

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 January 2016 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, Mrs P Giles, Mrs A McAuley and Mrs M McFarlane.

In attendance: J Fyffe, Senior Depute Chief Executive (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform), S Devlin, Director (Education and Children's Services), B Atkinson, Director (Social Work); G Boland, J Clow, J Cockburn, P Davison, P McAvoy, and S Younie (all Education and Children's Services); C Flynn and L Brown (both Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies for absence: Mrs P Duncan and Mr I Jackson.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 55-60 and the Vice Convener led discussion on Arts. 61-62.

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

55. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct Councillors B Band, K Howie, G Laing, C Shiers and B Vaughan declared a non-financial interest in Art.62, Securing the Future for Culture and Sports: Strategic Priorities for Culture and Sport 2016-2021.

Instrumental Music Service Review

Prior to the commencement of business the Convener advised that since completion of the review of the Instrumental Music Service (IMS) the Council had received its financial settlement from Scottish Government. As the Council will set the overall budget for the coming financial year on 11 February 2016 it would be wrong to consider options for making the Council approved saving of £75,000 in isolation of what may or may not come of the Council's budget deliberations. The Council's commitment to the service remains despite the financial challenges faced, however, the Council can and must look at new ways to sustain and secure the service for the future. The detailed IMS review recommendations will set out the basis for how the Council achieve that over the course of 2016/17. In the meantime, dialogue with parents' groups and others who have a key stake in IMS will continue.

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57. MINUTES

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The minute of meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 4 November 2015 (Arts. 707-722) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(ii) School Estate Sub-Committee

The minute of meeting of the School Estate Sub-Committee of 27 August 2015 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix I)**

(iii) Attendance Sub-Committee

The minute of meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 2 October 2015 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix II)**

(iv) Attendance Sub-Committee

The minute of meeting of the Attendance Sub-Committee of 29 October 2015 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 22 September 2015 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix IV)**

58. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

(i) Minute of meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Partnership

The minute of meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Partnership of 21 August 2015 was submitted and noted.

(ii) Children, Young People and Families Partnership Briefing Note

There was submitted and noted a briefing note by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (16/17), providing an update on the activities of the Perth and Kinross Community Planning - Children, Young People and Families Partnership (CYPFP) since the last meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 4 November 2015.

(iii) Minute of meeting of the Economy and Lifelong Learning Group

The minute of meeting of the Economy and Lifelong Learning Group of 11 September 2015 was submitted and noted.

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(iv) Economy and Lifelong Learning Group Briefing Note

There was submitted and noted a joint briefing note by the Senior Depute Chief Executive (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform) and Depute Chief Executive (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) (16/1), providing an update on the activities of the Community Planning Economy and Lifelong Learning Outcome Delivery Group.

59. STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (16/18), (1) reflecting on the activities of the service over the past year and (2) presenting the committee with an overview of the Service's key strengths and areas for development and/or improvement.

Resolved:

- (i) The Education and Children's Services Standards and Quality Report 2014/15 as attached in Appendix 1 to Report 16/18, be approved;
- (ii) It be agreed that the Standards and Quality Report be made available on the Council's website to staff, parents, carers, Parent Council's, external agencies and the wider community in Perth and Kinross.
- (iii) The Director of Education and Children's Service be requested to submit a report on Restorative Approaches to a future meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee.
- (iv) The Director of Education and Children's Services be requested to submit, once published, a summary of Education Scotland's report regarding the trial of different models of inspection and outlining what steps Perth and Kinross Council propose to take as a result of the findings.

60. REVIEW OF CHARGES 2016/17

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (16/19), providing the committee with details of the proposed charges for financial year 2016/17 for the following areas of provision:

- (i) Music Instruction and Central Charges
- (ii) School Meals and Breakfast Clubs
- (iii) Childcare Strategy Charges
- (iv) Equipment Hire and Services
- (v) School Lets
- (vi) Community Campus Lets
- (vii) Consultancy and Staff Development Charges

Resolved:

The proposed charges for 2016/17, as detailed in Appendix 1 to 7 to Report 16/19, be noted.

61. TEACHER NUMBERS AND RECRUITMENT – UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (16/20): (1) providing the committee with an update on the outcomes of the September 2015 pupil and staff census and the Council's progress in meeting the agreement with Scottish Government to maintain teacher numbers and the pupil-teacher ratio and (2) an update on actions to address the difficulties being experienced by the Council in the recruitment of teachers, including supply staffing.

Resolved:

- (i) The success in meeting the requirements of the Scottish Government agreement on teacher numbers and pupil-teacher ratio, be noted;
- (ii) The progress reported in measures that aim to address difficulties in teacher recruitment and supply staffing, be noted.

COUNCILLOR B BAND, HAVING DECLARED A NON FINANCIAL INTEREST IN ART. 58 WITHDREW FROM THE MEETING.

IN THE ABSENCE OF COUNCILLOR BAND, CONVENER, COUNCILLOR G WALKER, VICE CONVENER TOOK THE CHAIR.

Councillor G Walker, Presiding

62. SECURING THE FUTURE FOR CULTURE AND SPORTS: STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR CULTURE AND SPORT 2016-2021

There was submitted a report by the Senior Depute Chief Executive (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform) (16/21), (1) setting out the Council's recommended key strategic priorities for culture and sport over the next 5 years and (2) updating the Committee on arrangements to establish the new Culture and Sport Advisory Group which will start work in April 2016 alongside new trust arrangements

Resolved:

- (i) The recommended new strategic priorities for culture and sport as set out in Appendices 1 and 2, be approved;
- (ii) It be noted that further dialogue with Trusts and wider partners will now take place on the detailed performance targets required to achieve the strategic priorities; and performance measures to evidence success;
- (iii) The monitoring, scrutiny and reporting arrangements set out in paras 4.1-4.2, be noted;
- (iv) The recommended membership and remit of the Culture and Sport Advisory Group set out in Appendix 3, be approved.

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