

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 August 2007 at 3.00pm.

Present: Councillors E Grant, G Hayton, K Baird, P Barrett (substituting for W Wilson), I Campbell, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, L Simpson, A Stewart, B Vaughan, A Wylie, Mr I Jackson, Father K McCaffrey, Mr D Stewart, Mr G Young and Mrs H Bridge.

In Attendance: D Montgomery, Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), J Fyffe, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services), M Anderson, W Atkinson, C Beattie, J Clow, D Lingley, A McKay, T McKinlay, K Robertson, A Taylor, A Turnbull, M Walker, S Watson, C Webb and A Young (all Education and Children's Services); D Burke, Depute Director (Housing and Community Care); J Cockburn (Corporate Services); A Wilson and C Irons (Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors E Howie, S Miller and W Wilson.

Councillor E Grant, Convener, Presiding

480. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

481. MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE OF 6 JUNE 2007

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 6 June 2007 (Arts. 314-323) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

482. MINUTE OF ATTENDANCE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 31 MAY 2007

The Minute of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 31 May 2007 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

483. MINUTES OF JOINT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR TEACHING STAFF OF 5 FEBRUARY 2007 AND 26 MARCH 2007

The Minutes of Meetings of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 5 February 2007 and 26 March 2007 were submitted and noted. (*Appendices II and III*)

484. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2007-2010

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/541) seeking approval of the Education and Children's Services Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the years 2007-2010.

Resolved:

The Education and Children's Services Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the years 2007-2010 be approved.

485. REPORT ON CARE COMMISSION INSPECTION ON CARE STANDARDS IN FOSTERING AND ADOPTION SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/542) advising the Committee (1) of the key findings of the Care Commission Inspection of Fostering and Adoption Services, published in January 2007; and (2) of actions to implement recommendations made.

Resolved:

- (i) The summary reports for Foster Care and Family Placement Services (Appendix 1 to report 07/542) and report on Perth and Kinross Council's Adoption Services (Appendix 3) be noted.
- (ii) The Action Plan for Foster Services (Appendix 2) and Action Plan Adoption Services (Appendix 4), as approved by the Care Commission, be endorsed.

486. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND HORSECROSS 2006/07

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/533) providing an assessment of the performance of Perth Theatre and Concert Hall (Horsecross) under the Service Level Agreement for 2006/07.

Resolved:

- (i) The overall assessment of the performance of Horsecross under the auspices of the provision of the Service Level Agreement, be agreed.
- (ii) The proposals, as detailed in paragraph 4.4 of report 07/533, be agreed.

487. SETTING THE STANDARD FOR LEARNING: REALISING POTENTIAL

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/540) outlining the first of a series of leaflets to support the implementation of Education and Children's Services Policy Framework to raise standards in schools and pre-school learning centres and deliver improved outcomes for learners.

Resolved:

- (i) The standards set out in *Setting the Standard for Learning: Realising Potential* be approved.
- (ii) The information leaflet prepared for learners, staff, parents, carers and other interested parties be agreed.

488. YOUTH MUSIC INITIATIVE YEAR 5

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/535), (1) seeking agreement on the proposed local application of the Year 5 funding for the Scottish Executive's Youth Music Initiative; and (2) reporting on the progress of the initiative to date.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress of the initiative to date be noted.
- (ii) The Year 5 proposals for the delivery of the Youth Music Initiative in Perth and Kinross be agreed.
- (iii) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report on the results of Year 5 projects in August 2008 with proposals for the future of the initiative.
- (iv) The Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to carry out a formal evaluation of the Youth Music Initiative and report back to Committee in August 2008.

489. EMBED PROJECT

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/536) setting out proposals for a special provision to assist children with complex needs including serious social, emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Resolved:

The development of the EMBED Project, as a significant further contribution to the Council's provision to support all children who experience barriers to learning including extreme social, emotional and behavioural difficulties, be endorsed.

490. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/543) providing information on the performance of Education and Children's Services in the period from 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made with the Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) actions as a result of the 2006-7 service planning process be noted.
- (ii) Report 07/543 be approved and remitted to the Standards and Scrutiny Committee.

COUNCILLOR P BARRETT LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

491. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND PERTH AND KINROSS LEISURE 2006/07

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/532) providing performance information related to the Service Level Agreement for 2006/07 between Education and Children's Services and Perth and Kinross Leisure.

Resolved:

- (i) The overall assessment of the performance of Perth and Kinross Leisure under the auspices of the provision of the Service Level Agreement be agreed.
- (ii) The proposals as detailed in paragraph 4.4 of report 07/532 be agreed.

492. REVISED HEADTEACHER APPOINTMENT PROCESS

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/529), (1) seeking agreement for changes required to the process for appointment of Headteachers and Depute Headteachers to comply with the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act, 2006; and (2) identifying further changes recommended to strengthen the appointment process for Headteachers and Depute Headteachers.

Reports:

- (i) The process changes required to comply with the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act, 2006 be agreed.
- (ii) The process changes, recommended to strengthen the appointment procedures in general, be agreed.
- (iii) A report be submitted to this Committee at the end of the school year reviewing the revised process.

COUNCILLOR P BARRETT RETURNED TO THE MEETING DURING DISCUSSION OF THE ABOVE ITEM.

493. TEACHERS' AGREEMENT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY – IMPLEMENTATION OF REDUCTION IN CLASS CONTACT – PHASE 2

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/538) outlining (1) the evaluation of actions taken to implement Reduction in Class Contact Time (RCCT) Phase 2 in primary schools from August 2006 as set out in the Teachers' Agreement for the 21st Century; and (2) the actions proposed for RCCT in 2007-2008 following on from this evaluation.

Resolved:

- (i) The evaluation report be approved.
- (ii) The revised arrangements for RCCT for Session 2007-2008 as an outcome of the evaluation be approved.
- (iii) The guidance provided to primary schools in the form of a Frequently Asked Questions leaflet be approved.

494. SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2008/09

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/530) seeking approval of the draft scheme of dates for School Terms and Holidays for session 2008/2009.

Resolved:

The draft scheme of dates for School Terms and Holidays for session 2008/2009 be approved.

495. ACTIVE SCHOOLS (SECONDARY) REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/534), (1) detailing feedback from the Active Schools (Secondary) review 2006-2007; and (2) identifying key issues to be addressed and actions to be taken forward.

Resolved:

- (i) The feedback of the review be noted.
- (ii) The key actions to be taken forward within the secondary programme, as outlined in Paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of report 07/534, be agreed.

496. STRATEGY AND GUIDANCE FOR HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/531) outlining the strategy and guidance for schools – *Improving Health - Improving Learning* - to support the health and well-being agenda.

Resolved:

- (i) The implementation of *Improving Health – Improving Learning*, the strategy and guidance for health promoting schools, be approved.
- (ii) The Community Health Partnership be advised of the position and seek its assistance in delivering the strategy in partnership at a local level.

497. CHILD PROTECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2006/07 AND BUSINESS PLAN 2007/08

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/539) seeking endorsement of the Child Protection Committee Annual Report 2006-2007 and Business Plan 2007-2008

Resolved:

The Child Protection Committee's Annual Report 2006-2007 and Business Plan 2007-2008, approved by the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership on 15 June 2007, be endorsed.

498. ADDITIONAL EARLY YEARS' TEACHERS SESSION 2007/08

There was submitted a report by the Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/547) providing details on the Scottish Executive's additional funding for Early Years' teachers school session 2007-2008.

Resolved:

- (i) The additional grant funding, as offered by the Scottish Executive and in accordance with the criteria set by the Scottish Executive, be accepted.
- (ii) The deployment of six teachers, as set out in report 07/547, be approved.