

APPENDIX I

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 1997 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Ronald Brailsford, John Knapp, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, Eric Ross, and Eric Jackson; Parent Representative Mrs Shelagh McKerrell; and Church Representative John McHugh.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Graham Short, Depute Director of Education; Anne Ross, Quality Development Officer; Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre-5 Services); Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Dot Grieve and Eddie O'Connor, Community Education Officers; Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer and Marilyn Miller, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre, George Turnbull, David Sneller and Robert Taylor.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

CONSULTATION ON A SCOTTISH QUALIFICATION FOR HEAD TEACHERS

1. There was submitted a report dated 3 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the contents of the consultation paper "A Scottish Qualification for Head Teachers" and which proposed an appropriate response.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the response detailed in paragraph 4.2 of the report be approved as the Council's response to the Scottish Office; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

5-14 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT - ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

2. There was submitted a report dated 9 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of current work which was being undertaken jointly by East and North Ayrshire Councils in supporting the implementation of 5-14 Curriculum Development Environmental Studies and which sought approval for future developments.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the ongoing development programme for 5-14 curriculum development - environmental studies be approved;
- (ii) that the work of the 5-14 Environmental Studies Joint Steering Group be noted; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

3. There was submitted a report dated 4 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the progress which had been made in the Department of Education in providing an infrastructure for networking which would allow establishments to make use of new technologies through the existing Wide Area Network (WAN) which had been established by the Information Technology (IT) Department of the Council.

It was agreed:

- (i) that funding be identified, when available, to continue the pilot project involving all secondary schools and, in the first instance, 3 associated primary clusters into phase 3;
- (ii) that the Director of Education produce guidelines on acceptable use of the Internet by schools;
- (iii) that the Director of Education prepare a detailed report on the existing IT provision in schools and complementary recommendations on the expansion of IT provision;
- (iv) that future developments in the provision of school "web sites" on the Internet be encouraged; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PRE-5 ADMISSIONS UPDATE (Item 2, Page 1532)

4. There was submitted a report dated 11 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which provided an update on the allocation of nursery places for session 1997/98 in nursery schools and classes.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Education consider areas for further expansion of the pre-5 service;
- (ii) that the Director of Education report to a future meeting on the allocation of nursery places; and
- (iii) that the progress which was being made in the delivery of pre-school education in East Ayrshire be noted.

YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN EAST AYRSHIRE

5. There was submitted a report dated 10 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of developments in the participation of young people through the Community Education Service in activities and projects throughout East Ayrshire.

It was agreed :-

- (i) that the developing commitment to young people's participation in youth activities within the Community Education Service be recognised;
- (ii) that the outline arrangements for Youth Work Week on 2-9 November 1997 be approved;

- (iii) that the Director of Education remit the report to all Local Committees for discussion; and
- (iv) that the Director of Education continues to publicise and promote Youth Week;
- (v) that following comments by Councillor Fulton, with regard to the development of an Irvine Valley Youth Forum and the considered lack of suitable Council accommodation for use by the Forum, the Director of Education submit a report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee, providing a detailed account including costs of suitable Council accommodation together with details of unsuitable premises with reasons for their unsuitability; and
- (vi) that the Director of Education investigate the progress which had been made in the establishment of a register of individuals working with young people and the extent to which individuals with any criminal record could be excluded from working with young people and advise Members accordingly.

The meeting terminated at 1040 hrs.