

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 28 May 2014 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors B Band, G Walker, C Gillies, T Gray (substituting for Councillor K Howie), G Laing, E Maclachlan, A Munro, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, B Vaughan and W Wilson; Mrs P Duncan, Mrs P Giles, Mrs A McAuley and Mrs M McFarlane.

In attendance: J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); G Boland, A Cook, P Davison, R Goldsmith, D Henderson, M Kelly, M Lewis, K Ogilvy, P McAvoy, F Robertson, Z Robertson, H Smout, D Stokoe and J Thewlis (all Education and Children's Services); A O'Brien, C Flynn and L Brown (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for absence: Councillors K Howie and D Pover; Mrs H Bridge and Mr I Jackson.

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 376-380, 383 and 385, the Vice Convener led discussion on Arts. 381-382 and 384.

376. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

377. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillor's Code of Conduct, Councillor Laing declared a non-financial interest in Art. 385.

378. MINUTES

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 12 March 2014 (Arts. 175-182) 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 the Lifelong Learning Committee of 14 November 2013 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 24 September 2013 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix II*)

379. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

(i) Minute of Meeting of Economy and Lifelong Learning Group of 6 December 2013

The Minute of Meeting of the Economy and Lifelong Learning Group of 6 December 2013 was submitted and noted.

(ii) Update

The Head of Education Services (Secondary and Inclusion) provided a verbal update on the Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership – Economy and Lifelong Learning Outcome Delivery Group. At its meeting on 13 March 2014 the Group had received a report on the Employability Strategy and Action Plan and agreed a number of priority actions for 2014/15 which had included: (1) the extension of the mapping exercise undertaken in 2013 for the Youth Action Plan across all provision and the mapping of current provision against a 5 stage employability pipeline; (2) the establishment of a new Council Graduate Job Experience programme; (3) further development of the former Westbank Nursery in Perth to create additional employment and training opportunities locally. The Group had also received a presentation on the activities and priorities of the Scottish Cities Alliance and the Perth City Development Board.

(iii) Minute of Meeting of Children and Young People's Strategic Group of 13 December 2013

The Minute of Meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Group of 13 December 2013 was submitted and noted.

(iv) Update

The Depute Director (Education and Children's Services) provided a verbal update on the Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership – Children and Young People's Strategic Group. At its meeting on 21 March 2014 the Group had received an update on the Social Partnership developed by a collective of voluntary organisations across Scotland to tackle poverty. The Head of Children and Families' Services had given a presentation on the impact on children of domestic abuse and the Legal Manager had provided the Group with a briefing on the main issues and challenges facing the Group arising from the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

Resolved:

A copy of the briefing note on the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 be circulated to the Committee for its interest.

380. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2014/15 AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2013/14

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/219) presenting the Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2014/15 and the Annual Performance Report 2013/14 for Education and Children's Services.

Resolved:

- (i) The Education and Children's Services Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2014/15 and the Annual Performance Report 2013/14 be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 14/219 would also be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 11 June 2014 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

COUNCILLOR MUNRO LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

381. AUTISM ACTION PLAN AND STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/220) seeking approval of (1) an action plan for Perth and Kinross setting the strategic direction for improving outcomes for people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families/carers across their lifespan; and (2) the continuation of the ongoing part time post of ASD lead/coordinator for Perth and Kinross Council to implement the local strategy, and support a multi-agency 'All Age Autism Strategic Group'.

Resolved:

- (i) The draft action plan for implementation appended to Report 14/220, be approved.
- (ii) The continuation of the post of Local Autism coordinator for a fixed period from July 2015, subject to the continuation of Scottish Government funding, be approved.
- (iii) Support for the establishment of a multi-agency 'All Age Autism Strategic Group' be endorsed.
- (iv) It be noted that Report 14/220 was also submitted to the Housing and Health Committee on 28 May 2014.

382. PROFESSIONAL UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services Service) (14/221) (1) advising of a significant change in the way that General Teaching Council Scotland's (GTCS) registered practitioners maintain and improve the quality of their professional learning and development and (2)

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requesting approval of the procedures to be followed within Education and Children's Services to ensure that the requirements of Professional Update are fully met.

Motion (Councillors Walker and Band)

- (i) **The adoption of the Professional Update guidelines as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 14/221), be approved.**
- (ii) **The Executive Director be instructed to bring an update on progress on implementation to a future meeting of the Committee.**

Amendment (Councillors Gillies and Wilson) – The adoption of the Professional Update guidelines be deferred for further consultation with the Teaching Trade Unions.

In terms of Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.

5 members votes for the Amendment as follows:

Mrs Giles, Mrs McFarlane, Councillors Gillies, Simpson and Wilson.

6 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors Band, Walker, Maclachlan, Shiers, A Stewart and Vaughan.

2 members Abstained as follows:

Councillors Gray and Laing.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

383. SUMMARY FINDINGS OF THE BIG LISTEN 2

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services Service) (14/222) (1) summarising the key findings from The Big Listen 2, a major engagement exercise undertaken by Culture and Sport and Active Recreation Services between 2 September and 12 October 2013 and (2) seeking approval of the planned improvement actions.

Resolved:

- (i) The findings of Big Listen 2 as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 14/222, be noted.
- (ii) The planned Improvement Actions, as detailed in Appendix 3 to Report 14/222, be approved.

384. YOUTH SERVICES AND YOUTH JUSTICE REVIEW

There was submitted a joint report by the Head of Children and Families' Services and the Head of Cultural and Community Services (14/223) outlining the findings from the Youth Services and Youth Justice Review and the recommended actions to achieve service improvements and required savings from the review.

Resolved:

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- (i) The implementation of a more advanced service integration extending the existing arrangements between Throughcare After Care Services (TCAC) and Youth Justice, as set out in Option 3 of Report 14/223, over the course of 2014, be approved.
- (ii) It be remitted to the Project Team to: (1) prepare a detailed implementation plan, (2) a proposed staff model/training plan, (3) to develop a new staff model for the implementation of Option 3, and (4) to investigate what would be required to plan and implement further service integration as described in Option 4 of Report 14/223.
- (iii) It be agreed that the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) submit a progress report on the implementation of the agreed actions to the committee in twelve months' time.

385. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY CAMPUSES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services Service) (14/224) advising of the findings, options and recommendations of the review of Community Campuses.

Motion (Councillors Walker and Band)

- (i) **It be noted that during the review a reduction in respect of the Non Domestic Rates for the Campuses had resulted in a recurring annual saving of £110,000 per annum, leaving a requirement to achieve a further £140,000 in savings per annum.**
- (ii) **The recommendations, as set out in paragraph 3.2.1 to 3.2.4 of Report 14/224, which would enable the outstanding £140,000 of savings to be achieved, be approved.**
- (iii) **The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to take forward the options detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 14/224 in conjunction with Live Active Leisure, Campus Leaders and Axiom.**

Amendment (Councillors Wilson and Simpson)

- (i) It be noted that during the review a reduction in respect of the Non Domestic Rates for the Campuses had resulted in a recurring annual saving of £110,000 per annum, leaving a requirement to achieve a further £140,000 in savings per annum.
- (ii) Recommendations 1, 2 and 4, as set out in paragraphs 3.2.1, 3.2.2 and 3.2.4 of Report 14/224 be approved
- (iii) Consideration of recommendation 3, as set out in paragraph 3.2.3 of Report 14/224 be deferred for further discussion between Council Officers and Live Active Leisure.

In terms of Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.

3 members voted for the Amendment as follows:
Councillors Gillies, Simpson and Wilson

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10 members voted for the Motion as follows:
Mrs Giles, Mrs McFarlane, Councillors Band, Walker, Gray, Laing,
Maclachlan, Shiers, A Stewart and Vaughan.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

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