

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 13 November 2013 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors B Band (from Item 4 onwards), G Walker, C Gillies, B Vaughan and W Wilson; and Mrs. H Bridge.

In Attendance: S Devlin and P McAvoy (both from Item 4 onwards), C Mackie, K Robertson, A Dalziel, K Young, L Richards, R Goldsmith and J McCarroll (all Education and Children's Services); S Hendry and J Frawley (both Chief Executive's Service); S Miller, Head Teacher, Blairingone Primary School; M Dawson, Head Teacher, Oakbank Primary School; and B Leslie, Head Teacher, Blairgowrie High School.

Councillor G Walker, Vice-Convener, Presiding

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

The Vice-Convener welcomed those present to the meeting and noted that there were no apologies or substitutes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. CARE INSPECTORATE INSPECTIONS OF SUPPORT AND RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/537) setting out the key findings and areas for improvement following the inspection of Fostering Services, Adoption Services and Wellbank House, by the Care Inspectorate.

Resolved:

Having heard the relevant officers report on the main points for action and improvement, and following scrutiny and comment by the Committee, it was agreed that the Care Inspectorate's Inspection Reports, attached in Appendices 1-3 of Report 13/537, for Fostering Services, Adoption Services and Wellbank House be noted.

COUNCILLOR B BAND ENTERED THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

4. STANDARDS AND QUALITY IN SCHOOLS, LEARNING COMMUNITIES AND PRE-SCHOOL CENTRES/DAY CARE OF CHILDREN

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/538) setting out the key findings and areas for improvement following the inspection of Blairingone Primary School and Oakbank Primary School by Her Majesty's Inspectorate (HMI); and Crossroads Nursery by the Care Inspectorate.

Resolved:

- (i) Having heard the respective Head Teachers and relevant officers report on the main points for action and improvement in each case, and following scrutiny and comment by the Committee, it was agreed that the following reports, attached in Appendices 1-3 of Report 13/538, be noted:
- Education Scotland Inspection Summary, Blairingone Primary School, May 2013 (Appendix 1a)
 - Education Scotland Inspection Letter, Blairingone Primary School, 3 September 2013 (Appendix 1b)
 - Extended Learning and Achievement Visit Report, Blairingone Primary School, 1 March 2011 (Appendix 1c)
 - Education Scotland Inspection Summary, Oakbank Primary School, June 2013 (Appendix 2a)
 - Education Scotland Inspection Letter, Oakbank Primary School, 3 September 2013 (Appendix 2b)
 - Extended Learning and Achievement Visit Report, Oakbank Primary School, September 2010 (Appendix 2c)
 - Care Inspectorate Inspection Report on the Day Care of Children, Crossroads Nursery, July 2013 (Appendix 3)
- (ii) Following a request by the Sub-Committee at its previous meeting of 24 April 2013 (Article 460 (v) refers), and following a verbal progress update by the Head Teacher of Blairgowrie High School, the position be noted.

COUNCILLOR G GILLIES LEFT THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

5. CURRICULUM AND SELF EVALUATION

The Committee heard a joint presentation by S Devlin, Head of Education (Early Years & Primary) and P McAvoy, Head of Education (Secondary & Inclusion).

Resolved:

- (i) The ways in which schools in Perth and Kinross are supported in the areas of curriculum and self-evaluation be noted.
- (ii) Members of the Sub-Committee be invited to attend upcoming Head Teacher Development Days.