

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Maureen McKay, Jim O'Neill, Stephanie Young, Douglas Reid, Iain Linton, John Campbell, John Knapp, Robert McDill, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, Eric Ross, 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; Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support; Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support; John McCarney, Head of Service: Schools Support; Robin Gourlay, Head of Onsite Services; Kenneth McKinlay, Principal, Quality Development; Chris Johnston, Education Finance Manager; Janie Allan, Principal Officer, Pre-Fives; Dot Grieve, Principal Officer, Community Learning and Development; Alastair Nairn, Quality Improvement Officer; Sally-Ann Kelly, Senior Manager, Children and Families and Criminal Justice; Avril Forrest, Solicitor; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brian Reeves and Drew McIntyre, Provost Jane Darnbrough, Councillor Eric Jackson and Church Representative: Bill McGregor.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - EDUCATION TO 23 JULY 2006 (PERIOD 4)

1. There was submitted a joint report dated 24 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and the Executive Head of Finance which advised on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Educational Services for the period ended 23 July 2006 (Period 4).

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Stewart, moved to note the terms of the report.

Councillor Linton, seconded by Councillor McDill, moved as an amendment:-

- (i) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee to provide detailed information on the budgets for schools within East Ayrshire over the last five years, analysed according to expenditure category; and on school rolls over the same period; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 11 votes to 5.

LEADERSHIP SUMMER SCHOOL

2. There was submitted a report dated 3 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which described a Leadership Summer

School attended by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and highlighted its significance for practice in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that future relevant reports using the concepts from the Harvard Summer School be brought to Committee for consideration; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

POST SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

3. There was submitted a report dated 28 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the use of funds allocated under the Scottish Executive Strategy "More Choices, More Chances".

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the use of the resource allocated by the Scottish Executive under "More Choices, More Chances" to support psychological services between September 2006 and March 2008; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SCOTTISH SURVEY OF ACHIEVEMENT (2005) 5-14

4. There was submitted a report dated 24 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on the outcomes of the first Scottish Survey of Achievement in respect of 5-14 performance in East Ayrshire schools benchmarked against national average and comparator authorities.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the strong performances of pupils in reading and numeracy at all stages in 5-14 attainment;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services submit annual reports on 5-14 attainment; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD (Item 20, Page 1674, 03/07)

5. There was submitted a report dated 16 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on the "Getting it Right for Every Child" (GIRFEC) policy developments and alerted Committee to specific proposals that would result in a significant change for Children's Services across Scotland.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide regular updates on progress nationally of the GIRFEC proposals;
- (ii) to note that these updates would include relevant information in relation to any issues from the Child Protection Agenda, the Integrated Children's Services Agenda and the development of a National Integrated Assessment Framework;

- (iii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services prepare a strategic response from East Ayrshire Council to the GIRFEC implementation plan;
- (iv) to note that the report was also presented to the Social Work Committee on 7 September 2006; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**SCOTTISH SCHOOL (PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT) ACT - IMPLEMENTATION
FUNDING IN 2006/2007**

6. There was submitted a report dated 25 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed on progress with the implementation of the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act and development plans within East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the creation of a Strategy Group to take forward the developments in parental involvement and engagement;
- (ii) to note the additional funding provided to support this work; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) IN
EDUCATION IN EAST AYRSHIRE - UPDATE**

7. There was submitted a report dated 17 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on the successful use of ICT in schools in East Ayrshire to support learning and teaching.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress in implementing the hardware roll-out within the ICT Strategy;
- (ii) to note the developments in the use of ICT in educational establishments;
- (iii) to note the development related to the GLOW Initiative; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PROGRESS REPORT ON SCHOOL/AUTHORITY COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP

8. There was submitted a report dated 1 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed on the Authority's relationship with Further Education Colleges, their joint activities and plans for future developments.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress in partnership with Kilmarnock College;
- (ii) to note the progress in partnership with other Further Education Colleges; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

A CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE IN EAST AYRSHIRE

9. There was submitted a report dated 28 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed on progress made with regards to A Curriculum for Excellence developments in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the developments detailed in the report to support A Curriculum for Excellence;
- (ii) to approve the joint initiatives in co-operation with North and South Ayrshire;
- (iii) to note the funding allocated to support A Curriculum for Excellence; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 2 (1 APRIL - 30 JUNE 2006)

10. There was submitted a report dated 21 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on absence rates for teaching and APT & C staff in Educational Services for the period 1 April - 30 June 2006.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that, in Paragraph 6.1 of the report, the word "Absenteeism" should read "Absence"; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

FUNDING OF ADDITIONAL TEACHERS 2006/07

11. There was submitted a report dated 16 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which provided an update on additional funding provided to employ additional teachers in session 2006/07 and sought approval for its use.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the additional funding provided for additional teachers in 2006/07;
- (ii) to approve the proposal for additional teachers outlined in Section 3 of the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

ADULT LITERACY AND NUMERACY ACTION PLAN 2004-2006 ANNUAL REPORT

12. There was submitted a report dated 22 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on 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.

**PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION REVISED ADVISORY FLOOR FOR ACADEMIC
YEAR 2006/07 FOR PARTNER PROVIDERS (Item 7, Page 2225, 03/07)**

13. There was submitted a report dated 18 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Service which advised on the revised pre-school advisory floor for academic year 2006/07 further to the letter from the Scottish Executive Education Department of 10 August 2006 and sought approval to implement this revision.

13.1 Reconsideration of Decision

In accordance with Standing Order 40, it was unanimously agreed to reconsider the decision of the Committee in respect of this matter.

13.2 Reconsideration of Report

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the level of £1,477.32 per fully loaded pre-school education place for 39 weeks per year;
- (ii) to note the increase in funds to the GAE for Pre-School Education;
- (iii) to note that a future report would be presented to Committee on the National Review of the Early Years and Childcare Workforce; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CHILDCARE STRATEGY AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT 2006/2007

14. There was submitted a report dated 18 July 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on progress with the Childcare Strategy and Workforce Training and Development.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress in developments relating to the Childcare Strategy and Workforce Training and Development; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**NATIONAL YOUTH WORK STRATEGY CONSULTATION: "YOUTH WORK -
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL"**

15. There was submitted a report dated 17 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed on the National Youth Work Strategy Consultation: "Youth Work - Opportunities for All" and the arrangements which would be put in place with regard to seeking views from the statutory sector, voluntary sector and, importantly, young people.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the arrangements for the first phase of consultation;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services return at an appropriate time with an update report regarding the National Youth Work Strategy; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor McDill left the meeting during consideration, but prior to determination, of the preceding item.

BEST VALUE REVIEW OF EARLY YEARS' SERVICES

16. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed on the findings of the Early Years' Best Value Review and made recommendations accordingly.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations set out in Section 3 of the report;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services consult with the Trade Unions on the outcome of the Best Value Review;
- (iii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services remit the staffing implications to the Corporate Governance Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

BUILDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES - PROJECT UPDATE

17. There was submitted a report dated 1 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which provided an update on the current status of the Building Learning Communities Project.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the report; and
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services submit a further update report in due course.

NAME OF AMALGAMATED SCHOOL OF ST MATTHEW'S AND ST COLUMBA'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS

18. There was submitted a report dated 4 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which requested the Committee to name the Primary School which would be formed from the amalgamation of St Matthew's and St Columba's Primary Schools.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to name the school formed from the amalgamation of St Matthew's and St Columba's Primary Schools as St Andrew's Primary School and Nursery Class; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS LAND - CESSNOCK ROAD, HURLFORD

19. There was submitted a report dated 15 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval to declare land located at Cessnock Road, Hurlford, surplus to the requirements of Educational Services and remit the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to dispose of the ground.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the ground at Cessnock Road, Hurlford, detailed in the report, surplus to Educational requirements;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services refer the matter to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services for disposal;
- (iii) that the land revert back to the Education portfolio if not sold; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

- 20.** There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 August 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided, for information, details of tenders which had been accepted as set out in Appendix I to these Minutes.

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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 11 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

EDUCATION FINANCE MANAGER

- 22.** There was submitted a report dated 15 August 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for an amendment to the staffing structure of the Education Service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the transfer of the Education Finance Manager post to Finance Services;
- (ii) to note that the proposal would be considered by the Corporate Governance Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1124 hours.

APPENDIX I

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Stewarton Academy Electrical Upgrade	AWS Electrical Services Ltd., Glasgow	£185,438.36
Removal of Asbestos Ceilings at Cumnock Academy	Breval Environmental, Glasgow	£35,024.57
Kilmarnock Academy Aluminium Window Replacement and Masonry Painting - Phase 2	Thermashield Insulation Ltd., Glasgow	£100,980.42
Replacement of Windows at Mount Carmel Primary School, Kilmarnock	Thermashield Insulation Ltd., Glasgow	£152,592.39
Window Replacement to James Hamilton Academy, Kilmarnock - Phase 2 and New Farm Loch Primary School, Kilmarnock - Phase 1	Avonholm Windows Ltd., Glasgow	£325,775.10
Onthank Primary School - Windows, Screens and Curtain Walling Replacement - Phase 4	Marshall Brown (Windows) Ltd., Glasgow	£237,609.76
Window Replacement to Elevations 1, 2, 3 and 4 to Auchinleck Academy, Sorn Road, Auchinleck	Thermashield Insulation Ltd., Glasgow	£347,235.00
James Hamilton Academy, Kilmarnock - Electrical Upgrade	A Stevely Electrical Contractors Ltd., Irvine	£99,208.96
Avenue Project, 8-10 Tourhill Road, Kilmarnock	Forbes & Whiteford Ltd., Kilmarnock	£223,719.72
Loudoun Academy, Galston - Window Replacement (Aluminium Windows)	Avonholm Windows Ltd., Glasgow	£179,462.85
Supply & Erection of Climbing Wall for St Joseph's Academy	Rockworks Ltd., County Durham	£49,454.40
Design, Supply and Installation of Kitchens for Building Learning Communities - PPP Project	Stellex Ltd., Morpeth	£353,890.48
Bellsbank IFE Wing, Dalmellington - Window Replacement (Aluminium Windows)	Marshall Brown (Windows) Ltd., Glasgow	£66,078.61