

## 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 16 January 2013 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors B Band, G Walker, H Anderson (substituting for Councillor E Maclachlan), J Flynn (substituting for Councillor C Gillies), K Howie, G Laing, A Livingstone (substituting for Councillor A Stewart), D Pover, C Shiers, L Simpson and B Vaughan; Mrs P Giles and Mr I Jackson.

In attendance: Councillor J Kellas (from Art. 22 onwards); J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); F Robertson, J Gilchrist, H Richardson, H Smout, M Kelly, A Irvine and P McAvoy (all Education and Children's Services); C Flynn, S Hendry and J Cockburn (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for absence: Councillors C Gillies, E Maclachlan, A Munro, A Stewart and W Wilson; Mrs H Bridge and Mrs A McAuley.

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 15-18 and 22-23 and the Vice-Convener on Arts. 19, 20 and 21.

### 15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

### 16. MINUTES

#### (i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 31 October 2012 (Arts. 520/12-530/12) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

#### (ii) Attendance Sub-Committee

(a) The Minute of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 6 September 2012 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix I)**

(b) The Minute of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 8 November 2012 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix II)**

#### (iii) School Estate Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the School Estate Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 30 August 2012 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix III)**

**17. NON-COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP OF THE LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE**

**Resolved:**

- (i) The decision taken at the Full Council meeting on 19 December 2012 that the current non-council members of the committee be re-appointed from 1 January 2013 be noted.
- (ii) The appointment of Mrs Margaret McFarlane to the committee as representative of the Roman Catholic Church be noted.
- (iii) The Head of Democratic Services be instructed to hold elections for the positions of teacher representatives and parent representatives on the committee as soon as practically possible.

**18. STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT 2011/12**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/12) reflecting on the activities of the Service over the past year and presenting an overview of the Service's key strengths and areas for improvement.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of the Education and Children's Services Standards and Quality Report 2011/12, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 13/12, be accepted.
- (ii) The Standards and Quality Report 2011/12 be made available on the Council's website and to staff, parents, carers, Parent Councils, external agencies and the wider community in Perth and Kinross.
- (iii) It be noted that Report 13/12 would also be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 13 February 2013 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

**19. REPORT ON THE FINDINGS OF THE CULTURE MATTERS – THE BIG LISTEN PROJECT**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/13) (1) updating the committee on the activities and findings of the Culture Matters – The Big Listen project; (2) identifying a number of key actions undertaken in response; and (3) seeking the endorsement of plans to further develop and embed the activities of the project within the work of Cultural and Community Services on a two yearly cycle from September 2013.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 13/13 and the findings of Culture Matters – The Big Listen (Appendix 1), be noted.
- (ii) The proposals for Big Listen 2, and the embedding of the activity within the work of Cultural Services on a planned three yearly cycle thereafter, be approved.

**20. IMAGINATION LIBRARY PROGRESS UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/14) providing an update to committee with regard to the implementation of the Imagination Library initiative to supply books to Looked After Children, which is supported by the Scottish Government.

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**Resolved:**

- (i) Progress to date with the Imagination Library initiative since the approval of the initial report at Lifelong Learning Committee on 31 August 2011 (Report 11/431 refers) be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be requested to continue monitoring uptake of books by Looked after Children and report back as part of the Children and Families' Services Strategy.

**21. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' SERVICES STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/15) highlighting the progress made against the Children and Families' Services Strategy priorities since approval on 2 November 2011.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress made towards addressing the Children and Families' Services priorities be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be remitted to further report on progress as part of the Education and Children's Services' Standards and Quality Report.
- (iii) The Chief Social Work Officer be remitted to report further on progress within the Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report.
- (iv) It be noted that the progress report would be referred to the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership in early 2013.

**22. SERVICE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2012 (INCORPORATING SCHOOL ESTATE MANAGEMENT PLAN)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/16) seeking approval of the Service Asset Management Plan (incorporating the School Estate Management Plan). This plan was noted by the School Estate Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee on 15 November 2012 (Report 12/525 refers).

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Service Asset Management Plan (incorporating the School Estate Management Plan), appended to Report 13/16, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that the Service Asset Management Plan was submitted to the School Estate Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee on 15 November 2012 for information (Report 12/525 refers).
- (iii) It be referred to the Modernising Governance Member/Officer Working Group to give further consideration, as to how the Council makes available reports which are properly referred to this Sub-Committee in terms of the Scheme of Administration, but which are of interest to all members of the Council, as well as non-elected members of the Lifelong Learning Committee.

**23. PROVISION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AT OUDENARDE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/17) presenting proposals for a new primary school at Oudenarde.

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**Resolved:**

- (i) The terms agreed for the development and the proposed build out of the school, as detailed in Report 13/17, be approved.
- (ii) The construction of a two stream primary school, with initially only seven classrooms fully fitted out (remaining rooms to be fitted out as required), be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be remitted to bring forward proposals to undertake a statutory consultation on the proposal to establish a new school at Oudenarde in due course.

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