

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE
11 MARCH 2015

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Minute of meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee held in the Assembly Hall, North Inch Community Campus, Gowans Terrace, Perth on Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors B Band, G Walker, C Gillies, K Howie, G Laing, E Maclachlan, A Munro, D Pover, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, B Vaughan and W Wilson; Mrs H Bridge, 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); S Devlin, M Lewis, P McAvoy, A May, F Robertson, K Robertson and S Younie (all Education and Children's Services); A O'Brien, C Flynn and L Brown (all Chief Executive Service).

Also in attendance: K McAra, Education Scotland and S Pollock, Audit Scotland.

Apologies for absence: Mrs P Duncan, Mrs P Giles and Mrs. A McAuley.

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

181. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

182. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

183. MINUTES

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The minute of meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 28 January 2015 (Arts. 67-74) 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 26 November 2014 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 18 November 2014 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix II)**

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184. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

(i) Minute of meeting of the Economy and Lifelong Learning Group of 31 October 2014

The minute of meeting of the Economy and Lifelong Learning Group of 31 October 2014 was submitted and noted.

(ii) Update on the Economy and Lifelong Learning Group

There was submitted and noted a joint briefing note by the Executive Director (Environment) and the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (15/115) providing an overview of the discussion and actions arising from the latest meeting of the Community Planning Economy and Lifelong Learning Group.

(iii) Minute of meeting of Children and Young People's Strategic Group of 5 December 2014

The minute of meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Group of 5 December 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) (15/116) providing an overview of the discussion and actions arising from the latest meeting of the Perth and Kinross Community Planning Children and Young People's Strategic Group.

185. SCHOOL EDUCATION ACCOUNTS COMMISSION JUNE 2014

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (15/112): (1) providing a summary of the Accounts Commission Audit Scotland report on School Education published in June 2014, and (2) setting out a range of proposals for improvement in relation to the recommendation made in the report which were designed to help Perth and Kinross Council achieve value for money.

The Committee received a presentation from Sarah Pollock, Performance Audit and Best Value Officer, Audit Scotland, on the findings of the national report "School Education" which had assessed how efficiently and effectively Councils were using their resources to maximise pupil achievement in schools.

Motion: (Councillors Band and Walker)

- (i) Perth and Kinross Council's current position in relation to the key recommendations contained within Audit Scotland's national report entitled "School Education", be noted.
- (ii) The key areas for development and improvement as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 15/112, be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to submit an update report to the Lifelong Learning Committee in twelve months' time.

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Amendment (Councillor B Vaughan and W Wilson) - The Committee agree recommendations (i) to (iii) of Report 15/112 and an additional recommendation (iv) as follows:

A short life member officer working group be established to consider ways in which elected members, and other members of the Lifelong Learning Committee, can have a more active role in scrutinising, challenging and improving education performance in Perth and Kinross Council.

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

7 Members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors C Gillies, A Munro, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, B Vaughan and W Wilson.

6 Members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors B Band, G Walker, K Howie, G Laing, E Maclachlan and D Pover.

2 Members Abstained as follows:

Mrs H Bridge, Mrs M McFarlane.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

186. 2014: A LEGACY FOR PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a joint report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) and the Executive Director (The Environment Service) (15/113): advising of a wide range of legacy projects and events which were delivered across Perth and Kinross during 2014, providing an update on these activities, and summarising the evaluation undertaken to date.

Resolved:

- (i) It be agreed to continue the designation of a legacy lead officer to represent the Council on the national legacy leads network and to contribute to delivery of the post 2014 legacy agenda.
- (ii) It be noted that the Scottish Government is promoting Legacy week from 9-15 March 2015.
- (iii) It be noted Report 15/113 would also be considered by the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on 25 March 2015.

187. RESERVED PLACES IN SCHOOL 2015/2016

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (15/114) proposing the number of reserved places for session 2015/2016, within primary and secondary schools, in accordance with Section 28A of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, as amended, to allow places to be protected for local children to attend their catchment school.

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Resolved:

- (i) The number of reserved places, within schools which have classrooms with a limited number of spaces at specific stages, for session 2015/2016, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 15/114, be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to revise these numbers each year to reflect historical or anticipated patterns of migration, information about known movements of families into (or out of) an area, and any current residential development.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be delegated responsibility to keep under review the reserved places for all schools in light of any building work in schools and in light of residential development.

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