

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2003 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Drew McIntyre, Iain Linton, John Campbell, Provost Darnbrough and Councillors John Knapp, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, Eric Ross, Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael; Church Representatives: Rev John Taylor and John McHugh and Teacher Representative Iain Harvey.

ATTENDING: John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support; Graham Short, Head of Service: Quality Improvement; John McCarney, Head of Service: Schools Support; Jackie Donnelly, Head of Social Work; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager; Chris Johnston, Education Finance Manager; Anne Jackson, Principal Officer (Community Learning and Development); Stewart Gillan, Operations Manager; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jim O'Neill, Daniel Coffey, Willie Coffey and Elaine Dinwoodie.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell.

PRESENTATION OF CHAMPION LEARNER AWARD TO MARIE ANTOINETTE GAGLIARDI

1. The Chair presented Marie Antoinette Gagliardi with a Champion Learner Award on behalf of Learn Direct Scotland in recognition of her personal achievements over the past eighteen months.

The Chair on behalf of the Committee congratulated her on her success.

**NON-ELECTED MEMBER REPRESENTATION - TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE
(Item 3, Page 70, 03/07)**

2. There was submitted a joint report dated 24 October 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised the Committee of the election of a Teachers' representative to sit as a member of the Education Committee.

It was agreed to note the outcome of the election process and the Committee then welcomed Iain Harvey on his re-appointment as a member of the Education Committee for 2003/2007.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - EDUCATION TO 21
SEPTEMBER 2003 (PERIOD 6)**

3. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 20 October 2003 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Educational and Social Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Education Services for the period ended 21 September 2003 (Period 6).

VIREMENT OF RESOURCES - COMMUNITY SUPPORT

4. There was submitted a report dated 30 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought Committee's approval to recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee the virement of Community Support budgets from the Social Work Committee to the Education Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve, in principle, the virement proposals detailed in Section 2.2 of the report;
- (ii) to refer the virement request to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

NON-ELECTED MEMBER REPRESENTATION - CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES (Item 3, Page 70, 03/07)

5. There was submitted a joint report dated 24 October 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the proposed appointment of a third Church Representative to serve on the Education Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Doctor Ivy Barclay be appointed to serve as the third Church Representative on the Education Committee;
- (ii) to note that appointments had been confirmed for Representatives of the Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church, namely, Reverend John Taylor and Mr John McHugh respectively; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY AND PRACTICE DEVELOPMENTS - PROGRESS REPORT

6. There was submitted a report dated 16 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised Members of progress with implementing service developments to improve Child Protection Services in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made to date with the service development described in Section 3 of the report;
- (ii) that further progress reports on implementation of the service developments be presented to the Education Committee on an annual basis;
- (iii) to note that a further report on the implications of the Caleb Ness report would be presented to the next meeting of the Committee;
- (iv) to note that this report had been considered by the Social Work Committee at its meeting on 6 November 2003; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**CHILD PROTECTION NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM - CONSULTATION
ON NATIONAL STANDARDS AND ON THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF
CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES**

7. There was submitted a report dated 28 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought Members approval to submit a response to the Scottish Executive consultations on National Standards for Child Protection and on the role and responsibilities of Child Protection Committees.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the response to the consultation on National Standards, attached as Appendix I to the report;
- (ii) to approve the response to the consultation on the role and responsibilities of Child Protection Committees, attached as Appendix II to the report;
- (iii) to note that the report had been considered by the Social Work Committee at its meeting on 6 November 2003;
- (iv) to authorise the Director of Educational and Social Services to submit the response to the Scottish Executive; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

8. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which updated Members on progress in the development of international activities and links.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the continued development of international education within East Ayrshire establishments;
- (ii) to continue to encourage the development of international activities and links; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

WORKING TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN SERVICES - PROGRESS REPORT

9. There was submitted a report dated 19 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services informing Members of the progress in achieving targets set for joint working within the Department of Educational and Social Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made with the joint working targets set out for the Department in April 2002, as summarised in Appendix I to the report;
- (ii) to approve the planned progress to consolidate achievements made thus far, set out in Appendix I of the report;
- (iii) to ask the Director of Educational and Social Services to circulate this information widely;

- (iv) to invite the Director of Educational and Social Services to present further planned progress reports to appropriate Committees; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

QUALITY OF LIFE FUNDING: DAIRY TRUST, NEWMILNS

10. There was submitted a report dated 21 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services asking Members to consider a request for funding from the Developing Access Information and Resources for Youth (DAIRY) Trust to support the development of a youth facility in Newmilns.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve an award of £30,000 for Youth (DAIRY) Trust to support the development of a youth facility in Newmilns subject to other funding bids being successful; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT (1995) POST 16'S ACCESSIBILITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

11. There was submitted a report dated 24 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services informing Members of progress made in complying with the requirements set out in the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 for Post 16 Education Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Action Plan set out in Appendix I of the report;
- (ii) to invite the Director of Educational and Social Services to report further progress to the Education Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CASHLESS MEALS - A PILOT SCHEME FOR SCHOOL MEALS

12. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services requesting the approval of Members to develop a pilot scheme for cashless meals in schools.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the pilot scheme for cashless meals as detailed in Section 3.1 of the report;
- (ii) that following satisfactory evaluation of the pilot scheme, a Framework Contract be developed within the Council's Contract and Technical Services Section to allow the cashless meals to be extended to other schools as funding allows; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 October 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources 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>
Electrical Upgrade to Bellfield Primary School, Phase 2	Booth Welsh Automation Ltd., Stevenston	£41,478.18
Supply and Delivery of Five Car Derived Vans with Offside/Nearside Doors	Belmont Citroen, Stirling	£9,300.00 each - total £46,500.00

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

14. 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 Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT ON-SITE SERVICES UNIT TO 21 SEPTEMBER 2003 (PERIOD 6)

15. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 21 October 2003 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Educational and Social Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the On-Site Services Business Unit for the period ended 21 September 2003 (Period 6).

The meeting terminated at 1030 hours.