

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2005 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

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

ATTENDING: 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; Robin Gourlay, Head of Onsite Services; Chris Johnston, Education Finance Manager; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager; Janie Allen, Principal Officer Early Years; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Melissa Paton from Grange Academy who was attending the Committee whilst on work experience with Administration and Legal Services.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT EDUCATION TO 12 DECEMBER 2004 (PERIOD 9)

2. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 14 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and Executive Head of Finance which advised of the current budgetary control position and projected out-turn for the year for Educational Services for the period ended 12 December 2004 (Period 9).

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT ONSITE SERVICES UNIT TO 12 DECEMBER 2004 (PERIOD 9)

3. There was submitted a joint report dated 7 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and Executive Head of Finance which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Onsite Services Business Unit for the period ended 12 December 2004 (Period 9).

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Stewart, moved that the contents of the report be noted.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor D Coffey, moved as an amendment that Committee:-

- (i) note the surplus of £8,000 against the budget for school crossing patrols in the context of the recent decision taken by the Development Services Committee to reduce the current number of patrols; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 14 votes to 5.

2004/2005 EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME VIREMENT

4. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval to vire Capital Programme funds between projects.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed virement of funds within the 2004/2005 Capital Programme; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2005/2006

5. There was submitted a report dated 14 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the 2005/2006 Departmental Health and Safety Action Plan for Education Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the recommended Education Service Health and Safety Action Plan 2005/2006 as appended to the report;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide further reports on the Department's response to the 2005/2006 Action Plan; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PE AND SPORT - PHASE 2 BIDS (Item 6, Page 972, 03/07)

6. There was submitted a report dated 10 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the submission of Phase 2 Facilities Bids for Doon Academy and James Hamilton Academy to the Big Lottery Fund.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the first phase of projects detailed in Section 3 of the report to be submitted to the Big Lottery Fund; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

FIT AYRSHIRE BABIES

7. There was submitted a report dated 14 December 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which (i) advised of the progress that had been made in respect of the Fit Ayrshire Babies Initiative and on the proposals for the next five years and (ii) sought approval for part-funding the initiative.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the annual contribution from Sure Start to Fit Ayrshire Babies of £9,600; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

HMIE FOLLOW-UP REPORT FOR COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH KILMARNOCK AREA - SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE GUIDANCE: WORKING AND LEARNING TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES (Item 17, Page 685, 03/07)

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of (i) the outcome of the follow-up inspection of Community Learning and Development in North Kilmarnock area; and (ii) feedback from Communities Scotland regarding Ayrshire's Community Learning and Development Strategy.

DESTINATION OF LEAVERS STATISTICS (Item 7, Page 525, 03/07)

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of destinations of leavers for East Ayrshire Schools 2003/2004, as published on the National Priorities Website.

NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND LOCAL IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES (Item 14, Page 657, 03/07)

10. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the submission of the standard annual report to the Scottish Executive on the progress made by the Authority in overtaking the National Priorities in Education and for a new set of local improvement objectives.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve this report as a basis for the mandatory submission to the Scottish Executive;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services write to Head Teachers, Teachers and School Boards highlighting the progress that had been made against the National Priorities in Education in 2004;
- (iii) to approve this report as the basis for the Authority's statutory local improvement objectives for 2005;
- (iv) to note that some objectives would require co-ordination with other mandatory processes;

- (v) to authorise the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to carry out such harmonisation with other plans that is necessary to ensure the continued development delivery of a quality and improving services; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

COMPARATIVE INFORMATION ON EAST AYRSHIRE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

11. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the annual release of the information of comparative information on secondary schools.

PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2006/2007 (Item 8, Page 795, 03/04)

12. There was submitted a report dated 10 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval to consult with educational establishments, school boards, the Chamber of Commerce, Churches and Teacher's Unions on the proposals detailed within the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the proposals contained within the report and appendices be issued for consultation;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services produce a further report to Committee outlining the results of the consultation process; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

A TEACHING PROFESSION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY (TP21) - PREMATURE EARLY RETIREMENT TO SUPPORT MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURING (Item 14, Page 1090, 03/07)

13. There was submitted a report dated 13 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought the approval for a Premature Early Retirement Scheme which would support the further implementation of the Scottish Executive document (TP21).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Premature Early Retirement Scheme as outlined in Section 3 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DRAFT GUIDANCE ON LOCAL AUTHORITY ACCOUNTABILITY IN RELATION TO THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACT 2004

14. There was submitted a report dated 23 December 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the draft response submitted to the Scottish Executive in terms of draft guidance issued in relation to Local Authority accountability as part of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the response submitted to the Scottish Executive in respect of the draft guidance issued in relation to Local Authority accountability as part of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2004;
- (ii) to note that this report had been considered by the Social Work Committee at its meeting on 27 January 2005;
- (iii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide a further report to Committee on the final guidance, once this becomes available; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY - SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO
SCHOOL REFERRAL (Item 1, Page 857, 03/07)**

15. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised that the Scottish Ministers had approved the referral made to them in June 2004 to accelerate the timing of the rationalisation of the St Joseph's Academy (Cumnock Campus) into the school's Kilmarnock Campus from August 2006 to August 2005 or as soon as possible thereafter.

**RESULTS OF CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO BRING SHORTLEES
NURSERY SCHOOL UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE HEAD TEACHER
AT SHORTLEES PRIMARY SCHOOL (Item 17, Page 975, 03/07)**

16. There was submitted a report dated 7 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the results of the consultation on the proposal to bring Shortlees Nursery School under the management of the Head Teacher at Shortlees Primary School.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Stewart moved:-

- (i) to approve the integration of Shortlees Nursery School into Shortlees Primary School;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services return to Committee at a suitable date, with a report on the feasibility of the establishment of 0-3 year provision and a family centre on the same campus, subject to availability of resources;
- (iii) to refer the personnel implications to the Corporate Governance Committee for consideration; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Iain Harvey, seconded by John McHugh moved as an amendment:-

- (i) to defer a decision on this consultation until satisfactory discussions were concluded with representatives of the staff involved; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 13 votes to 9.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

17. There was submitted and noted a report dated 17 January 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>
Proposed Alterations to Youth Strategy Unit, Kilmarnock Academy	Caledonian All Trades Ltd, Glasgow	£46,249.35
Supply and Fit Aluminium Windows and Stenni Cladding Phase 2 to Lainshaw Primary, Stewarton and Mount Carmel Primary, Kilmarnock	Radbury of Ayr Ltd, Ayr	£67,590.22
Replacement of Metal Windows with Aluminium Windows to Block C - Elevations 1, 4, 5 and 6, James Hamilton Academy	Radbury of Ayr Ltd, Ayr	£229,537.01
Replacement of Window Screens, Rendering and External Works at Auchinleck Academy Assembly Hall	K G Builders, Ardrossan	£87,202.37
Refurbishment of Swimming Pool at Loudoun Academy, Galston	Fullwood Holdings Ltd, Stewarton	£260,545.20

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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

LAND AT KILMARNOCK ACADEMY, ELMBANK DRIVE, KILMARNOCK

19. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval (i) to declare land at Kilmarnock Academy surplus to the requirements of the Education Services; and (ii) to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to dispose of the ground on a negotiated basis to the owner of the adjacent site, J & I Glass t/a Blaven Investments who had expressed an interest in acquiring the land.

Councillor Linton, seconded by Councillor D Coffey moved that the sale of the land would be detrimental to the provision of PE at Kilmarnock Academy and should be retained.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Stewart moved as an amendment:-

- (i) to declare the ground extending to 1337 square metres shown hatched on the plan attached to the report surplus to Educational requirements;
- (ii) to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to dispose of the ground on a negotiated basis to J & I Glass t/a Blaven Investments; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 14 votes to 6.

The meeting terminated at 1101 hours.