

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 MAY 2005 AT 1000 HOURS IN
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Jim O'Neill, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Willie Coffey, Drew McIntyre, Iain Linton, John Campbell, Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillors John Knapp, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, 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; Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support; Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support; John McCarney, Head of Service: Schools Support; Graham Short, Head of Service: Quality Improvement; Jackie Donnelly, Executive Head of Social Work; Robin Gourlay, Head of Onsite Services; John Wilson, Links Officer in the Arts & Education; Hilary MacGillivray, Early Intervention Project Co-ordinator; Dot Grieve, Principal Officer, Community Learning & Development; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Don Vass, District Inspector, HMIE.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Maureen McKay, Daniel Coffey, George Smith and Eric Ross.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Don Vass, District Inspector, HMIE and Dot Grieve, Principal Officer, Community Learning & Development who were in attendance.
- 1.2 The Chair advised the Committee of the resignation due to ill health of Bridget Rooney, Head Teacher at St Joseph's Academy and expressed his genuine regret at her departure and best wishes for the future.

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 19 MAY 2005 (APPENDIX I)**

SUBMISSION FOR SCHOOLS OF AMBITION PROGRAMME

3. There was submitted a report dated 5 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the submission from the Doon Learning Partnership for the Schools of Ambition Programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the submission from Doon Learning Partnership for the Schools of Ambition Programme;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services report further on the progress with the proposal; and
- (iii) otherwise, note the contents of the report.

CONSULTATION ON DRAFT BILL: MAKING THE DIFFERENCE - IMPROVING PARENTS' INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOLS

4. There was submitted a report dated 5 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the draft proposals issued by the Scottish Executive on Improving Parents' Involvement in Schools and the Authority's response to the proposals.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the response to the consultation on parental involvement in schools;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and his staff be commended on the Authority's response to the proposals;
- (iii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services issue a copy of the response to all school boards; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

TRANSITION INTO SUPPORTIVE EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

5. There was submitted a report dated 3 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of a joint initiative with the DARE Foundation to assist young people with a disability make the transition to the world of work.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that this report had been considered by the Social Work Committee; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2006/2007

6. There was submitted a report dated 26 April 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the consultation exercise carried out regarding school holiday arrangements for school session 2006/2007 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 2006/2007; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT

7. There was submitted a report dated 3 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the publication of the Annual Standards and Quality report for the Department of Educational and Social Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that this report had been considered by the Social Work Committee; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2005-2006

8. There was submitted a report dated 3 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the arrangements for Improvement Planning within the Education Service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the arrangements for Improvement Planning in 2005/2006;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide a report, at a suitable point in the future, to the Education Committee on the progress made under the Plan; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DETERMINED TO SUCCEED ENTERPRISE IN EDUCATION - PROGRESS REPORT

9. There was submitted a report dated 5 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which (a) informed of the progress made in developing a consistent and integrated approach to supporting Enterprise in Education and an ethos of creativity across schools in East Ayrshire; and (b) advised that this programme was supported by the Scottish Executive's Determined to Succeed Programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress which had been made within the Determined to Succeed Programme;
- (ii) that the Committee be kept informed by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services of future progress and developments on an annual basis; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ARTS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

10. There was submitted a report dated 5 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which updated on the recent invitation by the Scottish Arts Council to be one of only seven participating local authorities in the innovative 'Arts at the Centre of the Curriculum' programme funded by the Scottish Executive Education Department through the Future Learning and Teaching (FLaT) Initiative.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note this innovative programme;
- (ii) that the Committee be kept informed by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services of the progress on an annual basis; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

YOUTH MUSIC INITIATIVE - UPDATE REPORT

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 5 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which updated on recent developments in the Youth Music Initiative (YMI).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress being made within the Youth Music Initiative;
- (ii) that Committee be kept informed by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services of the future music developments; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AUTOMATED CALL SYSTEMS IN SCHOOLS

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 5 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of a pilot programme to introduce Automated Call Systems in a number of schools within East Ayrshire in 2005/2006.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the introduction of automated call systems to a number of secondary schools within the authority on a pilot basis in 2005/2006;
- (ii) to note additional funding of £18,000 from the Scottish Executive for such systems; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EARLY INTERVENTION AND LITERACY INITIATIVE

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which updated on the progress of the Early Intervention Programme and which advised of a proposed approach to support the development of literacy in all Early Years establishments and Primary Schools.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposal to focus on literacy for all Early Years establishments and Primary Schools;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services continue to monitor progress on the Early Intervention Programme and report back to Committee in due course; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE 2005

14. There was submitted a report dated 29 April 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the outcome of the ninth Annual Youth Conference held in Kilmarnock College on 30 March 2005.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the success of this year's Annual 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.

FUNDING FOR EARLY YEARS PARTNER PROVIDERS

15. There was submitted a report dated 4 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for a proposed payment per place for Partner Providers to deliver pre-school education and care.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the minimum advisory level of £1,037 per place for Partner Providers; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NORTH WEST KILMARNOCK LONE PARENTS RESOURCE (THE AVENUE PROJECT)

16. There was submitted a report dated 3 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the services provided by The Avenue Project and of proposals to regularise arrangements for support and monitoring.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the annual revenue funding linked to the appropriate monitoring through a Service Level Agreement; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2005/2006

17. There was submitted a report dated 3 May 2005 (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 2005/2006.

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.

LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS - PROGRESS REPORT

18. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which provided information regarding progress within Learning Partnerships.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services return to the Committee with the outcome of the Partnership Evaluation and Action Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

19. There was submitted and noted a report dated 26 April 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>
Extension to Logan Day Centre	Fulwood Holdings, Stewarton	£178,463.19
Computerised School Estate Asset Management System	The Technology Forge Ltd, Leeds	£70,533.00

The meeting terminated at 1105 hours.

APPENDIX I

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CHAIR'S SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2005 AT 0830 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell and Elaine Stewart.

ATTENDING: John Mulgrew, Executive Director of Educational & Social Services; John McCarney, Head of Service: Schools Support; Janice Shaw, Personnel Manager (Schools) and Sharon McHarg. Administrative Officer.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

1. The Sub-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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

REQUEST FOR EARLY RETIREMENT

2. There was submitted a report dated 26 April 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for 20 teachers in the Educational and Social Services Department to retire from the Council's service under the terms of the Teachers (Compensation for Premature Retirement) (Scotland) Regulations 1997. The Executive Director of Educational and Social Services gave a verbal report on the details of the employees.

It was agreed to approve the requests from 20 teachers in Educational and Social Services Department to retire early from the Council's service effective from 15 August 2005 under the terms of the Teachers (Compensation for Premature Retirement) (Scotland) Regulations 1997.

The meeting terminated at 0845 hours.