

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 29 May 2013 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, Mr S Coulter, Mrs P Duncan, Mr I Jackson and Mrs McFarlane.

In attendance: J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); S Devlin, F Robertson, P Kay, A Irvine, K Robertson, P McAvoy, A Cook, S Younie, A Clark, F Mackay, J Gilchrist, J Low, C Mackie and H Smout (all Education and Children's Services); R Fry, C Flynn, S Hendry, A O'Brien and A Block (all Chief Executive's Service.)

Apologies for absence: Mrs P Giles and Mrs A McAuley.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the committee heard a presentation from pupils from Breadalbane Academy on a national chemistry quiz competition win. On behalf of the committee, the Convener congratulated the pupils and the school on their tremendous achievement.

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 316-319, 323-325 and 328; the Vice-Convener on Arts. 320-322 and 326-327.

316. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

317. MINUTES

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 13 March 2013 (Arts. 159-161) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

(ii) School Estate Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the School Estate Sub-Committee of 15 November 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 15 January 2013 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix II).**

318. APPOINTMENT OF NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following non-elected member appointments to the committee be approved:

- (i) Mrs Patricia Duncan – Teacher Representative for the Primary Sector
- (ii) Mr Stephen Coulter – Parent Representative for the Primary Sector

319. EVIDENCE2SUCCESS PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/241) providing a summary of the progress achieved in the development and delivery of Evidence2Success and that outlined proposals for incorporating this information in the development of an approach to inform future service planning that will deliver significant benefits to the wellbeing of children.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made to date in development and delivery of the Evidence2Success project be noted.
- (ii) The next steps outlined within Report 13/241 be endorsed.

320. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013/14 AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2012/13

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/242) presenting the Education and Children's Services Business Management and Improvement Plan 2013/14 and Annual Performance Report 2012/13.

Resolved:

- (i) The Education and Children's Services Business Management and Improvement Plan 2013/14 and Annual Performance Report 2012/13 be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 13/242 would also be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 12 June 2013.

321. ANTI BULLY STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/243) describing the Anti Bullying Strategy to be adopted by all Perth and Kinross schools and learning communities. The strategy and associated documents had been developed by a multi agency group, following a consultation day in November 2012 which involved primary and secondary pupils

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from a variety of schools, teachers and parents. 'Respect Me', the Government's Anti Bullying Services, has also been involved in the development of the strategy.

The strategy described what bullying behaviour was, the impact it had on children and young people, and the steps schools should be taking to reduce or eliminate bullying behaviour, and to develop a positive ethos of respect and responsibility within their establishments. The strategy would be embedded within schools through training delivered to school staff by 'Respect Me'.

Resolved:

- (i) The Anti Bullying Strategy and the subsequent training stemming from this strategy be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report back to committee in twelve months time with a progress report.

322. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) BILL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/244) outlining the proposals contained within the Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill, which was presented to the Scottish Parliament on 17 April 2013. The paper noted that the delivery of services in Perth and Kinross, with partner agencies, was in line with the aspirations of the Bill, particularly the focus on wellbeing and early intervention. It is also noted that there was a level of uncertainty with regard to the financial implications at this stage.

Resolved:

- (i) The ambition and key measures contained within the Children and Young People's (Scotland) Bill, and the actions already in place within Perth and Kinross, supporting its implementation, be noted.
- (ii) A further report in respect of progress being made towards the wider requirements of 'Getting It Right for Every Child' be brought to a future meeting.
- (iii) The potential financial implications at this stage, and the current ongoing work between COSLA and the Scottish Government to accurately quantify such, be noted.

323. COMMISSION ON THE DELIVERY OF RURAL EDUCATION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/245) informing the Committee of the publication of the Commission on the Delivery of Rural Education.

Resolved:

- (i) The content of the Commission on the Delivery of Rural Education report be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report back to Committee when the Scottish Government has considered the report in detail and has determined the proposals for implementation.

324. CONTRACTS AWARDED BY EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/246) providing information to Committee on new contracts awarded by Education and Children's Services during the period 1 April 2012 and 31 March 2013 under delegated authority.

Resolved:

The information provided with Report 13/246, in accordance with the Council's Contract Rules, be noted.

325. PERTH AND KINROSS ACCREDITED CLUB EXCELLENCE SCHEME (PACES) UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/247) providing an update on progress in implementing the Perth and Kinross Accredited Club Excellence Scheme (PACES) following a review of the initiative and recommendations made to the Lifelong Learning Committee in March 2012.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made to date since the update report of March 2012 be noted.
- (ii) The continued implementation of the PACES scheme be agreed.
- (iii) The extended programme of work which will further improve access arrangements for PACES clubs to school sports facilities across Perth and Kinross, specifically at Perth Academy and Perth Grammar Schools be agreed, which will require local consideration and consultation with existing historical lets.
- (iv) It be agreed that future updates on PACES will be reported through the Sport and Active Recreation performance management framework.

326. PERTH CITY CAMPUS AND VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/248) providing an update on the Lifelong Learning Committee agreement in August 2012 (Report 13/319 refers) to establish and develop 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. It was agreed that a progress report be made to the Lifelong Learning Committee at the end of the school session 2012/2013.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made in planning for the implementation of the Perth City Campus and the development of the Virtual Learning environment be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to submit a further progress report on campus developments to the Lifelong Learning Committee in October 2014.

327. PLACE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/249) informing the Committee about the Place Partnership Initiative funded by Creative Scotland which would be delivered in 2013/14 to support local young people to develop creative work which celebrated the unique identity of Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) Report 13/249 be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that an evaluation and impact will be reported to the committee in early 2015.

328. UPDATE ON FOSTER CARER RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/250) recording the progress to date of Foster Carer recruitment since the introduction of Level 4 fees in April 2012 (Report 12/3 refers). The Committee requested an update on the introduction of Level 4 fees after 1 year.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress in recruiting and retaining Level 4 Carers to date be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be remitted to oversee the overview of Foster Care Level 4 recruitment.

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