

APPENDIX

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 MAY 1997 AT 1000 HOURS IN
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Ronald Brailsford, Drew McIntyre, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, Robert Taylor and Eric Jackson; Parent Representative, Shelagh McKerrall and Church Representative, John McHugh.

ATTENDING: John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Margaret Burnell, Senior Depute Director of Education; Sue Angus, Depute Director of Education; Graham Short, Head of Quality Development; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer; Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer; Marilyn Miller, Administrative Officer and Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillors John Knapp and David Sneller.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

HOSPITAL/HOME TUITION SERVICE

1. There was submitted a report dated 21 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which sought approval for the arrangements for a Hospital and Home Tuition service under the terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 to offer education to children who were unable to attend school due to medical problems.

John McHugh, Church Representative joined the meeting at this point.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the arrangements for Hospital and Home Tuition services be approved;
- (ii) that the charge to other authorities, per pupil per day be increased to £29.50; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND INTERVENTION

2. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of a Scottish Office Circular dated February 1997 which informed authorities of Challenge Funding which was made available by the Secretary of State, for Early Intervention Schemes to improve literacy and numeracy in primary schools and which sought support for the submission of a bid in this respect.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to amend line 1 of paragraph 5.1 of the report to read "it is recommended that the Community Sub-Committee of the Education Committee";

- (ii) to support the submission of a bid to the Scottish Office Education and Industry Department (SOEID) for funding;
- (iii) that the Director of Education inform the Sub-Committee of progress and report back to a future meeting;
- (iv) notwithstanding the Council's position regarding 'Challenge Funds', that the Director of Education include with the submission to the Scottish Office a covering note stressing the importance of proceeding with the Early Intervention Scheme to improve reading, writing and numeracy skills within Primary Schools, which scheme would form an integral part of the Education Department's overall strategy; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (Item 12, Page 1676)

3. There was submitted a report dated 22 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the progress which had been made in the Department of Education to establish a new approach to development planning and which sought approval for future work in this area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the new development planning procedures including the forecast of future work be welcomed;
- (ii) that the Director of Education monitor the implementation of the development plan; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

YOUTH CONFERENCE (Item 9, Page 2024)

4. There was submitted a report dated 29 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the outcome of a very successful Youth Conference which had been held in Crosshouse Community Education Centre on Thursday 10 April 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to host a similar event in the future encouraging the participation of young people;
- (ii) that further reports on the progress made by the local youth forums be submitted to the Sub-Committee;
- (iii) that the Director of Education submit a report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee outlining the feasibility of holding future events on a more local basis; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CHILDMINDING CONFERENCE (Item 4, Page 1857)

5. There was submitted a report dated 23 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the outcome of the childminding seminar which had been held in Grange Academy, Kilmarnock on Saturday 19 April 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Education investigate the feasibility of the Council hosting the National Conference for Registered Childminders in Scotland at a future date;
- (ii) that the Director of Education continue to monitor and pursue any issues relating to unregistered childminders; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1030 hours.