

**APPENDIX I**

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 1999 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Tommy Farrell (Chair), Gordon McCredie, John Knapp, Daniel Coffey, Kim Nicoll, David Sneller and George Smith; Matthew Sullivan, Church Representative and Iain Harvey, Teacher Representative.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Margaret Burnell, Senior Depute Director of Education; Graham Short, Depute Director of Education; Robin Gourlay, Depute Director of Commercial Operations; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Marilyn Miller, Administrative Officer and Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistant.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor David Macrae.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

**BOOKS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES**

1. There was submitted a report dated 10 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which informed of a grant by the Scottish Office for the purchase of books for school libraries.

It was agreed to note the additional funds of £59,811 had been provided to support the National Year of Reading.

Councillor Sneller joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

**S.P.E.A.K. QUIZ**

2. There was submitted a report dated 2 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the S.P.E.A.K. Quiz organised for all Primary Schools within East Ayrshire by the Community Involvement Branch of Strathclyde Police in conjunction with the Education Department.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Education Department contribute £150 to this initiative; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of this report.

**SUMMER SUPPORT SCHEMES AT WITCHHILL AND HILLSIDE SCHOOLS**

3. There was submitted a joint report (circulated) by the Directors of Education and of Social Work which advised of the evaluation of the Summer Support Schemes at Witchhill and Hillside Schools, and which sought approval to run a similar programme in 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to the Summer Schools Programme;
- (ii) to refer the proposal to the Personnel and Property Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee regarding the appointment of APT&C staff; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of this report.

#### **SITE SERVICES BUSINESS UNIT - TRAINING COURSE PROPOSAL**

4. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Education which informed of a proposed training plan for employees of the newly created Site Services Business Unit.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the training needs analysis which had been undertaken; and
- (ii) to approve that the training requirements of the Site Services Business Unit are arranged in accordance with this proposal, subject to consultation with the Trade Unions.

#### **A CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK FOR CHILDREN 3 TO 5 YEARS**

5. There was submitted a report dated 7 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the publication of the Curriculum Framework for Children 3 to 5 Consultation Document.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the content of the 3 to 5 Curriculum draft document and the consultation being undertaken;
- (ii) that the Director of Education write to the Scottish Office raising concerns on the short timescale given to the Council to respond to the consultation document;
- (iii) to request that the Director of Education provide further information to future meetings of the Education Sub-Committee on the 3-5 curriculum development; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1020 hours.