

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2001 AT 0930 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT; Councillors Tommy Farrell, Brian McNeil, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Willie Coffey, Lilian MacLean, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae, Iain Linton, Alex Walsh, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Provost Jimmy Boyd, Councillors Eric Ross and Elaine Dinwoodie; and Church Representatives John Paterson and Matthew Sullivan; Teacher Representative, Iain Harvey.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support; Graham Short, Head of Schools; Chris McAleavey, Head of Homes; Tom McHugh, Head of Accounting Services; Robin Gourlay, Contracts Manager; Euan Couperwhite, Financial Services Manager; Kenneth MacKinlay, Principal, Quality Development; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Stuart McCall, Solicitor and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Julie Faulds, John McHugh, Church Representative and Alasdair MacQueen, Parent Representative.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

1. The Committee agreed 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 8 and 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act following a motion by Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Knapp.

Councillor F MacLean, seconded by Councillor L MacLean had moved not to exclude the Press and public from the meeting and that the vote be taken by roll call but failed to secure the support of one third of the members present, there being only seven members in favour of the proposal.

OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE FOR A PROPOSED EAST AYRSHIRE SCHOOLS PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP): BUILDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

2. There was submitted a report dated 10 December 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which invited Members of the Education Committee to consider the Outline Business Case (OBC) which had been developed for a proposed East Ayrshire Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) and asked the Committee to agree to its submission to the Scottish Executive as a bid for financial support.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Knapp moved:-

- (i) that the Outline Business Case for the Proposed East Ayrshire Schools Public Private Partnership be approved;

- (ii) to recommend to Council approval, in principle, of the relevant financial aspects;
- (iii) subject to approval of (ii) above that the Director of Educational and Social Services submit the Outline Business Case as a bid for funding support to the Scottish Executive by 14 December 2001;
- (iv) that the Director of Educational and Social Services establish a number of information meetings on the action being taken to keep interested parties advised;
- (v) that the Director of Educational and Social Services report the outcome of the bid to a future meeting of the Education Committee at which time the programme for action, including arrangements for detailed and wide ranging consultation, would be determined; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor F MacLean, seconded by Councillor L MacLean moved as an amendment the direct negative.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 13 votes to 7.

The meeting terminated at 1025 hours.

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