

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25 MAY 2004 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey, Drew McIntyre, Iain Linton, Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillors John Knapp, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Neil McGhee, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie, Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael; Church Representative: Rev John Taylor; Teacher Representative: Iain Harvey and Parent Representative: George Hammersley.

ATTENDING: John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services; David Mitchell, Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support; 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; Bill Eadie, Senior Manager, Operations; Dave Farrow, Quality Improvement Officer; Dot Grieve Assistant Principal Officer, Communities; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Maureen McKay, Jim O'Neill, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, John Campbell and Jimmy Kelly; and Church Representative Dr Ivy Barclay.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

A TEACHING PROFESSION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY - REDUCTION OF CLASS CONTACT WEEK FOR EARLY YEARS TEACHING STAFF

1. There was submitted a report dated 5 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which outlined the models of employing additional teaching staff in Early Years Establishments 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.

SCIENCE STRATEGY (Item 12, Page 74, 99/03)

2. There was submitted a report dated 5 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for a strategy to develop and improve Science education in schools.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the strategy outlined in the report to support and develop science education; and

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

EAST AYRSHIRE ACTIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAMME (Item 9, Page 2906, 99/03)

3. There was submitted a report dated 6 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the National Model for Active Schools proposed by Sportscotland and the potential implementation of Active Schools within East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the submission of the bid to Sportscotland to implement Active Schools in East Ayrshire;
- (ii) that the report be referred to the Community Services Committee for its agreement;
- (iii) that any new posts would require approval by the Corporate Governance Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

RESPONSE TO "A CONSULTATION ON FUTURE OF AGE AND STAGE REGULATIONS"

4. There was submitted a report dated 5 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the Authority's response to a consultation paper entitled "A Consultation on the Future of Age and Stage Regulations" (Scottish Executive, March 2004).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the response to the consultation paper entitled "A Consultation on the Future of Age and Stage Regulations"; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

RESPONSE TO "BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS OF A LIFELONG LEARNING SOCIETY"

5. There was submitted a report dated 5 March 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the Authority's response to a consultation paper "A Review of Collaboration between Schools and Further Education Colleges in Scotland" (Scottish Executive, February 2004).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the response to the consultation paper "A Review of the Collaboration between Schools and Further Education Colleges in Scotland" (Scottish Executive, February 2004); and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON MEDICAL STANDARDS PROVISION FOR ENTRY TO TEACHING

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the Authority's response to a consultation paper from the Scottish Executive Education

Department (SEED) "A Consultation on Medical Standards Provision for Entry to Teaching" (Scotland Executive, March 2004).

RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON THE "REVIEW OF STANDARD FOR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP (HEADSHIP)"

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the Authority's response to a consultation paper from the Scottish Executive Education Department (SEED) entitled "Review of Standard for School Leadership (Headship)" (Scottish Executive, February 2004).

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2005/2006 (Item 9, Page 3200, 99/03)

8. There was submitted a report dated 20 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the outcome of a consultation exercise carried out regarding school holiday arrangements for school session 2005/2006 and which sought agreement of the Committee to implement the preferred school holiday option.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Appendix 1 to the report be accepted as the proposed school holiday arrangements for school session 2005/2006;
- (ii) that the schools have a fixed spring holiday from session 2006/2007 onwards as outlined in paragraph 3.4 of the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

TARGETS FOR PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

9. There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on the levels of achievement of mainstream schools, special schools and supported learning centres in 2002/2003 in meeting individual targets set for pupils with special educational needs.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the 2002/2003 levels of attainment in schools in meeting their targets for pupils with special educational needs;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services report progress in future years; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**CHILD PROTECTION REFORM PROGRAMME - PROGRESS REPORT
(Item 13, Page 782, 03/07)**

10. There was submitted a report dated 28 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the latest developments in respect of the Scottish Executive's Child Protection Reform Programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and the Chairs of the Social Work and Education Committees, to finalise the statement of progress on Child Protection, subject to any necessary minor amendment and, thereafter, to submit the finalised document to the Scottish Executive;
- (ii) to note that the report would also be considered at the next meeting of the Education Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

**VISION STATEMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL
AND SOCIAL SERVICES (Item 15, Page 782, 03/07)**

11. There was submitted a report dated 18 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for a vision statement for the Department of Educational and Social Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the adoption of the proposed Vision Statement as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report;
- (ii) to note that this had been approved by the Social Work Committee on 20 May 2004; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

INCLUSION STRATEGY FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

12. There was submitted a report dated 18 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for a strategy of inclusion for Educational Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the strategy of inclusion for Education Services as detailed in the report as a basis for the implementation of inclusion in Educational Services;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services ensure that the strategy is distributed widely and in a variety of formats; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE 2004 (Item 9, Page 73, 03/07)

13. There was submitted a report dated 21 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the outcome of the eighth Annual Youth Conference held in Kilmarnock College on Wednesday 7 April 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the success of this year's Youth Conference;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advise Local Committees of the Conference outcomes; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

BREAKFAST CLUB PROVISION (Item 11, Page 656, 03/07)

14. There was submitted a report dated 28 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the phased development of breakfast clubs across the Council area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals detailed in the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Rev Taylor left the meeting following consideration of this item.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2004/2005 (Item 18, Page 658, 03/07)

15. There was submitted a report dated 5 March 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for recommendations for awards in respect of allocations of Education Voluntary Sector Grants for the year 2004/2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT - 1995 POST 16'S ACCESSIBILITY STRATEGY FOR COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT
(Item 11, Page 402, 03/07)**

16. There was submitted a report dated 5 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval of a Post 16's Accessibility Strategy for the Community Learning and Development Service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Accessibility Strategy;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services submit future reports on the progress of the implementation of the strategy; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**KILMARNOCK AND LOUDOUN FURNITURE REDISTRIBUTION SCHEME AND CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY GIFT FURNITURE SCHEME
(Item 19, Page 658, 03/07)**

17. There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of individual schedules for Service Level Agreements produced in conjunction with Kilmarnock and Loudoun Furniture Redistribution Scheme and Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme and which recommended funding arrangements for these organisations.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Service Level Agreements for the Kilmarnock and Loudoun Furniture Redistribution Scheme and Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2007;

- (ii) to approve the recommendations for an annual award in line with the rate of inflation for 2004/2005; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraph of Schedule 7A of the Act shown against each item.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES (PARA 11) (Item 2, Page 2904, 99/03)

- 19.** There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval of proposals regarding the future use of Community Centres, Day Centres and Cabins incorporating the recommendations of the Member/Officer Working Group.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Stewart moved:-

- (i) to prioritise the necessary work to be carried out in Auchinleck Community Centre;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services return to Committee with options for the Netherthird Campus;
- (iii) to approve the recommendations to declare Logan IFE Wing surplus and extend Logan Day Centre;
- (iv) to declare the appropriate facilities detailed in Section 3 of the report as surplus to requirements of the Department of Educational and Social Services; and
- (v) to refer to the Department of Development and Property Services the disposal of those properties which were declared surplus in terms of (iii) and (iv) above.

Councillor D Coffey, seconded by Councillor W Coffey moved as an amendment to reject all recommendations contained within the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 11 votes to 4.

Councillor D Coffey left the meeting following consideration of this item.

BUILDING CLEANING FOR STRATHCLYDE POLICE (PARA 6)

- 20.** There was submitted a report dated 10 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for Onsite Services to undertake Building Cleaning Services for Strathclyde Joint Police Board in accordance with a proposed new Service Level Agreement.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Onsite Services enter into the proposed Service Level Agreement with Strathclyde Police Joint Board subject to the Solicitor to the Council being satisfied with the terms of the Service Level Agreement; and

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

DOON VALLEY SWIMMING POOL (PARA 11)

- 21.** There was submitted a joint report dated 5 May 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for the agreement in principle, to the transfer of management of Doon Valley Swimming Pool from the Department of Educational and Social Services to the Department of Neighbourhood Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve in principle, the proposed transfer of the Swimming Pool, including all staff and budget resources to the Department of Neighbourhood Services subject to completion of an appropriate Service Level Agreement between Neighbourhood Services and Doon Academy;
- (ii) to remit the final transfer arrangements to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1120 hours.