

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 January 2014 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors B Band, G Walker, C Gillies, K Howie, G Laing, E Maclachlan, D Pover, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, B Vaughan and W Wilson; Mrs H Bridge, Mrs P Duncan, Mrs P Giles and Mrs M McFarlane.

In attendance: Councillor I Miller (up to and including Art.44) J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); G Boland, S Devlin, R Goldsmith F Graham, A Irvine, P McAvoy and C Taylor (all Education and Children's Services); A O'Brien, C Flynn and L Brown (All Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for absence: Councillor A Munro, Mr I Jackson and Mrs A McAuley.

The Convener led discussion on Arts.40-44 and 47; the Vice-Convener on Arts.45-46.

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

40. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

42. MINUTES

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 6 November 2013 (Arts. 636-645) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(ii) Executive Sub-Committee

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

(iii) School Estates Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the School Estates Sub-Committee of 29 August 2014 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix II)**

(iii) Attendance Sub-Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 5 September 2014 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix III)**

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

(i) Minute of Meeting of 7 October 2013

The Minute of Meeting of the Community Planning Partnership - Perth and Kinross Children and Young People’s Strategic Group of 7 October 2013 was submitted and noted for information.

COUNCILLOR MACLACHLAN JOINED THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

(ii) Verbal Update by Executive Lead Officer

The Depute Director (Education and Children’s Services) provided a verbal update on the Community Planning Partnership - Perth and Kinross Children and Young People’s Strategic Group. At the meeting on 13 December 2013 the Group had received an update on proposals for a public sector/social partnership approach to tackling child poverty in an area within the north of the Perth city centre ward and Stanley. The Group had also discussed the continuing progress of the Youth Justice Partnership; the next steps in the implementation of Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) in Perth and Kinross, and had agreed the outline and priority actions of the first draft of the Integrated Children and Young People’s Plan 2013-18.

44. ALYTH PRIMARY SCHOOL OPTION APPRAISAL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children’s Services) (14/22) advising of the findings and recommendations of an appraisal on options for the upgrading of Alyth Primary School, and recommending a partial new build incorporating the upgrade of the Victorian school.

Resolved:

- (i) The Alyth Primary School Option Appraisal attached as Appendix A to Report 14/22, be noted.
- (ii) In light of the risk associated in the disposal of the Victorian school building, Option 3, a partial new build of Alyth Primary School incorporating an upgrade of the Victorian building, be approved as the preferred option.

45. REVISED POLICY ON THE USE OF PHYSICAL INTERVENTION IN EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/23) advising of a review and update of the Policy on the Use of Physical Intervention within Education and Children's Services and seeking approval of the revised Policy. The report had also detailed developments on the use of Crisis and Aggression Limitation and Management (CALM) techniques within the Service as part of a tiered approach to managing aggression and improvements in the recording, monitoring and reporting of its use.

Resolved:

- (i) The implementation of the revised Policy on the Use of Physical Intervention within Education and Children's Services, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 14/23, be approved with effect from 29 January 2014.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to submit a monitoring and evaluation report to the Committee in twelve months' time.

46. REVIEW OF EXCLUSION GUIDELINES IN EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/24) advising of a review and update of the Guidelines on the Exclusion of Children and Young People from schools in Perth and Kinross which reflected the Scottish Government's current policy, as outlined in the national report Included, Engaged and Involved and seeking approval of the revised Guidelines.

Resolved:

The implementation of the revised guidelines on the Exclusion of Children and Young People from Schools in Perth and Kinross, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 14/24, be approved with effect from 29 January 2014.

47. STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT 2012/13

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/25) 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 2012/13, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 14/25, be accepted.
- (ii) The Standards and Quality Report 2012/13 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 14/25 would also be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 12 February 2014 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

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