

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 15 August 2012 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors B Band, G Walker, C Gillies, K Howie, G Laing, E Maclachlan, D Pover, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, B Vaughan and W Wilson; Mrs P Giles and Mr I Jackson.

In attendance: J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); G Boland, S Devlin, S Younie, K Robertson, P Duncan, J Halawi, A Irvine, T Yule and P McAvoy (all Education and Children's Services); C Flynn, R Fry and S Hendry (all Chief Executive's Service).

Also attending: Mr M Gibson, Mr M Orriss and Mr C Youtlen (up to and including Item 3).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor A Munro; Mrs H Bridge, Mrs A McAuley and Monsignor K McCaffrey.

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 371, 372, 376, 377 and 378 and the Vice-Convener on Items 373-375.

368. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

369. MINUTES

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 6 June 2012 (Arts. 239-248) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

(ii) Attendance Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 26 April 2012 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

(iii) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff

The Minute of Meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 27 March 2012 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix II*)

370. REQUEST FOR DEPUTATION

The Convener advised the Committee that a late request for a deputation had been received in respect of Item 3, Logiealmond Primary School Catchment Area, from representatives of Logiealmond Primary School Parent Council.

The Committee agreed to suspend Standing Order 59(a), and hear the deputation.

371. LOGIEALMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREA

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (12/316) (1) informing the Committee of the outcome and findings of the statutory consultation exercise undertaken in respect of Logiealmond Primary School; and (2) seeking approval not to proceed with the proposal to amend the catchment area serving Logiealmond Primary School and leave the catchment areas to remain unchanged.

Mr Gibson, a representative of Logiealmond Primary School Parent Council, addressed the Committee on the proposals contained within Report 12/316. Mr Gibson answered a number of questions from Committee members and thereafter withdrew to the public gallery.

Motion (Councillors B Band and G Walker)

- (i) The contents of the Consultation Report (attached as Appendix A to Report 12/316), be noted.
- (ii) The recommendation not to proceed with the following proposal be approved:

The catchment area of Logiealmond Primary School be extended to subsume the delineated area of Glenalmond College site with a corresponding reduction in the catchment area of Methven Primary School from Monday 7 January 2013.

Amendment (Councillors W Wilson and L Simpson)

- (i) The contents of the Consultation Report (attached as Appendix A to Report 12/316) be noted.**
- (ii) The catchment area of Logiealmond Primary School be extended to subsume the delineated area of Glenalmond College site with a corresponding reduction in the catchment area of Methven Primary School from Monday 7 January 2013.**

Amendment – 7 votes

Motion – 6 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment

372. PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREA SERVING ARNGASK PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (12/317) (1) informing the Committee of the outcome and findings of the statutory consultation exercise undertaken in respect of Arngask Primary School; and (2) seeking approval to implement the proposal to amend the secondary school catchment area serving Arngask Primary School.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Consultation Report, attached as Appendix A to Report 12/317, be noted.
- (ii) The secondary school catchment area serving Arngask Primary School be amended from Perth Academy to Kinross High School from Monday 7 January 2013.

373. SPORTS COMPREHENSIVE PROGRESS UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (12/318) providing a further update on the progress in developing the joint Sports Comprehensive initiative involving St John's Academy and Perth Grammar School.

Resolved:

- (i) The outcome of the Extended Learning and Achievement Visit, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 12/318, be noted.
- (ii) It be agreed that the areas for improvement from the Extended Learning and Achievement Visit be used to update the Sports Comprehensive Action Plan.

374. PERTH CITY CAMPUS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (12/319) outlining an innovative proposal for a sustainable model of course choices and 'virtual learning' opportunities that will enhance the learning opportunities for senior pupils across the four Secondary schools within the City of Perth - Perth Academy, Perth High School, Perth Grammar School and St John's Academy, and in continued partnership with Perth College.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposals for establishing and developing a Perth City Campus approach to aspects of the Senior Phase in the four Perth Secondary schools, and to the continued development of a virtual learning environment, be agreed.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to present a progress report by August 2013.

375. INVESTMENT IN LEARNING UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (12/320) (1) updating the Committee on the Investment in Learning Programme following the opening of the six new Community Campuses;

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(2) highlighting the key successes achieved to date; and (3) proposing the future governance arrangements for the ongoing management and development of the Community Campuses.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 12/320 be noted.
- (ii) The governance arrangements to support the ongoing operational management and development of the Campuses, as detailed in Report 12/320, be approved.
- (iii) The closure of the non-hubs, Blairgowrie and Glenearn, over the Christmas period, be approved.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to continually monitor, identify and implement further efficiency measures as appropriate.

376. OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (12/321) providing an update (1) following on from the review of the Kids Clubs provision (within the context of Out of School Care) in Perth and Kinross; and (2) post the engagement process with registered users of the Kids Clubs that were identified for closure or reduction of service.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made in implementing the agreed outcomes of the review of provision of Kids Clubs in Perth and Kinross, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be remitted to ensure Education and Children's Services continue to provide a mixed economy of out of school care in each geographical area.

377. PERTH AND KINROSS FRAMEWORK FOR PERMANENCE PLANNING

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (12/322) outlining the development to date of the Perth and Kinross Framework for Permanence Planning which incorporates the Perth and Kinross Council response to both the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA) and Scottish Government reports regarding Permanence Planning.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress to date and ongoing work to address areas of improvement, arising from the Scottish Government's report *Care and Permanence Planning for Looked After Children in Scotland*, be noted.
- (ii) The Perth and Kinross Framework for Permanence Planning - Action Plan, be agreed.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to present an update report to Committee in August 2013.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.

378. CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE (CPC) CHILD PROTECTION INFORMATION REPORT 1 APRIL 2011 – 31 MARCH 2012

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (12/323) presenting (1) the CPC Child Protection Information Report 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 which has been published; and (2) an update report on the further work in partnership with the Police Intelligence Analyst to develop the existing report into a more meaningful (inter-agency quantitative and qualitative) CPC management information and statistical report.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 12/323, and the CPC Child Protection Information Report 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 attached as Appendix 1, be noted.
- (ii) The contents of the CPC Inter-Agency Management Information and Statistical Update Report, attached as Appendix 2 to Report 12/323, and the partnership development and implementation work well underway between the CPC and the Police Intelligence Analyst, be noted.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be remitted to ensure that the partnership work between the CPC and the Police Intelligence Analyst is fully implemented.

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