

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2005  
AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Tommy Farrell, Jim O'Neill, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Iain Linton, John Campbell, John Knapp, Robert McDill, George Smith, Elaine Dinwoodie, Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael; and Church Representatives: John McHugh and Dr Ivy Barclay.

**ATTENDING:** Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; John Mulgrew, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Head of Finance; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Martin Rose, Head of Personnel; Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support; Graham Short, Head of Service: Quality Improvement; Derek Mathieson, PPP Project Manager and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Maureen McKay, Willie Coffey, Drew McIntyre, Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillors Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee and Eric Ross; Church Representative; Bill McGregor and Teacher Representative: Iain Harvey.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

1. The Committee resolved that under Section 58(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 and 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

**BUILDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES - SCHOOL PPP PROJECT - PROPOSED  
PREFERRED BIDDER APPOINTMENT (Item 15, Page 1233, 03/07)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on the outcome of the evaluation of the bids received for the "Building Learning Communities - Schools PPP Project", and sought approval to proceed with the appointment of a Preferred Bidder and associated matters.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Stewart moved the recommendations contained in the report, viz:-

- (i) to appoint First Class Consortium as the preferred bidder for the Building Learning Communities PPP Project;
- (ii) to remit the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to continue negotiations with First Class Consortium and report to Council prior to conclusion of contracts;

- (iii) to remit the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to purchase all loose furniture and fittings, including catering equipment using funds from the Council's Capital Fund;
- (iv) to remit the Executive Head of Finance to negotiate the most favourable funding terms for the Council; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Linton, seconded by Councillor D Coffey, whilst fully supporting the renewal of school properties, moved to remit to appropriate Officers to consider and develop an alternative means of funding, specifically a not for profit bond, to allow the building works to progress.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 9 votes to 4.

The meeting terminated at 1035 hours.