

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2005 AT 1000 HOURS IN  
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Tommy Farrell, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Drew McIntyre, John Campbell, Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillors John Knapp, Robert McDill, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, Eric Ross, 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:** John Mulgrew, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; 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; Peter Hessel, Team Leader (Litigation and Advice); Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager; Sally-Ann Kelly, Senior Manager, Children and Families and Criminal Justice; Janie Allen, Principal Officer, Early Years; Gillian Hamilton, CPD Co-ordinator; Cheryl Brady, Active Schools Manager; John Wilson, Links Officer in the Arts & Education; Dot Grieve, Principal Officer, Community Learning & Development; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Maureen McKay, Jim O'Neill, Willie Coffey and Eric Jackson.

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

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. The Chair welcomed Cheryl Brady, Active Schools Manager, Gillian Hamilton, CPD (Continuous Professional Development) Co-ordinator and Sally-Ann Kelly, Senior Manager, Children and Families and Criminal Justice who had all been recently appointed to their respective posts in the Educational and Social Services Department.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT EDUCATION TO  
24 JULY 2005 (PERIOD 4)**

2. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 23 August 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 Educational Services for the period ended 24 July 2005 (Period 4).

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT ONSITE SERVICES TO  
24 JULY 2005 (PERIOD 4)**

3. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 18 August 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 Unit for the period ended 24 July 2005 (Period 4).

**COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT - TRANSPORT PROVISION**

4. There was submitted a report dated 23 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval to declare surplus to requirements, three mini-buses operated by Community Learning and Development, and thereafter to remit to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to dispose of the vehicles.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Stewart, moved that the Committee:-

- (i) approve the proposals as detailed in section 3.1 and 3.2 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor D Coffey, seconded by Councillor McDill, moved as an amendment that the three mini-buses be retained and that the status quo remain.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 12 votes to 3.

**ACTION PLAN ON ADULT LITERACY AND  
NUMERACY 2004-2006: ANNUAL REPORT**

5. There was submitted a report dated 19 July 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the Annual Report relating to the East Ayrshire Action Plan on Adult Literacy and Numeracy 2004-2006.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services return to Committee with the next annual update; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**KILMARNOCK AND LOUDOUN FURNITURE REDISTRIBUTION SCHEME AND  
CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY GIFT FURNITURE SCHEME - SERVICE LEVEL  
AGREEMENTS**

6. There was submitted a report dated 24 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the annual evaluations for Kilmarnock and Loudoun Furniture Redistribution Scheme and Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Schemes who were supported through Service Level Agreements and which confirmed funding arrangements for these organisations for 2005/2006.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the funding recommendations for 2005/2006 as detailed in the report for Kilmarnock and Loudoun Furniture Redistribution Scheme, subject to receiving a copy of the organisation's audited accounts;

- (ii) to approve the recommendations as detailed in the report for Cumnock and Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme;
- (iii) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **FREE FRUIT FOR NURSERIES**

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the successful bid for mainline funding made to the Health Improvement Fund by the Community Dieticians in NHS Ayrshire and Arran to provide fresh fruit in nurseries across Ayrshire.

### **CHILDCARE STRATEGY FUNDING**

8. There was submitted a report dated 15 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of developments in services funding through Childcare Strategy and Workforce Development and Training funding and which made recommendations accordingly.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report;
- (ii) to note the progress in developments relating to Childcare Strategy and Workforce Training and Development; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **REGULATING FOR IMPROVEMENT AND ASSESSING THE QUALITY OF CARE SERVICES: PUBLIC CONSULTATION CARE COMMISSION**

9. There was submitted a report dated 24 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the Council's response to public consultation document issued by the Care Commission "Regulating for Improvement and Assessing the Quality of Care Services".

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the response as set out in Appendix I to the report;
- (ii) to note that this report had been considered by the Social Work Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **APPLICATION FOR LETTING OF COUNCIL PREMISES**

10. There was submitted a report dated 1 September 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the guidance received from CoSLA regarding the Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003: Guidance on Letting of Council Premises and which made recommendations accordingly.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations as set out in Section 3 of the report;

- (ii) to note that this report would be considered by the Community Services Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**RESPONSE TO SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE DOCUMENTS  
“LEADERSHIP - A DISCUSSION PAPER” AND “STANDARD FOR  
HEADSHIP - A CONSULTATION PAPER”**

11. There was submitted a report dated 25 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the Authority’s response to a discussion paper from the Scottish Executive Education Department (SEED) entitled “Leadership - A Discussion Paper” (Scottish Executive, June 2005) and “Standard for Headship - A Consultation Paper” (Scottish Executive, June 2005).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the response to “Leadership - A Discussion Paper”;
- (ii) to approve the response to “Standard for Headship - A Consultation Paper”; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**RESPONSE TO STRATEGY AND GUIDE “LIFELONG PARTNERS: SCOTLAND’S  
SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE BUILDINGS THE FOUNDATIONS OF A LIFELONG  
LEARNING SOCIETY - A STRATEGY FOR PARTNERSHIP” AND “A GUIDE FOR  
SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES” AND SCHOOL/COLLEGE  
PARTNERSHIP - ACTIVITIES IN DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN EAST AYRSHIRE  
COUNCIL AND KILMARNOCK COLLEGE**

- 12 It was agreed to consider Agenda Items 11 and 12 together.

**12.1 Response to Strategy and Guide “Lifelong Partners: Scotland’s Schools and College Buildings the Foundations of a Lifelong Learning Society - A Strategy For Partnership” and “A Guide For Schools, Colleges and Local Authorities”**

There was submitted a report dated 25 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the Authority’s response to the Strategy and Guide “Lifelong Partners: Scotland’s Schools and Colleges Building the Foundations of a Lifelong Learning Society - A Strategy for Partnership” and “A Guide for Schools, Colleges and Local Authorities” (Scottish Executive, 12 May 2005).

**12.2 School/College Partnership - Activities in Development between East Ayrshire Council and Kilmarnock College**

There was submitted a report dated 15 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the Authority’s relationship with Kilmarnock College, its joint activities and plans for future developments.

It was agreed in relation to Response To Strategy and Guide “Lifelong Partners: Scotland’s Schools and College Buildings The Foundations of a Lifelong Learning Society - A Strategy for Partnership” and “A Guide For Schools, Colleges and Local Authorities”:-

- (i) to approve the response to the consultation;
- (ii) that the Committee be kept informed of further developments; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

It was agreed in relation to School/College Partnership - Activities in Development Between East Ayrshire Council and Kilmarnock College:-

- (i) to note the progress being made in the work with Kilmarnock College;
- (ii) to endorse the move to strengthen curricular flexibility in schools;
- (iii) to encourage the strengthening of links with Kilmarnock College;
- (iv) to welcome the progress being made in the Glaisnock House Project;
- (v) to allocate £36,851 to the Glaisnock Project with the specific aim of assisting the development of the Centre; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **UPDATE ON ACTIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAMME**

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 24 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of developments in relation to East Ayrshire Active Schools Programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Committee be kept informed of future developments; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **EXCLUSIONS 2004/2005**

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 22 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of levels of school exclusion during session 2004/2005 and the action being undertaken to manage exclusions.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to continue to support initiatives that promote the promotion of positive discipline in schools;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide further information at the end of the school session; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillors Kelly and Stewart left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

#### **THE CULTURAL COMMISSION REPORT**

- 15.** There was submitted a report dated 24 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the key education recommendations contained within the Cultural Commission's report "Our Next Major Enterprise".

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Committee be kept informed of further developments; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **CREATIVE MINDS UPDATE**

16. There was submitted a report dated 24 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which updated on the recent Scottish Arts Council funding awards, this year's Arts Summer School Programme and last session's pupil concert and exhibition opportunities.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note these projects and performance opportunities involving pupils from across East Ayrshire;
- (ii) that the Committee be kept informed of further initiatives and developments; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **SERVICES FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN**

17. There was submitted a report dated 6 September 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for a two year project to improve the attainment of looked after children.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve this project for raising the attainment of looked after children;
- (ii) to note that this report had also been considered by the Social Work Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **ANTI-BULLYING STRATEGY: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

18. There was submitted a report dated 6 September 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the present position with regard to the Department of Educational and Social Service's anti-bullying strategy for children and young people and which sought approval for future developments.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve this report as the anti-bullying strategy for the Department of Educational and Social Services;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services advise all Head Teachers that their establishment anti-bullying policy be reviewed to ensure consistency with the strategy outlined in this paper; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN 2005/2006**

19. There was submitted a report dated 6 September 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which described the results of a review

of the quality improvement service and which sought agreement to its direction in session 2005/2006.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the arrangements described in this report for the delivery of quality improvement services and related activity;
- (ii) to approve the quality improvement service plan 2005/2006; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **CONSULTATION ON THE CHILDREN'S HEARING SYSTEM RESPONSE TO THE CHILDREN'S HEARING REVIEW TEAM**

- 20.** There was submitted a report dated 19 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of Phase 2 of the Scottish Executive's Consultation on the Children's Hearing System "Getting it Right for Every Child - Proposals for Action".

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Scottish Executive's consultation on the Children's Hearing System "Getting it Right for Every Child - Proposals for Action";
- (ii) to approve the response to the consultation on the future developments of the Children's Hearing System, as attached as Appendix 1 to the report;
- (iii) to note that the report has been considered by the Social Work Committee on 8 September 2005;
- (iv) to authorise the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to submit the response to the Scottish Executive; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **CHILD PROTECTION REFORM PROGRAMME UPDATE**

- 21.** There was submitted a report dated 8 September 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the current developments in Child Protection Reform Programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that this report was considered by the Social Work Committee on 8 September 2005; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL - ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (SCOTLAND) ACT 2004**

- 22.** There was submitted a report dated 23 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed of the introduction of legislation regarding Parenting Orders and which sought agreement of East Ayrshire Council's response to the Scottish Executive guidance on Parenting Orders, Anti-Social Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the principles of East Ayrshire Council's draft position statement which would support the framework for implementation of Parenting Orders - Best Practice Guidance within East Ayrshire Council and final response to the Scottish Executive; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS**

- 23.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 August 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.

<b><u>Contract</u></b>	<b><u>Successful Contractor</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Proposed Flooring Works at the Memorial Hall and Assembly Hall, Kilmarnock Academy, Kilmarnock	K G Builders, Ardrossan	£37,468.20
Cumnock Academy Electrical Upgrade and Ceiling Replacement to Maths Department	Balfour Kilpatrick Ltd, Renfrewshire	£87,522.49
Internal Refurbishment of Home Economics Classrooms at Cumnock Academy	James Frew Ltd, Stevenston	£245,982.54
Kilmarnock Academy Home Economics Room B1	Forbes & Whiteford Ltd, Kilmarnock	£110,323.50
Cumnock Academy - Synthetic Pitches (NOF)	Kelburne Construction Ltd, Kilmarnock	£592,324.59
Onthank Campus CCTV and Lighting Installation	ADT Fire & Security Plc, Uddingston	£122,846.46
Onthank Primary School, Kilmarnock - Window Replacement Phase 2	Thermashield Insulation Ltd., Glasgow	£208,958.96

The meeting terminated at 1120 hours.