

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27 MAY 2003 AT 1000 HOURS IN
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Maureen McKay, Jim O'Neill, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel 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, Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael; and Church Representative Rev John Taylor.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services/Solicitor to the Council; Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support; Graham Short, Head of Service, Quality Improvement; John McCarney, Head of Service, Schools Support; Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support; Robin Gourlay, Contract Manager; Derek Mathieson, Education Central Services; Chris Johnston and Alex McPhee, Financial Services Managers; Anne Jackson, Principal Officer (Community Learning & Development); Donna Leitch, Secretary to Head of Service, Schools Support; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Willie Coffey.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed all new Councillors to the first Education Committee meeting of the new Council, as well as the Church of Scotland Representative John Taylor.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

2. There were submitted and approved as a correct record the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes as contained within Appendices I and II to these Minutes, viz:-

2.1 CHAIR'S SUB-COMMITTEE OF 9 APRIL 2003**2.2 CHAIR'S SUB-COMMITTEE OF 22 APRIL 2003****NON-ELECTED MEMBER REPRESENTATION**

3. There was submitted a joint report dated 9 May 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought authorisation for the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to seek nominations for Non-Elected Member representation on the Education Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to write to the appropriate religious organisation to seek a nomination for one

representative from the Roman Catholic Church to serve on the Education Committee;

- (ii) to authorise the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to make appropriate arrangements to advertise in the local press seeking one further nomination for a Church Representative to serve on the Education Committee;
- (iii) to appoint a Teacher Representative, and that it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Educational and Social Services, in consultation with the Chair of the Education Committee, to make the appropriate arrangements to obtain a nomination for a Teacher Representative to serve on the Education Committee as soon as practicable;
- (iv) to appoint a Parent Representative, and that in this respect it be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Educational and Social Services, in consultation with the Chair of the Education Committee, to make appropriate arrangements to obtain a nomination for a Parent Representative to serve on the Education Committee as soon as practicable;
- (v) to note that all representatives would be appointed to serve for the life of the Committee and/or the current Council, subject to their remaining eligible to hold such appointment; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AYRSHIRE SPECIAL GAMES

4. There was submitted a report dated 11 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought agreement on support for the Ayrshire Special Games.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve a contribution of £4,000 to the Ayrshire Special Games which would be met from the general resources available to support special educational needs;
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services should review and authorise any future contributions to the event as required; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

THE SCHOOLS ESTATE STRATEGY

5. There was submitted a report dated 8 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised the Committee of the resources allocated to East Ayrshire Council for improvements to the School Estate and the development of an Estate Management Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the allocations of £898,000 for the School Fund and £84,500 for the preparation of the School Estate Management Plan for financial year 2003/04;
- (ii) to the allocation of the School Fund as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;

- (iii) to the referral of a temporary secondment in respect of the post of Property Officer to supplement the existing Departmental Property Team, to the Corporate Governance Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

STAGED INTERVENTION NATIONAL PILOT

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which informed Members of the latest developments in the Framework for Intervention Programme.

PROPOSAL TO EXTEND PROVISION FOR CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEVERE COMMUNICATION DISORDERS/AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDERS IN EAST AYRSHIRE

7. There was submitted a report dated 10 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval to implement the second phase of the present strategy to support young people with severe communication disorders in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to the extension of the provision from Crosshouse Communication Centre to include P4 to P7 and outreach support;
- (ii) to endorse the establishment of a secondary centre at Loudoun Academy subject to consultation with the School Board and other interested groups;
- (iii) to approve the strategic training programme with Birmingham University; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2003/04

8. There was submitted a report dated 8 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval of recommendations for awards in respect of allocations of Education Voluntary Sector Grants for the year 2003/2004.

The Committee then took the following decisions:-

- (a) Applications Approved:-
- Community Learning and Support - £8,200
 - Ayrshire Schools Football Association - £700;
 - Glasgow Gaelic Drama Association - £120;
 - Worker's Educational Association - £1,000;
 - Childline Scotland - £600;
 - Enterprise Music Scotland - £220;
 - The Caledonian Award - £320;
 - KULOC - £2,500;
 - IQRAA - £2,454; and

Scottish Ballet - £655 to be matched by Arts budget.

(b) Application Referred to Local Committees:-

Kilmarnock & Loudoun District Scout Council - Councillor Linton seconded by Councillor Coffey moved that the Committee consider granting an award to Kilmarnock & Loudoun District Scout Council towards that aspect only of their application which involved the development of two new sections which would target older members.

Councillor Farrell seconded by Councillor Stewart moved as an amendment to refer the application to the Council's Local Committees.

On a division by a show of hands the amendment was carried by 15 votes to 5.

(c) Application Continued:-

Avonlea Youth Centre.

(d) Applications Refused:-

LEAD Scotland; and

West of Scotland Special Educational Needs Sports Association.

ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE 2003

9. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which informed Members of the Education Committee of the outcomes of the Seventh Annual Youth Conference which was held in Kilmarnock College on Wednesday 16 April 2003 and which advised the Committee of ongoing developments resulting from the conference.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the success of the Youth Conference;
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services advise the Local Committees of the conference outcomes; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES IN SCHOOLS

10. There was submitted a report dated 11 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought agreement on future management structures within East Ayrshire Schools.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the system for the development of management structures in schools be implemented with effect from 1 August 2003;
- (ii) that standard circulars be amended to reflect the conditions in these proposals; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

MASTERCLASS

11. There was submitted a report dated 12 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for spending proposals in response to funding allocated through the Masterclass Programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to the spending proposals as outlined in paragraph 3.1 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SCIENCE STRATEGY

12. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for an outline strategy to support the development of science education in schools.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the approach to the further development of support to science education as outlined in the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

QUALITY OF LIFE FUNDING

13. There was submitted a report dated 14 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the position regarding Quality of Life funding and indicated the purposes for which the funding would be utilised.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the framework for action as outlined in the report;
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services make the necessary arrangements to implement the initiative;
- (iii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services advise the Committee of progress, in due course; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

INTEGRATED STRATEGY FOR EARLY YEARS CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

14. There was submitted a report dated 12 May 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the response as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, to the Scottish Executive Consultation Document on an Integrated Early Years Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the response to the Integrated Early Years Consultation Document as outlined in the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1045 hours.