

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE
6 NOVEMBER 2013

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Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 6 November 2013 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors B Band, G Walker, C Gillies, T Gray (Substitute for Councillor D Pover) K Howie, G Laing, E Maclachlan, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, B Vaughan and W Wilson; Mrs H Bridge, Mr I Jackson, and Mrs M McFarlane.

In attendance: Councillor I Miller (for Arts. 640, 641, 644 and 645) J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); S Devlin, F Robertson, J Clow, F MacKay, R Goldsmith, H Smout, M Cochlan, P McAvoy and A Irvine (all Education & Children's Services); C Flynn, S Hendry, R Fry, A O'Brien and J Frawley (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for absence: Councillors A Munro and D Pover; Mr S Coulter, Mrs P Duncan, Mrs P Giles and Mrs A McAulay.

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. Items 636-641 and 645 ; the Vice-Convener on Arts Items 642-644.

636. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting and apologies/substitutes were noted as above.

Prior to the commencement of the business, the committee heard from pupils from both Perth Academy and Perth High School on their experience of the Perth City Campus project. Following this, the pupils answered a number of questions from committee members.

637. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

638. MINUTES

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 14 August 2013 (Arts. 459-464) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

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(ii) Attendance Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 23 May 2013 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix I)**

(iii) School Estate Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the School Estate Sub-Committee of 6 June 2013 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix II)**

(iv) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff

The Minute of Annual General Meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 18 June 2013 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix III)**

(v) Executive Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of 21 August 2013 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix IV)**

639. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S STRATEGIC GROUP

(i) Minute of Meeting of 2 September 2013

The Minute of Meeting of the Perth and Kinross Children and Young People’s Strategic Group of 2 September 2013 was submitted and noted.

(ii) Verbal Update by Executive Lead Officer

B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children’s Services) provided the committee with an update of recent meetings of the Partnership. At the meeting of 7 October 2013, it had been agreed that the Muirton/North Muirton area within the North Perth City ward, and Stanley within the Perth Grammar School catchment area be selected as the preferred area for the pilot Community Development initiative. Discussions had also taken place at the meeting of 7 October 2013 on the National Third Sector GIRFEC project pilot in Perth and Kinross and the partnership’s own self evaluation exercise.

640. 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) (13/519) reviewing the performance of Education and Children’s Services against its 2013/14 Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2013 to 30 September 2013.

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Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Education and Children's Services Six Monthly BMIP Performance Report, 1 April 2013 to 30 September 2013, as detailed in Appendix 1 of Report 13/519, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 13/519 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 27 November 2013 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

641. ATTAINMENT IN PERTH AND KINROSS SCHOOLS 2013

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/520) presenting a summary analysis of pupil attainment in session 2012/13, specifically in relation to key Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) attainment measures and to Curriculum for Excellence progress with learning and achievement.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 13/520, be accepted.
- (ii) The proposals, as set out in Section 9 of Report 13/520, designed to continue to raise levels of attainment and achievement, be endorsed.
- (iii) It be noted that Report 13/520 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 27 November 2013 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

642. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) BILL: IMPLEMENTATION OF 600 HOURS EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE (3-5 YEAR OLD PROVISION)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/521) outlining the preferred option for the implementation of 600 hours of Early Learning and Childcare in respect of three to five year olds for year one session 2014-15.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposals, as outlined in Report 13/521, be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to provide an update on development of further options by November 2014.

643. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) BILL: GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD (GIRFEC) IN PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/522 (Revised)) (1) outlining progress with the development and implementation of "*Getting it right for every child*" (GIRFEC) across services and partners in Perth and Kinross; and (2) setting out the intended plan to meet the expected legislative requirements of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress of the initial development and implementation of GIRFEC in Perth and Kinross be noted.

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- (ii) The further key priority areas for 2013-2014, as detailed in Report 13/522 (Revised), be agreed.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report progress through the Children and Young People's Strategic Group.

644. EVIDENCE2SUCCESS PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/523) (1) providing an update on the progress achieved in the development and delivery of Evidence2Success since the last meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee on 29 May 2013 (Article 319 refers); (2) proposing five key priority areas which will underpin the action plan to improve the well-being of children and young people within Perth and Kinross; and (3) setting out the next steps in the continuing delivery of phase 4 of the project.

Resolved:

- (i) The findings emerging from the data gathered through the Well-being Surveys conducted earlier this year be noted.
- (ii) The priorities proposed in paragraphs 4.5 – 4.9 of Report 13/523, to underpin the action plan to improve the well-being of children and young people within Perth and Kinross, be agreed.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to submit proposals for a portfolio of evidence-based programmes.

645. LIBRARIES AND CULTURAL SERVICES REVIEW

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/524) informing Committee of the findings and recommendations of the Libraries and Cultural Venues Review.

Resolved:

- (i) The review recommendations, as set out in Table 1 of Report 13/524, be agreed.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to progress implementation.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to provide a progress report on implementation in due course.

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