

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2004 AT 1000 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Maureen McKay, Jim O'Neill, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey, Drew McIntyre, John Campbell, Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillors John Knapp, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie, Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael; Church Representatives: Rev John Taylor and Dr Ivy Barclay; Teacher Representative: Iain Harvey and Parent Representative: George Hammersley.

ATTENDING: John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support; Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support; Graham Short, Head of Service: Quality Improvement; John McCarney, Head of Service: Schools Support; Robin Gourlay, Head of Onsite Services; Jackie Donnelly, Head of Social Work; Chris Johnston, Education Finance Manager; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager; John Wilson, Links Officers in the Arts and Education; Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Early Years); Kenneth McKinlay, Principal Officer, Quality Improvement; Dorothy Gair, School Nurse Co-ordinator; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Iain Linton and Church Representative John McHugh.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT - EDUCATION TO
8 FEBRUARY 2004 (PERIOD 11)**

1. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 12 March 2004 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Educational and Social Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and projected out-turn for the year for the Education Service for the period ended 8 February 2004 (Period 11).

EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME

2. There was submitted a report dated 17 March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which (i) briefed Members on proposals for the Capital Programme for 2004/2005; and (ii) sought approval to progress with the programme attached as Appendix I to the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed Capital Programme for 2004/2005 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services continue to closely monitor the Capital Programme throughout the year, reporting periodically to the Education Committee.

ENTERPRISE IN EDUCATION - UPDATE

3. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of further development and funding of Enterprise in Education and of the approach being implemented in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the appointment of the temporary posts, as detailed within the report, to support the development of Enterprise in Education; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

A TEACHING PROFESSION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY (TP21): REDUCTION OF CLASS CONTACT WEEK FOR PRIMARY TEACHING STAFF

4. There was submitted a report dated 16 March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which outlined models of employing additional teaching staff in Primary Schools in order to meet the requirements of the Scottish Executive document "A Teaching Profession for the 21st Century" (TP21).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the additional teaching staff for August 2004, as outlined in Section 3 of the report;
- (ii) to approve the additional teaching staff for August 2006 as outlined in Section 3 of the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CREATIVE MINDS UPDATE

5. There was submitted a report dated 2 March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which (i) updated Members on the recent Scottish Arts Council funding awards and on the recognition received from the National Music Council; and (ii) introduced the recent publication of *CulturED* featuring the Cultural Co-ordinator Programme for the Department of Educational and Social Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the projects detailed within the report involving pupils from across East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to approve the temporary Instrumental Instructor posts as outlined in Section 4 of the report; and
- (iii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services continue to report to Committee to inform of further initiatives and developments.

PROGRESS REPORT ON STUDENT COUNCIL FORUM DEVELOPMENTS

6. There was submitted a report dated 23 February 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the progress made regarding the Student Council Forum development as it relates to the Citizenship Agenda.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the developments regarding Student Councils and the Student Council Forum; and

- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SUPPORT TO PROVIDERS OF EARLY EDUCATION IN CHILDCARE SERVICES

7. There was submitted a report dated 1 March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval to implement the findings of a review of the Pre-School Partnership Link Officer post.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals as outlined in Section 4 of the report;
- (ii) to approve the payment for 2004/2005 of £1,011 per fully loaded place to Partner Providers of Pre-School Education;
- (iii) to remit appropriate personnel issues to the Corporate Governance Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS - PROGRESS REPORT

8. There was submitted a report dated 6 January 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which provided information regarding an evaluation of the first year of Learning Partnerships.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Educational and Social Services submit a further progress report to a future meeting; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS - CORE SUPPORT TEAMS

9. There was submitted a report dated 24 February 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which (i) provided information on the proposed temporary continuation of Children Service Co-ordinators and the further development of the Community Link Workers in each Learning Partnership; and (ii) sought approval of the recommendations contained within the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals set out in Section 3 of the report;
- (ii) to remit the staffing implications to Corporate Governance Committee for consideration;
- (iii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services submit a progress report to a future meeting; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

A SCOTTISH FRAMEWORK FOR NURSING FOR SCHOOLS

10. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of a Scottish Framework for Nursing in Schools and the related all Ayrshire audit.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Educational and Social Services incorporate the role of the school nursing service in the Learning Partnership Annual Review; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SCHOOLS OUT FRAMEWORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 27 February 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which (i) advised of proposals for the implementation of the Schools Out Framework; and (ii) sought approval of the recommendations contained within the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals detailed within the report;
- (ii) to remit the staffing implications to the Corporate Governance Committee for consideration;
- (iii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services submit an annual report to Committee on quality and standards;
- (iv) that the Director of Educational and Social Services submit a future report to Committee on specific proposals on the roll out of breakfast clubs; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

REVIEW OF CHARGES IN LETTING POLICY FOR COMMUNITY USE

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 23 February 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval to revise charges for accommodation use by Community Groups.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Young moved that there be no increase in charges in the letting policy for community use and that the status quo remain.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Council Stewart moved as an amendment:-

- (i) to approve the implementation of the revised charges as set out in the report, with effect from 9 August 2004; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

On a division by a show of hands the amendment was carried by 15 votes to 5.

PRIORITY TO IMPROVEMENT 2004

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 12 March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which (i) informed of the third annual issue of Priority to Improvement; and (ii) sought approval for a consultation exercise for the next annual statement of improvement objectives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the latest version of Priority to Improvement;
- (ii) to approve the consultation exercise to develop new improvement objectives for 2005;

- (iii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services present a report to a future Committee , on the results of the consultation; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NATIONAL PRIORITIES REPORT 2003

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 3 March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the publication of the National Priorities Report 2003 for East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the position of East Ayrshire as reflected by the National Priorities Report 2003;
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services submit an annual report to Committee advising of progress in addressing National Priorities; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CHARGES FOR SCHOOL MEALS

- 15.** There was submitted a report dated March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval to increase both the price of a set meal for pupils and the value of a free meal.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Stewart moved:-

- (i) to approve the increase in charges to pupils, and for the equivalent value of free meals, to be increased from £1.41 to £1.45 as detailed in the report with effect from Tuesday 17 August 2004; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Daniel Coffey moved as an amendment that no increase be applied to charges for school meals and that the status quo remain.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 15 votes to 5.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HUNGRY FOR SUCCESS

- 16.** There was submitted a report dated 15 March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which provided an update on the progress towards implementation of the recommendations of the Scottish Executive report, Hungry for Success.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to adopt the 24 recommendations of the Scottish Executive report "Hungry for Success - A Whole School Approach to School Meals in Scotland";
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services develop the schools meals service as a Best Value Service and not simply as a commercial trading activity;
- (iii) to approve the East Ayrshire Implementation Plan, a copy of which was available in the Members' Library;

- (iv) to approve the outline financial proposals relating to the plan which were in line with the funding made available by the Scottish Executive for 2003/2004, 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 and that the additional proposals should be developed for cashless meals within the Council's submission to the Modernising Government Fund; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor McIntyre left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

**WORKING AND LEARNING TOGETHER TO BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES:
SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE GUIDANCE FOR COMMUNITY LEARNING AND
DEVELOPMENT**

17. There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the recent guidance issued by the Scottish Executive regarding Community Learning and Development.

Councillors Ross and Smith left and Councillor McIntyre rejoined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2003/2004

18. There was submitted a report dated 5 March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought Committee approval of awards from the Education Committee Voluntary Sector Grants budget for 2003/2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve an award of £1,900 to the Youth Advocacy Group;
- (ii) to approve an additional £456 to the Kilmarnock and Loudoun Furniture Redistribution Scheme;
- (iii) to approve an award of £2,000 to SPTE for travel passes; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

KILMARNOCK AND LOUDOUN FURNITURE REDISTRIBUTION SCHEME

19. There was submitted a report dated 15 March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for an interim award for Kilmarnock and Loudoun Furniture Redistribution Scheme in respect of grant funding for the year 2004/2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the interim award of £2,000 to Kilmarnock and Loudoun Furniture Redistribution Scheme; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILD PROTECTION - PROGRESS REPORT

20. There was submitted a report dated 8 March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised Members of developments in child protection, including progress with the Scottish Executive-led Child Protection Reform Programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the current developments in child protection as set out in Section 3 of the report;
- (ii) to note that this report had been considered by the Social Work Committee at its meeting on 18 March 2004;
- (iii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services submit further reports to Committee on the outcome of the Child Protection Reform Programme and on the proposed joint statement of assurance on child protection prior to submission to the Scottish Ministers; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor McKay left the meeting during consideration of this item.

AWARDING OF CONTRACT

- 21.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 March 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided, for information, details of a tender which had been accepted in respect of the Education Service:-

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Successful Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PPP Site Investigation Service	Woolgar Hunter, Glasgow	£73,859.00 (notional and provisional total)

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

- 22.** The Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

ONSITE SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN

- 23.** There was submitted a report dated 17 March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which invited consideration and sought approval of the Onsite Services Business Plan for 2004/2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Business Plan for 2004/2005 for Onsite Services (attached as Appendix I to the report);
- (ii) to note that the Business Plan was based on maintaining current service levels and income; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Ross re-joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

ONSITE SERVICES BUSINESS UNIT: BUSINESS UNIT SUPPORT STRUCTURE

- 24.** It was agreed that this item be withdrawn from the Agenda.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT ONSITE SERVICES UNIT
TO 8 FEBRUARY 2004 (PERIOD 11)**

- 25.** There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 25 February 2004 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Educational and Social Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and projected out-turn for the year for the Onsite Services Business Unit for the period ended 8 February 2004 (Period 11).

The meeting terminated at 1150 hours.