

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 29 MAY 2001

NURSERY NURSE POSTS

Report by the Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is seek approval from the Members of the Education Committee to establish the Nursery Nurse post at the Gaelic Nursery Class, Onthank Primary School as a permanent post and to offer permanent peripatetic contracts to those temporary Nursery Nurses who have provided additional Special Educational Needs support to children in Pre- 5 Establishments for a continuous period of over 23 months.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Gaelic Nursery Class was established in Onthank Primary School in August 1998 to provide Gaelic medium Pre-School Education to a maximum of 10 children aged 3-5 years in East Ayrshire.
- 2.2 The Gaelic Nursery Class also feeds the Gaelic Primary 1 class based in Onthank Primary School.

3. NURSERY NURSE POST- GAELIC NURSERY CLASS

- 3.1 The post of Nursery Nurse in the Gaelic Nursery Class was filled on a temporary basis in 1998. As the Nursery Class is now a permanent feature of the Gaelic Medium unit in Onthank Primary School, it is recommended that the post is made permanent.

4. PERIPATETIC SEN NURSERY NURSE POSTS

- 4.1 The Education Service has funding for a total of nine SEN Nursery Nurse posts within the Pre-5 budget. On an annual basis, additional support is provided to those children who have been identified as requiring additional education support through the Pre-School Assessment Team (PRESCAT).
- 4.2 Traditionally, this support has been facilitated through Nursery Nurses on the supply list, which is held by Educational Personnel.
- 4.3 To ensure effective delivery of services it is proposed to establish nine permanent peripatetic SEN Nursery Nurse posts.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Discussions have taken place with the relevant trade unions who are supporting the proposal.

6. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Nil

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Costs associated with these proposals can be met from within existing resources.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that Members of the Education Committee:
- (i) agree to ask the Director of Educational and Social Services to remit the staffing proposals set out in the report to the Personnel and Property Sub Committee;
 - (ii) otherwise note the content of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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