

**APPENDIX II****EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 1999 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Brian McNeil, Brian Reeves, Robert Stevenson, David Macrae, Iain Linton, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie.

**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, Contracts Manager; Graham Kerr, Public Relations Officer; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Lesley-Ann Wallace, Administrative Assistant.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Tommy Farrell.

**CHAIR:** In the absence of the Chair, Councillor John Knapp was unanimously appointed and took the Chair.

**SERVICE REVIEW OF SCHOOL CATERING (A CATERING CHARTER) (Item 4, Page 4177)**

1. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education on an update on the Catering Charter and service development in schools catering introduced in partnership with Primary Schools.

**GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOODS AND FOOD LABELLING (AMENDMENTS) REGULATIONS**

2. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of proposed actions in relation to the Food Labelling (Amendment) Regulations 1999 concerning the labelling of food items which contain genetically modified ingredients.

It was agreed that the statement detailed in the report be issued to all catering units in relation to Genetically Modified Foods.

**AYRSHIRE CHILDCARE INFORMATION SERVICE**

3. There was submitted a report dated 8 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the progress of the Childcare Strategy with the establishment of the Ayrshire Childcare Information Service.

It was agreed

- (i) to note the progress being made in the establishment of the Ayrshire Childcare Information Service;
- (ii) to approve the staffing requirements outlined and note that the Head of Personnel had been consulted on the gradings of the posts;

- (iii) to remit to the Director of Education in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council to enter into a formal agreement in respect of the roles and responsibilities of the three authorities in the operation of Childcare Information Service; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION WITH THE VOLUNTARY AND PRIVATE SECTOR (Item 4, Page 4515)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 14 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the progress in the development of the partnership arrangements for pre-school education with the Voluntary and Private Sector.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made in the partnership arrangements with the private and voluntary sector to deliver pre-school education to three year old children and pre-school children whose parents required a full time place or extended daycare due to employment, further education or training; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE GENERAL TEACHING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND (GTC)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the results of the consultation exercise on the future of the General Teaching Council for Scotland (GTC).

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Education send to the Scottish Executive by 31 October 1999 the Authority's response shown as Appendix I to the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1030 hours.