

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 14 August 2013 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors B Band, G Walker, C Gillies, K Howie, G Laing, A Livingstone (substituting for Councillor C Shiers), E Maclachlan, L Simpson, A Stewart, B Vaughan and W Wilson; Mr S Coulter, Mrs P Duncan, Mrs P Giles, Mr I Jackson and Mrs A McAuley.

In attendance: Councillor A Cowan, J Fyffe, B Atkinson, K Robertson, P McAvoy, A Irvine, F Graham (all ECS); C Flynn and L Brown (Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for absence: Councillors C Shiers, A Munro and D Pover; Mrs H Bridge and Mrs M McFarlane

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 461 and 462; the Vice-Convener on Arts. 463 and 464.

459. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

460. MINUTES

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 29 May 2013 (Arts. 316-328) 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 February 2013 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

(iii) School Estate Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the School Estate Sub-Committee of 7 March 2013 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix II*)

(iv) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff

The Minute of Meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 26 March 2013 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix III*).

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(v) Executive Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of 24 April 2013 was submitted and noted. (**Appendix IV**).

461. PERTH AND KINROSS FRAMEWORK FOR PERMANENCE PLANNING UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/383) presenting the progress to date of the Perth and Kinross Framework for Permanence Planning Action Plan, approved by Lifelong Learning Committee on 15 August 2012 (Report No12/322 refers). The Action Plan was developed as part of the Perth and Kinross Council response to both the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA) and Scottish Government reports in 2012 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 Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to continue to monitor this work through Education and Children's Services Senior Management Team.

462. STATUTORY CONSULTATION – RELOCATION OF CRIEFF PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/384) (1) advising of the outcome and findings of the statutory consultation exercise undertaken in respect of Crieff Primary School as detailed in the published Consultation Report (attached as Appendix A); and (2) seeking approval to implement the proposal to relocate the existing Crieff Primary School to a new school on site adjacent to Strathearn Community Campus from August 2015.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Consultation Report, Appendix A to Report 13/384, be noted.
- (ii) The education provision at the existing Crieff Primary School be relocated to a new school on a site adjacent to Strathearn Community Campus with effect from August 2015.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report back to the School Estate Sub-Committee with the updated full business case for the Crieff Primary School project in due course.

463. SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS AND SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS 2014/15 AND 2015/16

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/385) requesting approval of the draft scheme of dates for

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School Terms, Holidays and school closure days for sessions 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

Resolved:

- (i) The draft schemes, as appended to Report 13/385, be approved as the dates for school terms and holidays for sessions 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.
- (ii) The proposals for school closure days for In-Service and Occasional Holidays be approved.
- (iii) The proposals for additional closure days for particular schools, where necessary, to facilitate school moves and decant arrangements, be approved.

464. UPDATE REPORT ON ATTENDANCE RECORDING, MANAGEMENT GUIDANCE AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/386) giving an overview and update of the work to date to review and update the Attendance Recording, Management Guidance and Operational Procedures issued to schools in January 2010.

Resolved:

- (i) The review and update of Attendance Recording, Management Guidance and Operational Procedures as appended to Report 13/386 be approved.
- (ii) The relaunching of Attendance Recording, Management Guidance and Operational Procedures to schools be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to undertake a review of the effectiveness of the Operational Procedures and report back to Committee on the findings by December 2014.

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