

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL  
LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE  
27 MAY 2015

## **LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE**

Minute of meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee held in the Gannochy Suite, First Floor, Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Wednesday 27 May 2015 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors B Band, G Walker, H Anderson (substituting for Councillor Maclachlan); C Gillies, K Howie, G Laing, A Munro, D Pover, L Simpson, A Stewart, H Stewart (substituting for Councillor Shiers), 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); S Devlin, J Pepper, P McAvoy, F Robertson, G Bolan, J Chiles, J Clow, P Davison, S Kelly, S McCoglan, A May, L Richards, K Robertson and H Smout (all Education and Children's Services); J Cockburn, M Hassall, C Flynn and L Brown (all Chief Executive Service).

Apologies for absence: Councillors E Maclachlan and C Shiers; Mrs H Bridge and Mr I Jackson.

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 348-353 and 358-360 and the Vice Convener led discussion on Arts. 354-357.

### **348. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

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

### **349. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **350. MINUTES**

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

The minute of meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 11 March 2015 (Arts. 181-187) 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 4 February 2015 was submitted and noted.  
*(Appendix I)*

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**(iii) Executive Sub-Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 25 February 2015 was submitted and noted. *(Appendix II)*

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

The minute of meeting of the School Estate Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 20 November 2014 was submitted and noted. *(Appendix III)*

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

The minute of meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 13 January 2015 was submitted and noted. *(Appendix IV)*

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

**(i) 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) (15/207) providing an overview of the discussion and actions arising from the latest meeting of the Community Planning Economy and Lifelong Learning Group.

**352. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES JOINT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (15/208) presenting the Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2015/16 and Annual Performance Report 2014/15 for Education and Children's Services.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2015/16 and Annual Performance Report 2014/15, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 15/208, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 15/208 would also be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 17 June 2015 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

**353. LANGUAGE LEARNING IN SCOTLAND: A 1+2 APPROACH**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (15/209) (1) informing and updating the Committee in relation to the Scottish Government's commitment to introduce a new approach to language learning in Scotland's schools based upon the European Union's '1+2' model, (2) setting out the response to date, and (3) seeking approval for the proposals for

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further development of Education and Children's Services, in relation to the 35 recommendations of the National Languages Working Group.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Scottish Government's manifesto commitment to a new norm for language learning and subsequent recommendations of the National Languages Working Group, be noted.
- (ii) The work that has been undertaken and approved which was proposed in Perth and Kinross Local Management Groups and Schools to ensure 2020 readiness of the Scottish Government's Language Learning in Scotland: A 1+2 Approach, be noted.
- (iii) The joint work that has been undertaken with Angus Council and Dundee City Council to implement recommendations of the National Languages Working Group, be approved.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to bring back an update report to the Lifelong Learning Committee in Autumn 2016.

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

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (15/210) (1) informing the Committee of the outcome and findings of the statutory consultation exercise undertaken in respect of a proposed new Secondary School in Perth, and (2) seeking approval to publish the Consultation Report in accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, as amended.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Consultation Report (attached as Appendix A) to Report 15/210, be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to publish the Consultation Report in accordance with section 9 (3) and section 11 of the 2010 Act.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report back to the Lifelong Learning Committee with the Final Proposal Decision Report in August 2015.

**355. CONSULTATION ON STATUTORY GUIDANCE FOR PARTS 4, 5 AND 18 (SECTION 96) OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (15/211) informing the Committee of the responses issued on behalf of the Council and the Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee to the Scottish Government's consultation on the Statutory Guidance for Parts 4, 5 and 18 (Section 96) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

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**Resolved:**

The responses to the Scottish Government Consultation on the Draft Statutory Guidance for Parts 4, 5 and 18 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 as detailed in Report 15/211, be noted.

**356. REVIEW OF KINSHIP CARE ARRANGEMENTS**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (15/212) setting out proposals to update and amend the policy for the provision of support to kinship carers.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The financial pressures in relation to the support for children and young people in Kinship Care be noted.
- (ii) The obligations to provide financial support to looked after children and young people who are placed with Approved Kinship Carers at a rate which is comparable to Foster Carers be noted.
- (iii) The revision of the policy of provision of financial allowances to Kinship Carers and the removal of the payment of allowances to informal kinship carers, be approved.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) submit a further report to the Lifelong Learning Committee on progress and impact by October 2016.

**357. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014 – AFTERCARE AND CONTINUING CARE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (15/213) outlining new duties placed on the Council by the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 in relation to the provision of aftercare and continuing care for care leavers and the progress to implement these new duties.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The new duties as set out in Parts 10 and 11 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, be noted.
- (ii) The work in progress to implement the requirements of Parts 10 and 11 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, be noted.
- (iii) A further report be submitted to the Lifelong Learning Committee early in 2016 setting out the detailed proposals for implementing the duties for continuing care as set out in Part 11 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

**358. IMPLEMENTATION OF 600 HOURS EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE (ELCC): PROGRESS UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (15/214) (1) providing a further update on the implementation of 600 hours of Early Learning and Childcare (ELCC) for children aged three to five years old, as required as part of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014,

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(2) detailing proposals for future implementation of this statutory provision to ensure further flexibility and choice for families, and (3) providing an update on the entitlement of ELCC which was extended to other eligible two year olds through secondary legislation under the Act commencing August 2014.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The proposed programme for the next two school sessions (2015-2017) for the continued implementation of 600 hours of ELCC for all 3-5 year olds and all eligible 2 year olds whose parents wish it, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that the situation be continually reviewed to take account of any changes in legislation and Scottish Government Policy.

**359. PERTH AND KINROSS PLACE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT FINAL EVALUATION**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (15/215) on the outcomes and evaluation of the Perth and Kinross Place Partnership initiative funded by Creative Scotland which has been delivered over the period of 2013-2015.

The Committee received a presentation from Helen Smout, Service Manager, Cultural Services on the final evaluation of the Perth and Kinross Place Partnership Project.

**Resolved:**

The project achievements and outcomes as detailed in Report 15/215, be noted.

**360. REVIEW OF CHARGES 2015/2016**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (15/216) providing details of the charges for financial year 2015/2016 for the following areas of provision:

- (i) Cultural and Community Services
- (ii) School Meals
- (iii) Childcare Strategy Charges
- (iv) Equipment Hire and Services
- (v) School Lets
- (vi) Community Campus Lets
- (vii) George Duncan Athletics Arena
- (viii) Consultancy and Staff Development Charges

The charges were approved by a special meeting of the Council on 12 February 2015 (Report No. 15/36 refers) to be increased by 5% unless specifically indicated within this report.

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**Resolved:**

- (i) The charges detailed in Appendices 1 to 14 to Report 15/216, be noted.
- (ii) A report detailing the 2016/17 charges be submitted to the Lifelong Learning Committee prior to the setting of the 2016/17 Revenue Budget in February 2016.

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