

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 MAY 2006 AT 1000 HOURS IN  
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Tommy Farrell, Jim O'Neill, Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Drew McIntyre, Iain Linton, Robert McDill, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Elaine Dinwoodie, Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael; Church Representatives: John McHugh and Dr Ivy Barclay; Teacher Representative: Iain Harvey; and Parent Representative: George Hammersley.

**ATTENDING:** Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support; John McCarney, Head of Service: School Support; Robin Gourlay, Head of Onsite Services; Kenneth McKinlay, Principal, Quality Development; Dave Farrow, Quality Development Officer; Hilary MacGillivray, Early Intervention Co-ordinator; John Wilson, Links Officer in the Arts and Education; Chris Johnston, Education Finance Manager; Janice Shaw, Personnel Manager (Schools); Dot Grieve, Principal Officer, Community Learning and Development; and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Maureen McKay, Willie Coffey, John Campbell, Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillors John Knapp, Eric Jackson, Neil McGhee, Eric Ross and Jimmy Carmichael; and Church Representative: Bill McGregor.

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

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. The Chair introduced and welcomed Naima El Abdouni, a French Exchange Student, who was undertaking a work placement within Administrative and Legal Services.

**CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO MERGE THE MANAGEMENT  
STRUCTURES UNDER ONE HEAD TEACHER OF WITCHHILL SCHOOL,  
KILMARNOCK WITH WOODSTOCK SCHOOL, KILMARNOCK IN AUGUST 2006  
OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER (Item 4, Page 2065, 03/07)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 8 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the results of the consultation on the proposal to merge the management structures under one Head Teacher of Witchhill School, Kilmarnock with Woodstock School, Kilmarnock in August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.

It was agreed:-

- (i) not to proceed with the proposal to merge the management structures under one Head Teacher of Witchhill School, Kilmarnock with Woodstock School, Kilmarnock in August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services investigate the potential for, and possibilities offered by, a single campus development and provide a future report to Committee; and

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

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2006/2007**

3. There was submitted a report dated 27 April 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the 2006/2007 Health and Safety Action Plan for Education.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the 2006/2007 Health and Safety Action Plan appended to the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

4. There was submitted a report dated 8 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed on the outcome of recent events relating to engagement and consultation with young people in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

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

### **VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2006/2007 (Item 17, Page 1512, 03/07)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 21 April 2006 (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 2006/2007.

It was agreed-

- (i) to approve the awards recommended in Appendix I of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **REGISTRATION OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE WORKERS AND ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED REGISTRATION FEE LEVELS AND POST REGISTRATION TRAINING AND LEARNING REQUIREMENTS**

6. There was submitted a report dated 29 March 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the response to the Scottish Social Services Council consultative document which dealt with the proposed registration fee levels and post registration training and learning requirements for Early Education and Childcare Workers.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the response to the consultation document detailed within the report; and

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

### **FUNDING FOR EARLY YEARS PARTNER PROVIDERS**

7. There was submitted a report dated 27 April 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for payment per place for Partner Providers to deliver pre-school education and care.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the level of £1,068 per place for Partner Providers giving a 39 week per year service; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **KILMARNOCK AND LOUDOUN FURNITURE REDISTRIBUTION SCHEME, CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY GIFT FURNITURE SCHEME AND THE HOLIDAY PROJECT - GRANT FUNDING 2006/2007 (Item 6, Page 1669, 03/07)**

8. There was submitted a report dated 4 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on the outcome of the annual evaluations of Kilmarnock and Loudoun Furniture Redistribution Scheme, Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme and the Holiday Project; and confirmed funding arrangements for 2006/2007.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to fund Kilmarnock and Loudoun Furniture Redistribution Scheme in the sum of £13,360.00 in 2006/2007;
- (ii) to fund the Holiday Project in the sum of £15,464.00 in 2006/2007;
- (iii) to fund the Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme in the sum of £9,051.00 in 2006/2007;
- (iv) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services carry out a full evaluation of all three projects prior to 31 March 2007; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **OUTWITH PLACEMENTS**

9. There was submitted a report dated 16 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which provided a summary of the Department of Educational and Social Services' use of outwith placements up to 31 March 2006 and sought approval for a method of management of these placements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the method of managing outwith placements described in Section 3 of the report;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide future reports at six monthly intervals on this aspect of provision;
- (iii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services take any necessary action to ensure that available resources were matched to established needs in this provision;

- (iv) to note this report had also been considered by the Social Work Committee; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **SKILLS FOR WORK 2006/2007**

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 16 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed on the Authority's participation in Phase 2 of the Skills for Work Pilot Programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the Authority's participation in the Skills for Work Programme;
- (ii) to endorse this approach to curricular flexibility in Secondary Schools;
- (iii) to note the further progress in working with Kilmarnock College; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **LITERACY AND NUMERACY PROGRESS REPORT (Item 5, Page 1669, 03/07)**

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 8 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which provided an update on the progress of the Early Intervention Programme and advised on continuing developments to support literacy and numeracy in educational establishments.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the continuation of the focus of the Programme on literacy, for all early years establishments and Primary Schools;
- (ii) to approve the continuation of the Early Intervention Initiative in literacy and numeracy for all early years establishments;
- (iii) to approve the continuation of the FLAT Projects for session 2006/2007 and to note the financial implications;
- (iv) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide six monthly update reports on progress; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **SCIENCE DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST AYRSHIRE (Item 2, Page 793, 03/07)**

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 28 April 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed on developments and improvements in science education in East Ayrshire since publication of the Authority's Science Strategy Education Committee papers and of developments with "A Curriculum for Excellence".

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note progress in Science Education within the Authority;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide a further progress report in due course; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**DETERMINED TO SUCCEED ENTERPRISE IN EDUCATION  
(Item 9, Page 1510, 03/07)**

13. There was submitted an amended report dated 3 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which provided an update on the approach to Enterprise in Education and an ethos of creativity across schools in East Ayrshire supported by the Scottish Executive's Determined to Succeed (DTS) Programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note progress made within the Determined to Succeed Programme;
- (ii) that the Committee be kept informed of future progress and be provided with annual monitoring reports; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**YOUTH MUSIC INITIATIVE (Item 11, Page 1511, 03/07)**

14. There was submitted a report dated 16 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which provided an update on the Youth Music Initiative.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the activities detailed in the report involving pupils from across East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to note the financial support detailed within the report;
- (iii) that the Committee be kept informed of further developments; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**CULTURAL CO-ORDINATORS IN SCOTTISH SCHOOLS PROGRAMME  
(Item 15, Page 1672, 03/07)**

15. There was submitted a report dated 16 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which provided an update on the Cultural Co-ordinator Programme in East Ayrshire and the extension of external funding support from the Scottish Arts Council to June 2007.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the activities described within the report involving pupils from across East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to note the extension of the Cultural Co-ordinator Programme until 2007;
- (iii) that the Committee be kept informed of further developments; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2007/2008  
(Item 6, Page 1509, 03/07)**

16. There was submitted a report dated 3 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed on the consultation

exercise carried out regarding school holiday arrangements for school session 2007/2008 and sought agreement to implement the preferred school holiday option.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve Appendix I as the proposed school holiday arrangements for the session 2007/2008; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor McIntyre left the meeting at this point.

### **RAISING EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT: EASTER SCHOOLS IN EAST AYRSHIRE**

- 17.** There was submitted a report dated 22 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on the success of Easter Schools 2006 in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the success of the Easter Schools 2006 Programme; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **HUNGRY FOR SUCCESS: PROMOTING SCHOOL MEALS (Item 15, Page 1363, 03/07)**

- 18.** There was submitted a report dated 23 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed on further developments of the Hungry for Success Initiative.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the approaches taken in the delivery of Hungry for Success detailed within the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **SCHOOL ESTATE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2006 (Item 20, Page 1364, 03/07)**

- 19.** There was submitted a report dated 13 May 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval of the 2006 School Estate Management Strategy and its submission to the Scottish Executive.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the 2006 School Estate Management Plan appended to the report;
- (ii) to submit the 2006 School Estate Management Plan to the Scottish Executive; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **AWARDING OF CONTRACT**

- 20.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 5 May 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided, for

information, details of a tender which had been accepted in respect of the Education Service, as follows:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Supply of Band Saws and Planers	The Saw Centre, Glasgow	£38,460.00

### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

21. 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 Paragraphs 1, 9 and 11 of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item.

#### **LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS (PARAS 1 & 11) (Item 18, Page 1513, 03/07)**

22. There was submitted a report dated 6 April 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on the outcome of the evaluation of Learning Partnerships and made recommendations accordingly.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals set out in Section 4 of the report;
- (ii) to remit the staffing implications to the Corporate Governance Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **PROPOSED SHORTLEES NURSERY AND FAMILY CENTRE (PARAS 1 & 11) (Item 16, Page 1233, 03/07)**

23. There was submitted a report dated 29 March 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the provision of services for children 0-3 years in Shortlees Nursery and the development of family centre services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations contained in Section 3 of the report;
- (ii) to remit the staffing proposals to the Corporate Governance Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **LAND AT FORMER PATNA BOWLING CLUB, DOONSIDE AVENUE, PATNA (PARA 9)**

24. There was submitted a report dated 27 April 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval to declare land at the former Patna Bowling Club, Doonside Avenue, Patna surplus to the requirements of the Educational Services; and authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to dispose of the subjects.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the subjects extending to 2159m<sup>2</sup> or thereby at Doonside Avenue, Patna surplus to Educational requirements;
- (ii) to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to finalise negotiations for disposal of the subjects; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1058 hours.