

## **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 27 August 2014 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors B Band, G Walker, H Anderson (substituting for Councillor K Howie), C Gillies, J Kellas (substituting for Councillor D Pover), G Laing, E Maclachlan, A Munro (up to and including Item 4(iv) (Art. 568(iv)), M Roberts (substituting for Councillor C Shiers), L Simpson, A Stewart, B Vaughan and W Wilson; Mrs H Bridge, Mrs P Duncan, Mrs P Giles, Mr I Jackson and Mrs M McFarlane.

In attendance: J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); F Robertson, H Smout, T Ilsley, A May and A Leighton (all Education and Children's Services); S Rattray, C Flynn and Y Oliver (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for absence: Councillors K Howie, D Pover, C Shiers and Mrs A McAuley.

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 567, 569, 571-572 and the Vice Convener led discussion on Art. 570.

### **565. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

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

### **566. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **567. MINUTES**

#### **(i) Lifelong Learning Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 28 May 2014 (Arts. 376-385) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

#### **(ii) The minute of the special meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 25 June 2014 (Arts. 454-456) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.**

The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) advised the Committee that, with regard to the statutory consultation on the establishment of a new secondary school in Perth, an unavoidable

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delay had been encountered but that the consultation would commence on 8 September 2014.

**(iii) School Estate Sub-Committee**

The minute of meeting of the School Estate Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 6 March 2014 was submitted and noted. *(Appendix I)*

**(iv) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff**

The minute of meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 14 January 2014 was submitted and noted. *(Appendix II)*

**(v) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff**

The minute of meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 25 March 2014 was submitted and noted. *(Appendix III)*

**568. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP**

**(i) Minute of meeting of Economy and Lifelong Learning Group of 14 March 2014**

The minute of meeting of the Economy and Lifelong Learning Group of 14 March 2014 was submitted and noted.

**(ii) Update**

There was submitted and noted a joint briefing note by the Executive Director (Environment) and the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/347) providing an overview of the discussion and actions arising from the latest meeting of the Community Planning Economy and Lifelong Learning Group on 30 May 2014.

**(iii) Minute of meeting of Children and Young People's Strategic Group of 21 March 2014**

The minute of meeting 21 March 2014 was submitted and noted.

**(iv) Update on the Children and Young People's Strategic Group**

There was submitted and noted a briefing note by the Depute Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/348) providing an update on the main points of discussion and decisions made at the last meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Group on 13 June 2014.

**569. UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIBRARIES AND CULTURAL VENUES REVIEW**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/349) updating the Committee on progress with implementing the recommendations of the Libraries and Cultural Venues Review agreed by the Lifelong Learning Committee on 6 November 2013.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress made to date in implementing the recommendations of the Libraries and Cultural Venues Review, be noted.
- (ii) It be agreed that future progress and development of services including the marketing strategy and impact on services generally continue to be reported through the Education and Children's Services Business Management and Improvement Plan.
- (iii) It be agreed that members in rural wards be appraised on the marketing strategies and the impact on local services.

**570. LIVING COMMUNITIES: PHASE 2 DELIVERY UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/350) updating the Committee on Phase Two of 'Living Communities', a partnership initiative between Perth & Kinross Council and the Gannochy Trust and initial planning for Phase Three.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 14/350 and the impact and success of 'Living Communities' to date, be noted.
- (ii) Progress on the delivery of Phase Two, be noted.
- (iii) It be noted that a further update will be provided on Phase Three in summer 2015.

**571. PERTH AND KINROSS PARENTING STRATEGY**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services Service) (14/351) seeking approval of a Parenting Strategy for Perth and Kinross.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Parenting Strategy for Perth and Kinross, be approved.
- (ii) The monitoring reporting and implementation arrangements through the Community Planning Partnership, be noted.
- (iii) It be noted that The Perth and Kinross Parenting Strategy was approved by the Children & Young People's Strategic Group on 6 June 2014.

**572. VALEDICTORY**

The Convener reported that Tricia Ilesley, Interim Services Manager (Communities), was shortly to retire from the Council. On behalf of the Committee he paid tribute to her commitment and dedication to the work of the Council and the Committee. He wished her well in her retirement.

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