

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 24 April 2013 at 3.00pm.

Present: Councillors B Band, C Gillies, B Vaughan, G Walker and W Wilson; and Mrs H Bridge.

In Attendance: Councillor C Shiers; J Gilchrist, J Halawi, B Leslie, P McAvoy, C Mackie, I Miller and R Monro (all Education and Children's Services); P Graham (up to Item 3) and C Irons (both Chief Executive's Service); G Miller, Head Teacher, Blairgowrie High School.

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. EQUALITY OUTCOMES

There was submitted a report by D Burke, Depute Chief Executive (13/189) advising that the Council and the Education Authority required to set and publish Equality Outcomes by 30 April 2013 to comply with the provision of the Equality Act (Specific Duties)(Scotland) Regulations 2012. The report outlines the process by which the draft Equality Outcomes had been obtained and sought approval for the outcomes.

Resolved:

The Equality Outcomes, as outlined in Report 13/189, be approved.

3. CARE INSPECTORATE INSPECTIONS OF SUPPORT AND RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/188) setting out the key findings and areas for improvement following the inspection of Woodlea Cottage, Muirend Road, Burghmuir, Perth, and The Cottages, Almondbank House, Lewis Place, Perth, by the Care Inspectorate.

Resolved:

Following scrutiny and comment by the Committee on Report 13/188, the Care Inspectorate's Inspection Reports for Woodlea Cottage, Muirend Road, Burghmuir, Perth, and The Cottages, Almondbank House, Lewis Place, Perth, be noted.

4. SUMMARY REPORTS ON STANDARDS AND QUALITY IN SCHOOLS, PRE-SCHOOL CENTRES AND COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/187) advising the Committee of the key findings and areas for improvement following the inspection of Blairgowrie High School and the learning community surrounding Blairgowrie High School by Her Majesty's Inspectorate (HMI).

Resolved:

- (i) Having heard the Head Teacher and relevant officers report on the main points for action and improvement in each case, and following scrutiny and comment by the Committee, it was agreed that the following reports, attached in Appendices 1a-c and 2a-c of Report 13/187, be noted:
 - Summary of Education Scotland Inspection, Blairgowrie High School (Appendix 1a)
 - Education Scotland Inspection Letter, Blairgowrie High School (Appendix 1b) Extended Learning and Achievement Visit Report, Blairgowrie High School, December 2010 (Appendix 1c)
 - Education Scotland Quality Indicator Evaluations, learning community surrounding Blairgowrie High School (Appendix 2a)
 - Education Scotland Inspection Report, learning community surrounding Blairgowrie High School (Appendix 2b)
 - Self-Evaluation Summary Paper, learning community surrounding Blairgowrie High School, November 2012 (Appendix 2c)
- (ii) A survey of pupils and parents be undertaken to follow up on concerns raised by the HMI report.
- (iii) An interim report on progress in the school be submitted to the Sub-Committee prior to November 2013.
- (iv) The success and quality of the learning community surrounding Blairgowrie High School be noted.

5. VALEDICTORY

The Convener wished Jackie Halawi all the best in her new role with HMI and thanked her for all her efforts during her time with Perth and Kinross Council.

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