

LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

Minute of special meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 25 June 2014 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors B Band, G Walker, A Gaunt (substituting for W Wilson), C Gillies, G Laing, E Maclachlan, D Pover, A Munro, L Simpson, A Stewart, H Stewart (substituting for C Shiers), B Vaughan and M Williamson (substituting for K Howie); 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); J Pepper, G Boland, A May, K Robertson, C Taylor (all Education and Children's Services); A Warrington (The Environment Service); S Rodger, C Flynn and L Brown (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for absence: Councillors K Howie, C Shiers and W Wilson; and Mrs A McAuley.

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

453. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

454. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

455. STATUTORY CONSULTATION – ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL IN PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/298) seeking approval (1) for the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) to commence formal consultations on the proposal to establish a new secondary school on a preferred site at Bertha Park, Perth and associated proposals to establish a new catchment area for the school and transfer arrangements for primary pupils; and (2) of the Proposal Paper, attached as Appendix A to the report.

Resolved:

- (i) The Proposal Paper, Appendix A to Report 14/298, be approved.
- (ii) To adopt, for the purposes of consultation, the following proposals:
 - (a) to establish a new secondary school on a preferred site at Bertha Park, Perth with effect from March 2018;

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- (b) to vary the existing admission arrangements to alter the catchment areas serving Perth Grammar School, Perth High School and Perth Academy to establish a catchment area for the proposed new secondary school and establish temporary admission arrangements to accommodate the phased population of the new secondary school; and
 - (c) to vary the arrangements for the transfer of pupils from a primary school to a secondary school by altering the designated secondary school for the directly affected primary schools, and to establish temporary transfer arrangements to accommodate the phased population of the new secondary school.
- (ii) the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to formally consult the appropriate bodies and persons in relation to the proposal to establish a new secondary school in Perth, in terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010
 - (iii) Authority be delegated to the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) to investigate and manage any alleged omissions or inaccuracies during the consultation process and to take appropriate action in accordance with The Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010
 - (iv) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to prepare a report on the results of the consultation and report back to the Committee on the outcome of these consultations at a meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee no earlier than May 2015.

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