

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2005 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Maureen McKay, Jim O'Neill, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey, Drew McIntyre, Iain Linton, John Knapp, Robert McDill, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, Elaine Dinwoodie, Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael; Church Representatives: Bill McGregor, John McHugh and Dr Ivy Barclay; Teacher Representative: Iain Harvey and Parent Representative: George Hammersley.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Jackie Donnelly, Executive Head of Social Work; Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support; Robin Gourlay, Head of Onsite Services; Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support; Graham Short, Head of Service: Quality Improvement; John McCarney, Head of Service: Schools Support; Chris Johnston, Education Finance Manager; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Stephanie Young, John Campbell, Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillors Eric Jackson and Eric Ross.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT EDUCATION TO
18 SEPTEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 6)**

1. There was submitted a joint report dated 21 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and the Executive Head of Finance which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Educational Services for the period ended 18 September 2005 (Period 6).

Councillor W Coffey seconded by Councillor D Coffey, moved that the Committee reject the report and request a full detailed report to the next Education Committee which would provide further details of the management action planned and associated savings..

Councillor Farrell seconded by Councillor Stewart, moved as an amendment that the report be noted.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 13 votes to 4.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT ONSITE SERVICES
UNIT TO 18 SEPTEMBER 2005 (PERIOD 6)**

2. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 26 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and the Executive Head of Finance 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 18 September 2005 (Period 6).

**BUILDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES - SCHOOLS PPP PROJECT - A
CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT - MAUCHLINE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

3. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of a consultative document which proposed, for consultation, the arrangements for pupils of Mauchline Primary School during the schools refurbishment.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to adopt the proposal that during the refurbishment and extension of Mauchline Primary School, pupils and staff be decanted to surplus accommodation within Auchinleck Academy, Auchinleck Primary and Greenmill Primary School;
- (ii) to adopt the proposal that during the construction period the Nursery Class be relocated within Catrine Nursery School;
- (iii) to adopt the proposal that all pupils and staff return to the new accommodation as soon as possible after construction work had been completed;
- (iv) that all interested parties be invited to make written or electronic submissions on the proposal to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7BU; e-mail: education.consultation@east-ayrshire.gov.uk no later than Friday 23 December 2005;
- (v) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services prepare a report on the results of the consultative process for consideration at a future meeting of the Education Committee; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

2005/2006 SCHOOL FUND PROGRAMME VIREMENT

4. There was submitted a report dated 1 November 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval to vire slippage in the School Fund Programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend to Council approval of the proposed virement of funds within the 2005/2006 School Fund Programme totalling £104,000 as virements in excess of £100,000 require to be approved by the Policy and Resources Committee in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

RACE EQUALITY ACTION PLAN (Item 15, Page 974, 03/07)

5. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of progress in implementing the Race Equality Action Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the progress made in relation to the Race Equality Action Plan;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide a progress report on an annual basis; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

6. There was submitted a report dated 17 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which (i) advised of the outcome of the inspection of the Community Learning and Development Services in Cumnock area; and (ii) updated on the implementation of the Best Value Review and sought recommendations accordingly.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the outcome of the HMIE Inspection of Community Learning and Development Services in the Cumnock area;
- (ii) to approve recommendations regarding the Community Learning Plans;
- (iii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide an update to Local Committees regarding Community Learning Plans;
- (iv) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services inform the Cumnock Area Local Committee of the outcome of the inspection of Community Learning and Development Services in the area; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SURE START FUNDING

7. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of additional funding allocated by the Scottish Executive for Sure Start and which sought approval for recommendations accordingly.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations as set out in Section 3 of the report;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services remit the personnel implications to the Corporate Governance Committee;
- (iii) to approve the proposal to fund Homestart; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

GUIDELINES FOR PUPIL REGISTRATION IN SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN ATTENDING NURSERY

8. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of revised guidelines for pupil registration in all schools and for children attending nursery.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to accept the revised Guidelines on pupil registration in schools and children attending nursery subject to the following amendment:-
 - that early years follow the same procedure as all other educational establishments, namely, that in the event of unexplained absence, contact be made on day 1 and not day 3 as proposed within the report;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services inform all educational establishments of the revised guidelines; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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

**REPORT ON SOCIAL WORK INSPECTION AGENCY REPORT - AN INSPECTION
INTO THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN EILEAN SIAR
(Item 14, Page 1785, 03/07)**

9. There was submitted a report dated 26 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which (i) informed on the publication of the Social Work Inspection Agency report on the Care and Protection of children in Eilean Siar; (ii) summarised the main findings and recommendations from the report; and (iii) provided information regarding the initial response from Educational and Social Services within East Ayrshire to the Eilean Siar report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note and approve the response to the recommendations from the Eilean Siar report;
- (ii) that a detailed report from the work currently underway in Social Work be presented to a future meeting of East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee;
- (iii) to note that the report was considered by the Social Work Committee on 3 November 2005; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR LEARNING
(Item 5, Page 1783, 03/07)**

10.1 DISPUTE RESOLUTION ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted a report dated 1 November 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval to put in place arrangements to resolve disputes on matters relating to the education of children and young people with additional support needs.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that all references to 'Dispute Resolution Policy' should be replaced with 'Dispute Resolution Arrangements';
- (ii) to approve the Dispute Resolution Arrangements described within the report;
- (iii) to note that the report was considered by the Social Work Committee on 3 November 2005; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

10.2 ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR LEARNING PROGRESS

There was submitted a report dated 1 November 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of progress to date in the implementation of Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 and which sought approval for certain aspects related to further development.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the arrangements for managing the transition from Record of Needs to Co-ordinated Support Plans described within the report;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services be authorised to take decisions in relation to the assessment and provision for children with additional support needs or who potentially require a Co-ordinated Support Plan but who were not educated in a Local Authority establishment using the criteria in paragraph 4.3 of the report;
- (iii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services review the Authority's arrangements for placing requests and report to Committee in due course;
- (iv) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services consider the implications of the new legislation for the Authority's arrangements for education appeals and report to Committee in due course;
- (v) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide a future report on admissions to pre-school establishments taking account of the National Code of Practice; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EXAMINATION RESULTS 2005 (Item 20, Page 268, 03/07)

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the overall performance in the 2005 diet of examinations.

INFORMATION-SHARING PROTOCOL (Item 4, Page 1783, 03/07)

12. There was submitted a report dated 6 October 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for a Joint Information-Sharing Protocol between NHS Ayrshire and Arran, East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire Councils.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the introduction of the protocol in Children's Services;
- (ii) to note that this report had been considered by the Social Work Committee on 3 November 2005; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 October 2005 (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>
Window Replacement to Elevations 1, 2, 3 and 4 - Catrine Primary School, Fourfields, Catrine	Thermashield Insulation Ltd, Glasgow	£83,585.88
Window Replacement, Phase 2 to Elevations 1 to 8 - Lainshaw Primary School, Stewarton	Thermashield Insulation Ltd, Glasgow	£121,524.23
Window Replacement to Elevations 1, 2, 3 and 4 - Mount Carmel Primary School, Kilmarnock	Radbury of Ayr Ltd, Ayr	£127,177.56
Drongan Primary School - Provision of Synthetic Pitches	D McLaughlin & Sons, Ardrossan	£426,581.99
Supply of Computer Equipment to Schools		
Lot 1 - Laptops and Desktop Computers	NEC Computers (UK) Ltd, Livingston	Schedule of Rates
Lot 2 - Applemac Laptops & Desktop Computers	Scotsys Ltd, Bellshill	
Provision of Play Work Training, SVQ Level 2 and Level 3	Bellsbank Adventure Playground Ltd, Dalmellington	£34,911.14

CHAIR'S REMARKS

14. The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance in 2005 and advised that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on 31 January 2006.

The meeting terminated at 1050 hours.