

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE
9 MARCH 2016

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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 9 March 2016 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors B Band, G Walker, C Gillies, G Laing, E Maclachlan, A Munro, D Pover, C Shiers, L Simpson, H Stewart (substituting for Councillor A Stewart), B Vaughan and W Wilson; Mrs H Bridge, Mrs P Giles, Mrs P Duncan, 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); G Boland, J Clow, R Jay, F Macnee-Baxter, F Robertson, K Robertson, H Smout, D Stokoe and C Taylor (all Education and Children's Services); A O'Brien, C Flynn and L Brown (both Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies for absence: Councillors K Howie and A Stewart, Mr I Jackson and Mrs A McAuley.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 222-225, 228,229, and 231 and the Vice Convener led discussion on Arts. 226, 227 and 230.

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

222. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

223. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

224. MINUTES

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The minute of meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 27 January 2016 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 2 September 2015 was submitted and noted (**Appendix I**).

(iii) Executive Sub-Committee

The minute of meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of 7 October 2015 was submitted and noted (**Appendix II**).

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225. 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 6 November 2015 was submitted and noted.

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

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

(iii) Community Planning Economy and Lifelong Learning Group Briefing Paper

There was submitted and noted a joint briefing paper by the Depute Chief Executive (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) and Senior Depute Chief Executive (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform) (16/109), providing the Committee with an update on the activities of the Community Planning Economy and Lifelong Learning Outcome Delivery Group (ODG).

226. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2018

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (16/110), setting out Perth and Kinross's response to The Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013 and the development of the Community Learning and Development Plan 2015-2018.

Resolved:

- (i) The Community Learning and Development Plan 2015-2018, be approved.
- (ii) The Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to report back to the Lifelong Learning Committee in March 2017 with evidence on the progress of the actions and any amendments that may need to be considered in the light of locality planning developments.

227. RAISING ATTAINMENT FOR ALL

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (16/111), (1) informing and updating the Committee on the Scottish Government's Programme for Government, specifically in relation to tackling inequalities and closing the attainment gap for all and (2) providing information about Education and Children's Services on-going work and planned developments to address the requirements of new legislation and national expectations.

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Resolved:

- (i) The range of national guidance and new legislation which set out new expectations of Education Authorities and schools, be noted;
- (ii) The Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to bring the Raising Attainment for All Strategic Implementation Plan to the Lifelong Learning Committee in May 2016 for approval.

228. STATUTORY CONSULTATION – ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR ABERNYTE, INCHTURE AND LONGFORGAN

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (16/112), (1) informing the Committee of the outcomes and findings of the statutory consultation exercise undertaken in respect of secondary school transfer arrangements for Abernyte, Inchture and Longforgan as detailed in the published Consultation Report (attached as Appendix A) and (2) seeking approval from the Committee to implement the proposal by designating Perth High School as the secondary school provision for pupils from Abernyte, Inchture and Longforgan Primary Schools from August 2016.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Consultation Report as attached in Appendix A to report 16/112, be noted;
- (ii) The implementation of the following proposal be approved:
To vary the arrangements for the transfer of pupils from a primary school to a secondary school or otherwise alter the catchment area for secondary school provision by designating Perth High School as the secondary school provision for pupils from Abernyte, Inchture and Longforgan Primary Schools from August 2016. Perth and Kinross pupils already attending Menzieshill High School as entitled pupils at the time of closure be supported to travel to and from Harris Academy in Dundee to complete their education with effect from August 2016.

229. REVIEW OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (16/113), setting out improvement recommendations for the Instrumental Music Service which aim to increase participation by children and young people, make best use of resources and deliver a required saving of £75,000 from April 2016.

Motion - Councillors Band and Walker

- (i) The Committee approves the recommendations set out in Table 7 in Section 4 of Report 16/113.
- (ii) The Committee instructs the Director (Education and Children's Services) to bring back an update report in 2017.

Councillor Vaughan, whilst welcoming some of the recommendations contained in Table 7 in Section 4 of Report 16/113, proposed the following amendment:

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The Lifelong Learning Committee recognises and supports the high quality of work done by the Instrumental Music Service for young people in Perth and Kinross.

The Committee welcomes some of the recommendations included in Table 7 in Section 4 of Report 16/113 and, in particular, to improving inclusion, but rejects:

- (i) Withdrawing free tuition from S3 pupils working towards SQA examinations.
- (ii) The review of the Music Camps until a report on the implications of this is presented to the Lifelong Learning Committee and it agrees to the changes.
- (iii) The deletion of the vacant tutor post whilst there is a very long waiting list of pupils seeking tuition.
- (iv) The increase in the additional fees to £115 for young people enrolling on more than one Central Group.

The Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to bring back an update report in November 2016.

Councillors Band and Walker agreed to accept the amendment as proposed. Thereafter the Committee,

Resolved:

- (i) The Lifelong Learning Committee recognises and supports the high quality of work done by the Instrumental Music Service for young people in Perth and Kinross and, in particular, to improving inclusion.
- (ii) The Lifelong Learning Committee approves the recommendations set out in Table 7 in Section 4 of Report 16/113 subject to the rejection of the following:
 - (a) The withdrawal of free tuition from S3 pupils working towards SQA examinations.
 - (b) The review of the music camps until a report on the implications of this is presented to the Lifelong Learning Committee and it agrees to the changes.
 - (c) The deletion of the vacant tutor post whilst there is a very long waiting list of pupils seeking tuition.
 - (d) The increase in the additional fees to £115 for young people enrolling on more than one Central Group.
- (iii) The Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to bring back an update report in November 2016.

230. RECRUITMENT TO HEADTEACHER AND DEPUTE HEADTEACHER POSTS

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (16/114), recommending a revision to the current recruitment process guidance for Headteacher (HT) and Depute Headteacher (DHT) posts following a full review of the current policy and process.

Resolved:

- (i) The Actions and Progress made to date and the planned developments as described in Next Steps, be noted;

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- (ii) The adoption of the revised process for the Recruitment of Headteacher and Depute Headteacher posts as from April 2016 as detailed in Appendix 1 of report 16/114, be approved;
- (iii) The Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to bring back an update to advise the Committee on how the revised recruitment process is working by March 2017.

231. RESERVED PLACES IN SCHOOLS 2016/2017

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (16/115), proposing the number of reserved places for session 2016/2017, within primary and secondary schools, in accordance with Section 28A of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, as amended.

Resolved:

- (i) The number of reserved places, within schools which have classrooms with a limited number of spaces at specific stages, for sessions 2016/2017 as shown in Appendix 1 of report 16/115, be approved;
- (ii) The 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 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.

232. SERVICE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2016 (INCORPORATING SCHOOL ESTATE MANAGEMENT PLAN)

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (16/108), presenting the Committee with the updated Education and Children's Services Service Asset Management Plan (incorporating the School Estate Management Plan) for 2016.

Resolved:

- (i) The Service Asset Management Plan for 2016, which includes the School Estate Management Plan, be approved;
- (ii) The approved, revised primary school capacity for Robert Douglas Memorial School as detailed in paragraph 2.6 of report 16/108, be noted.

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