cockburn, S Watson, A Turnbull, N Copland, A Elliot and J Russo (all Education and Children's Services); A Wilson and J Adamson (both Corporate Services).

Apologies for absence: Councillors Baird, Culliven and Simpson.

Councillor Hayton, Convener, Presiding.

748. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

749. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 27 September 2006 (Arts 620-632) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

750. MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE JOINT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR TEACHING STAFF OF 30 OCTOBER 2006

The Minute of Meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 30 October 2006 was submitted and noted. ***(Appendix I)***

751. MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE ATTENDANCE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 2 NOVEMBER 2006

The Minute of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 2 November 2006 was submitted and noted. ***(Appendix II)***

752. CARE 4 SPECIALIST FOSTERING SCHEME (Art. 129)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/817) advising on the successful progress made on an appeal to the Scottish Executive for continued funding of the Care 4 Specialist Fostering Scheme in achieving further improved outcomes for persistent young offenders.

Resolved:

(i) The further funding of the Scheme of £115,537 for 2006/07 be noted.

(ii) The effectiveness and continuing benefit of Care 4 in reducing offending and providing positive family experiences for young people be noted.

(iii) The funds received from the Intensive Support Fund be allocated directly to the fostering budget to cover the costs of the specialist carers, as agreed in the Lifelong Learning Committee Report 06/132 (22 February 2006, Art 129).

(iv) The priority given to consolidating this project within mainstream resources when funding ceases, be noted.

753. POST SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/818) advising the Committee of the progress to date of Post School Psychological Services in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

(i) The progress of Post School Psychological Services in Perth and Kinross to date be noted.

(ii) Plans for continued development of Post School Psychological Services until April 2008, as detailed in the Appendix to Report 06/818, be approved.

(iii) A further report on the impact of Post School Psychological Services be prepared for Committee in April 2008.

754. CAPITAL PROGRAMME – NEW 'ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS' (ASN) SCHOOL – APPOINTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION PARTNER

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/814) advising on the progress made in developing the proposed new Additional Support Needs (ASN) School at the Perth Academy/Viewlands Primary School campus, and seeking approval to confirm Morrison Construction Services as the Council's construction partner for this project.

Resolved:

(i) The progress made on the development of the new ASN School project be noted.

(ii) The maximum construction price for the project be set at £5,235,821.

(iii) It be noted that the cost of this project is now estimated at £6,365,354, which was within the available capital allocation.

(iv) Morrison Construction Services be confirmed as the Council's construction partner for this project.

755. ATTAINMENT IN PERTH AND KINROSS SCHOOLS 2006

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/815) presenting an analysis of the performance of candidates presented by Perth and Kinross Schools in the 2006 diets of Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA) examinations and pupil attainment in 5-14.

Resolved:

(i) The contents of Report 06/815 be noted.

(ii) The 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) It be noted that this report had been submitted to the Standards and Scrutiny Committee on 25 October 2006.

756. 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 Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (06/816) advising the Committee of the key findings and progress with main points of action, as set out in four summary reports from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE), Care Commission and Education Authority.

Resolved:

(i) The summary reports, as attached in Appendices 1-4 of Report 06/816, be noted:

- (a) Summary of the HMIE Inspection Report on Alyth Primary School (Appendix 1)
- (b) Summary of the HMIE Inspection Report on Letham Primary School (Appendix 2)
- (c) Summary of the HMIE/Care Commission Integrated Inspection Report on Cedar Park Nursery, Meigle (Appendix 3)
- (d) Summary of the HMIE/Care Commission Integrated Inspection Report on Netherton Montessori Nursery, Alyth (Appendix 4)

(ii) It be noted that the Standards and Scrutiny Committee on 25 October 2006 had welcomed the reports.

YOUNG ACHIEVERS' AWARDS

Following conclusion of business, the Convener reported that 107 Young Achievers would be presented with their awards that evening in the Concert Hall, Perth.