

## **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 31 October 2012 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors B Band, G Walker, C Gillies, K Howie, G Laing, E Maclachlan, A Munro, D Pover, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, B Vaughan and W Wilson; Mrs H Bridge, Mrs P Giles, Mrs A McAuley (up to and including Art. 525) and Monsignor K McCaffrey.

In attendance: Councillor A MacLellan (from Art. 526 onwards); J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); F Robertson, J Gilchrist, R Jay, C Mackie, S Devlin, S Younie, K Robertson, A Irvine, T Yule and P McAvoy (all Education and Children's Services); A Clegg (The Environment Service); G Taylor, C Flynn, M Willis, J Jarvie and S Hendry (all Chief Executive's Service).

Also Attending: G Davey, Gannochy Trust; P Duncan, Local Association Secretary, Perth and Kinross EIS.

Apology for Absence: Mr I Jackson

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 520-523, 525 and 526 and the Vice-Convener on Arts. 524 and 527-529.

### **520. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **521. MINUTES**

#### **(i) Lifelong Learning Committee**

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 15 August 2012 (Arts. 368-378) 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 7 June 2012 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

#### **(iii) Annual General Meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff**

The Minute of Annual General Meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 19 June 2012 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix II*)

**(iv) School Estate Sub-Committee**

The Minute of Meeting of the School Estate Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 8 March 2012 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix III)**

**522. CULTURE AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP PROJECT “LIVING COMMUNITIES”**

Following a presentation by Fiona Robertson, Head of Cultural and Community Services, and Gavin Davey, Chief Executive, Gannochy Trust, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children’s Services) (12/483) updating the committee on (i) the impact and success of the ‘Living Communities’ project, a partnership initiative between the Council and the Gannochy Trust; and (ii) plans to continue the project in 2013/14.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 12/483, and the impact and success of ‘Living Communities’ in academic years 2011/12 and 2012/13, be noted.
- (ii) The continuation of the project in academic year 2013/14, be agreed.
- (iii) The continuation of the current joint project management arrangements for 2013/14, be agreed.

**523. ATTAINMENT IN PERTH AND KINROSS SCHOOLS 2012**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children’s Services) (12/484) presenting a summary analysis of pupil attainment in academic session 2011/12, specifically in relation to key Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) attainment measures and in relation to Curriculum for Excellence progress with learning and achievement.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 12/484 be noted.
- (ii) The proposals set out in Section 8 of Report 12/484, designed to continue to raise levels of attainment and achievement, be endorsed.
- (iii) It be noted that Report 12/484 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 21 November 2012 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

**524. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN’S SERVICES SIX MONTHLY BMIP PERFORMANCE EXCEPTION REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children’s Services) (12/485) reviewing the performance of Education and Children’s Services against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2012 to 30 September 2012.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of the Education and Children’s Services Six Monthly Performance Report 1 April 2012 to 30 September 2012, as appended to Report 12/485, be accepted.

- (ii) It be noted that Report 12/485 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 21 November 2012 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.
- †(iii) It be noted that the final version of the School Estate Strategy 2012-17 will be submitted to the Lifelong Learning Committee for approval.

## **525. STATUTORY CONSULTATION – RELOCATION OF CRIEFF PRIMARY SCHOOL**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (12/486) seeking approval (i) for the commencement of formal consultations on the proposal to relocate the existing Crieff Primary School to a new school on a site adjacent to Strathearn Community Campus from Tuesday 19 August 2014; and (ii) of the Proposal Paper, attached as Appendix A to Report 12/486.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The Proposal Paper, attached as Appendix A to Report 12/486, be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to formally consult the appropriate bodies and persons in relation to the proposal to relocate the existing Crieff Primary School to a new school, in terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report back to the Committee on the outcome of these consultations in due course.

## **526. LEISURE NEEDS ANALYSIS REPORTS**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (12/487) informing the Committee about the main findings identified from an external evaluation of leisure needs in Perth and Kinross.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The findings contained in the Leisure Needs Analysis evaluation, as detailed in Report 12/487, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be remitted to use the Leisure Needs Analysis to inform policy development and decisions relating to the future investment in, and operation of sport and leisure facilities.

## **527. EVALUATION OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (12/488) updating the committee on the evaluation of the impact of the Parental Involvement Strategy, launched in May 2009.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The outcome of the evaluations of the Parental Involvement Strategy, as detailed in Report 12/488, be noted.

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† Resolution (iii) above as amended at the meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held on Wednesday 19 December 2012

- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to continue to monitor the progress being made through appropriate evaluation mechanisms as required.

#### **528. CONTRACT RULES FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF SOCIAL WORK SERVICES**

There was submitted a joint report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) and the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (12/476) seeking approval for the updated Contract Rules for the Procurement of Social Work Services.

##### **Resolved:**

- (i) The updated Contract Rules, related to the procurement of child care social work services, and as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 12/476, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 12/476 was approved by the Housing and Health Committee earlier that day, related to the procurement of adult care social work services, and as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 12/476.

#### **529. CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011 – AREA SUPPORT TEAM**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services (12/489) (i) advising the committee of the replacement of the current Children's Panel Advisory Committees; and (ii) presenting proposals to establish a Joint Tayside Area Support Team with Dundee City and Angus Councils to support the National Convener of Children's Hearings Scotland (CHS).

##### **Resolved:**

- (i) The establishment of a Tayside Area Support Team (AST) be agreed.
- (ii) The Chief Executive be authorised to finalise the Joint Partnership Agreement with Children's Hearings Scotland in consultation with Dundee City and Angus Councils, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 12/489.

**Note:** Councillors L Simpson and W Wilson wished their dissent to be noted at the decision.

#### **530. VALEDICTORY**

The Convener paid tribute to Monsignor K McCaffrey who would be standing down from the Lifelong Learning Committee on 31 December 2012 as a representative of the Roman Catholic Church. Monsignor McCaffrey had been a member of the Committee since January 2006, and had sat on various Sub-Committees and working groups.

The Convener and members of the Committee wished him well for the future.