

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 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, Iain Linton, John Campbell, John Knapp, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Neil McGhee, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie, Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael; Church Representatives: Bill McGregor, John McHugh and Dr Ivy Barclay; and Teacher Representative: Iain Harvey.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support; Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support; John McCarney, Head of Service: School Support; Graham Short, Head of Quality Improvement; Robin Gourlay, Head of Onsite Services; Chris Johnston, Education Finance Manager; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager; Bill Eadie, Senior Manager (Operations); Alastair Nairn, Quality Improvement Officer and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jimmy Kelly and Provost Jane Darnbrough and Parent Representative George Hammersley.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS**1.1 National Awards for Excellence in Education - Presentation to Pupils of Ochiltree Primary School**

The Chair presented the pupils of Ochiltree Primary School with a certificate in recognition of the Advanced National Award which they had won at the recent University of Strathclyde National Awards for Excellence in Enterprise in Education.

1.2 Non-Elected Member Representative - Church of Scotland

The Chair welcomed Mr Bill McGregor, Church of Scotland to his first meeting of the Committee.

Councillor McIntyre left the meeting during the Chair's remarks on the above item.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

2. There was submitted and approved as a correct record the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes (circulated), viz:-

2.1 **CHAIR'S-SUB COMMITTEE OF 25 MAY 2004 (Appendix I)**

2.2 **CHAIR'S SUB-COMMITTEE OF 22 JULY 2004 (Appendix II)**

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT EDUCATION TO
19 SEPTEMBER 2004 (PERIOD 6)**

3. There was submitted a joint report dated 19 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and Executive Head of Finance which advised of the current budgetary control position and projected out-turn for the year for Educational Services for the period ended 19 September 2004 (Period 6).

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Stewart, moved that the contents of the report be noted.

Councillor W Coffey, seconded by Councillor D Coffey moved as an amendment that an element of the projected underspend identified in respect of transport related costs at paragraph 3.1.2 be utilised to provide temporary transport for pupils who may be affected by road works at the Dean Ford, Kilmarnock.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 13 votes to 6.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT ONSITE SERVICES UNIT
TO 19 SEPTEMBER 2004 (PERIOD 6)**

4. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 8 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and Executive Head of Finance which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Onsite Services Business Unit for the period ended 19 September 2004 (Period 6).

**PROGRESS REPORT ON ASSESSMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
(Item 14, Page 266, 03/07)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 7 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of additional resources allocated through the Assessment is for Learning Programme (AiFL).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the additional funding allocated from the AifL Programme;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services report to Committee on progress in the future; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EVALUATION OF PARTNERSHIP IN EXCELLENCE (Item 11, Page 265, 03/07)

6. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the publication of an evaluation report on the Partners in Excellence Project.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress being made in the Partners in Excellence Project;
- (ii) to note the developments outlined in paragraph 3.5 of the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

WORKING WITH PARENTS

7. There was submitted a report dated 25 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the work being undertaken to communicate, consult with and involve parents in the life of the Education Authority and Educational Establishments.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the current strategies for communicating, consulting with and involving parents in the work of the Education Authority and Educational Establishments in East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to note the proposed additional strategies for communicating, consulting with and involving parents in the work of the Education Authority; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

FUTURE LEARNING AND TEACHING: GAELIC PROJECT

8. There was submitted a report dated 13 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the awards of funding by the Scottish Executive Education Department (SEED) for a Gaelic Medium Literacy Project in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the acceptance of the funding award of £25,000; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ICT STRATEGY FOR SCHOOLS (Item 11, Page 2874, 99/03)

9. There was submitted a report dated 13 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the successful use of the Information and Community Technology (ICT) in Schools in East Ayrshire and of proposals to further develop the use of ICT to support pupil learning.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the developments in the use of ICT in Educational Establishments to date;
- (ii) to note the establishment of an ICT Implementation Group to take forward proposals, review present position and develop a revised Action Plan for 2004 and beyond;
- (iii) to approve the outline expenditure; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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

DRAFT GUIDANCE IN RESPECT OF CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES (Item 10, Page 795, 03/07)

10. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on the consultation regarding draft guidance for Child Protection Committees (CPC) which forms part of the reform programme and which sought Committee approval for the response to the

consultation which required to be submitted to the Scottish Executive by 5 November 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the views of the CPC in respect of the guidance;
- (ii) to note that the Social Work Committee were responding to the Scottish Executive in line with CPC views; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LIFELONG LEARNING STATEMENT (Item 5, Page 794, 03/07)

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 11 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for a Lifelong Learning Statement of Commitment.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Lifelong Learning Statement of Commitment; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS UPDATE (Item 9, Page 975, 03/07)

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 22 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of changes in arrangements for children with additional support needs and which sought approval for a reconfiguration of services to meet these changes.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals outlined within the report for the implementation of the additional support needs legislation;
- (ii) to note that this report had been considered by the Social Work Committee;
- (iii) that the proposed staff appointments, other than teachers, be remitted to the Corporate Governance Committee for their consideration;
- (iv) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide future reports on aspects of the implementation of the additional support needs legislation, as they arise; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EVALUATION OF INTEGRATED SERVICES

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 2 November 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the development and use of an evaluation framework for integrated services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the stage of development reached in the evaluation of integrated services within the Department of Educational and Social Services;
- (ii) to approve the implementation programme described in this report;

- (iii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide future reports to this Committee, as appropriate;
- (iv) to note that this report would be considered by the Social Work Committee; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

A TEACHING PROFESSION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY - SCHOOLS SUPPORT STAFF STRUCTURES

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 12 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the enhancement of administrative and clerical support to schools, in terms of the Scottish Executive document "A Teaching Profession for the 21st Century" (TP21).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the pilot scheme for Business Support Managers, and the appointment of 27 new classroom assistants as outlined in Section 3 of the report;
- (ii) to refer the staffing implications to the Corporate Governance Committee for their consideration;
- (iii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services report on the outcome of piloting Business Support Managers; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES: MEETING FUTURE NEEDS

- 15.** There was submitted a report dated 12 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for a revised structure for Psychological Services in accordance with the National Agreement "A Teaching Profession for the 21st Century".

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the revision of the structure of Psychological Services in line with paragraph 3.3 of the report;
- (ii) to note that the specific remit of the Depute Principal Psychologist required to be discussed and agreed at the Local Joint Negotiating Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

RESULT OF CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO ASSIMILATE THE HEARING IMPAIRMENT UNIT AT GRANGE ACADEMY, KILMARNOCK INTO GRANGE ACADEMY, KILMARNOCK (Item 16, Page 975, 03/07)

- 16.** There was submitted a consultative document dated October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which proposed to assimilate the Hearing Impairment Unit at Grange Academy, Kilmarnock into Grange Academy, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the merger of the Hearing Impairment Unit at Grange Academy, Kilmarnock with Grange Academy, Kilmarnock from 1 January 2005;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services take the necessary steps to ensure that the managerial arrangements for the two establishments be merged;
- (iii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services inform the Scottish Executive of this change in organisation; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

17. There was submitted and noted a report dated 8 October 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided, for information, details of tenders which had been accepted in respect of the Education Service.

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Successful Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Supply and Fit Aluminium Windows to Lainshaw Primary, Stewarton and Mount Carmel Primary, Kilmarnock	Radbury of Ayr, Ayr	£121,969.98
Window Replacement at B&C Block, James Hamilton Academy, Kilmarnock	Thermashield Insulation Ltd, Glasgow	£268,177.56
Window Replacement to Main Entrance, West Elevation and Part South Elevation, Loudoun Academy, Galston	Thermashield Insulation Ltd, Glasgow	£190,037.30
Supply and Installation of Air Handling Plant for Swimming Pool at Loudoun Academy, Galston	The D H Morris Group, Glengarnock	£80,048.85

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

18. 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 involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

SURPLUS PROPERTY - LAND AT AYR ROAD, DALMELLINGTON

19. There was submitted a report dated 1 November 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which requested that the Committee declare surplus to requirements the subjects comprising an area of land extending to 801 square metres (8,622 square feet) or thereby, shown hatched on the plan attached to the report at Ayr Road, Dalmellington, and authorise disposal of the same to Dalmellington Band.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the subjects extending to 801 square metres (8,622 square feet) or thereby comprising land at Ayr Road, Dalmellington, shown hatched on the plan attached to the report, surplus to requirements and authorise disposal to Dalmellington Band;
- (ii) to remit to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to finalise negotiations with Dalmellington Band for disposal of land at Ayr Road, Dalmellington; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND AT CRAUFURDLAND ROAD, KILMARNOCK

- 20.** There was submitted a report dated 21 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which requested that the Committee declare surplus to requirements ground situated between 8 and 12 Craufurdland Road, as identified on the plan attached to the report, for disposal on the open market and authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to market the subjects in accordance with Council procedures.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the land as detailed in the plan attached to the report surplus to requirements;
- (ii) to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to market the land in accordance with Council policy; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1055 hours.