

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 October 2014 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors B Band, G Walker, D Doogan (substituting for Councillor K Howie), C Gillies, G Laing, E Maclachlan, A Munro, D Pover, C Shiers, L Simpson (up to and including Art.719), A Stewart, B Vaughan and W Wilson; Mrs H Bridge (up to and including Art. 719), Mrs P Giles and Mrs A McAuley.

In attendance: B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); G Boland, P Davison, J Devine, S Devlin, S Farrer, P McAvoy, J McCallum, M McDuff, J Pepper, K Robertson, H Smout and C Taylor (all Education and Children's Services); A O'Brien, C Flynn and L Brown (all Chief Executive's Services).

Apologies for absence: Councillor K Howie, Mrs P Duncan, Mr I Jackson and Mrs A McFarlane.

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 715, 716, 719 and 720 and the Vice Convener led discussion on Arts. 717, 718, 721 and 722.

711. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

712. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

713. MINUTES

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The minute of meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 27 August 2014 (Arts. 565-572) 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 5 February 2014 was submitted and noted.

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(iii) School Estate Sub-Committee

The minute of meeting of the School Estate Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 5 June 2014 was submitted and noted.

(iv) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff

The minute of meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 17 June 2014 was submitted and noted.

714. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

(i) Minute of meeting of Children and Young People's Strategic Group of 13 June 2014

The minute of meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Group of 13 June 2014 was submitted and noted.

(ii) 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) (14/457) providing an update on the activities of Perth and Kinross Community Planning - Children and Young People's Strategic Group since the last meeting.

715. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE SUMMARY 2014

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/458) reviewing the performance of Education and Children's Services against its Business Management and Improvement Plan for the period 1 April to 30 September 2014.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Education and Children's Services Six Month Performance Summary Report for the period 1 April to 30 September 2014, as detailed in Appendix 1 of Report 14/458, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 14/458 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 3 December 2014 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be requested to submit a report to a future meeting of the Lifelong Learning and Housing and Health Committees on how the key local outcomes within the Education and Children's Services Business Management and Improvement Plan and the Council's strategic objectives are delivered to older people.

716. ATTAINMENT IN PERTH AND KINROSS SCHOOLS 2014

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/459) presenting a summary analysis of pupil attainment in academic session 2013/14 in Perth and Kinross, specifically in relation to Curriculum for Excellence progress with learning and achievement in P4, P7 and S3, and Scottish Qualification Authority attainment at SCQF levels, 5,6 and 7.

J Devine, Quality Improvement Officer, Education and Children's Services gave a short presentation on "Insight", a national benchmarking toolkit.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 14/459 be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 14/459 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 2 December 2014 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

717. INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN 2013-2018

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/460): (1) appending the Integrated Children's Services Plan 2013-2018; (2) detailing the strategic outcomes and priority actions for the delivery of integrated services for children and young people in Perth and Kinross, and (3) seeking endorsement of the Plan.

Resolved:

The Integrated Children's Services Plan 2013-2018, as appended to Report 14/460 be endorsed.

718. EVIDENCE2SUCCESS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/461) outlining the progress made to date in the implementation of activity to deliver improvement in the priority areas identified by Evidence2Success (E2S), including the implementation of a portfolio of evidence-based programmes.

Resolved

- (i) The progress made in the delivery of Stage 1 of the Evidence2Success Improvement Plan activity relating to the evidence-based programmes, as detailed in Report 14/461, be noted.
- (ii) The activity underway to inform development of Stage 2 of the Evidence2Success Improvement plan, as detailed in Report 14/461, be noted.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be requested to provide a further report detailing proposals for additional programmes and/or activity to be implemented in Stage 2 of the Implementation Plan to the Lifelong Learning Committee on 4 November 2015.

719. EXTENSION TO THE ENTITLEMENT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/462) outlining the provision being put in place across Perth and Kinross schools in support of the Scottish Government initiative that all P1 to P3 pupils will be eligible to receive free school meals from January 2015.

Resolved:

- (i) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to take forward the proposals as detailed in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.6 of Report 14/462.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to provide an update in six months' time, including details of the uptake of free school meals on a school by school basis.

COUNCILLOR SIMPSON AND MRS BRIDGE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

720. IMPLEMENTATION OF 600 HOURS EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE (3-5 YEAR OLD PROVISION): PROGRESS UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/463) providing an update on the implementation of 600 hours of Early Learning and Childcare (ELCC) for children aged three to five years old in year one, session 2014-15 and providing an update on the entitlement of ELCC which was extended to other eligible two years olds through Secondary Legislation under the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that the implementation of 600 hours of ELCC for three to five year olds in year one 2014-15, as agreed by the Lifelong Learning Committee at its meeting on 6 November 2013, has been achieved.
- (ii) It be noted that the requirement to also implement 600 hours of ELCC for eligible two year olds as set in Secondary Legislation has been achieved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to provide an update on progress, including details of the number of children taking up the entitlement, any barriers and a range of options, to the meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee on 27 May 2015.

721. STATUTORY CONSULTATION – ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS SPECIALIST PROVISION AT ERROL PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/464) seeking approval: (1) for the commencement of formal consultations on the proposal to establish Additional Support Needs Specialist Provision at Errol Primary School with effect from August 2016, and (2) of the Proposal Paper attached as Appendix A to Report 14/464.

Post Meeting Note:

Although the Committee resolved to approve the recommendations set out in Report 14/464 and the proposals contained in Appendix A to that report, due to a typographical error in Recommendation (iii) of Report 14/464, a revised version of the report – Report 14/464 (Revised) – with this error corrected was approved by the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee on 26 November 2014.

722. STATUTORY CONSULTATION – ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS SPECIALIST PROVISION AT OAKBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services (14/465) seeking approval: (1) for the commencement of formal consultations on the proposal to establish Additional Support Needs Specialist Provision at Oakbank Primary School with effect from August 2015, and (2) of the Proposal Paper attached as Appendix A to Report 14/465.

Post Meeting Note:

Although the Committee resolved to approve the recommendations set out in Report 14/465 and the proposals contained in Appendix A to that report, due to a typographical error in Recommendation (iii) of Report 14/465, a revised version of the report – Report 14/465 (Revised) – with this error corrected was approved by the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee on 26 November 2014.

723. PROPOSAL TO REPLACE BOTH KINROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND TULLOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) 14/467 seeking approval of the replacement of both Kinross Primary School and Tulloch Primary School, subject to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee approval of the detailed costings and reporting on progress to the School Estate Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee.

Resolved:

- (i) The replacement of both Kinross Primary School and Tulloch Primary School be approved, subject to approval by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of the detailed costings.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to submit further reports on progress of the project to the School Estate Sub-Committee.
- (iii) The design and development of both schools be taken forward with the Scottish Futures Trust and East Central Hub.

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