

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CABINET****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2009 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE PILLARED HALL, GRAND HALL COMPLEX, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Douglas Reid, Iain Linton, John McGhee, Maureen McKay, Hugh Ross, Robert McDill, Jim Roberts and Kathy Morrice; Church Representative Bill McGregor; Parent Representative David Fraser; and Teacher Representative Bryce Wilson.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; Euan Couperwhite, Head of Service: Resources; Robin Gourlay, Head of Service: Facilities Management; and Christine Baillie, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors John MacKay, Jim Buchanan and Jim Todd.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader of the Council.

LIFELONG LEARNING**SCHOOLS BUILDING PROGRAMME - PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

- 1E.** There was submitted a report dated 20 October 2009 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which invited Cabinet's consideration of, and which sought approval for, nominations to the Scottish Government for the new build or refurbishment of two primary schools under the Schools Building Programme.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Linton, moved approval of the recommendations as detailed in the report, subject to the amendment of recommendation (iv), as outlined by the Head of Democratic Services, all as detailed below:-

- (i) to the submission to the Scottish Government of projects for a new build Gargieston Primary School and Nursery Class and an extended and refurbished Fenwick Primary School;
- (ii) that the Gargieston Primary and Nursery Class new build be identified as the Council's top priority;
- (iii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide Cabinet with further reports advising of progress;
- (iv) that the decision be implemented ahead of any consideration by the Governance and Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency as the submission of proposals was required to be made to the Scottish Government by Friday 30 October 2009 at the latest; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Maureen McKay, seconded by Councillor John McGhee, moved as an amendment:-

- (i) to the submission to the Scottish Government of projects for a new build Gargieston Primary School and Nursery Class and a new build Nether Robertland Primary School and Nursery Class, based on these as being the best match against the Scottish Government's set criteria announced on 8 October 2009;
- (ii) that Gargieston Primary and Nursery Class new build be identified as the Council's top priority based on the schools condition rating, combined with the numbers of pupils that through this, would be lifted out of being educated in poor accommodation;
- (iii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide Cabinet with further reports advising of progress;
- (iv) that, accepting that the required timescales set by the Scottish Government had required the decision of Cabinet to be implemented ahead of any consideration by the Governance and Scrutiny Committee, that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services submit to Governance and Scrutiny Committee, a detailed paper outlining, based on the success or failure of this funding proposal, details of the Directorate's future planned changes to both the replacement schools and miscellaneous refurbishment indicative allocations until 2013/14 - 2015/16. Additionally, providing Governance and Scrutiny details of all schools conditions ratings, in the core fact returns, across the period from 2004;
- (v) that the Director of Educational and Social Services submit to Cabinet a report identifying proposals for a parental feedback survey to ensure that all parents across the whole school estate were provided with an equal opportunity to provide feedback on their view of their current school accommodation; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 8 votes to 2.

The meeting terminated at 1100 hours.