

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 11 MARCH 2008

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 11 March 2008 at 4.00 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Dorrian, Grieve, Loughran, McCabe, Osborne, White and Wilson, Rev A MacLean and Father M McMahon, Church Representatives, Mr G Miller, Parent Representative and Mr T Tracey, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor McCabe presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education & Social Care, Head of Schools, Head of Lifelong Learning & Educational Support, Head of Support & Development, Head of School Estate Projects, School Estate Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration) and Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

186 HMIe Report on Glenburn School

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising the Committee of the results of the HMIe external evaluation of Glenburn School. The report advised that the external evaluation included within the indicators of quality, two indicators (Personal and Social Development and Partnership with Parents, the Parent Council and the Community), which had been judged to be "excellent" together with a further eight indicators which had been judged to be "very good". Ms Eileen McGeer, Head Teacher of Glenburn School, was present and spoke to this item.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made in the HMIe external evaluation of Glenburn School; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to the Head Teacher, staff and pupils of the school as well as staff within Education Services Headquarters for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

187 Revenue Budget 2007/08 - Period 9

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education & Social Care on the position of the Revenue Budget 2007/08 as at Period 9 (31 December 2007) which was projected to be on budget. (Rev MacLean entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee providing further information on the uptake of school meals in Inverclyde.

188 Capital Programme 2006/07 to 2007/08 - Progress

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care on the progress of the Capital Programme 2006/07 to 2007/08.

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Noted

- 189 Education Service Performance Report: January to February 2008 189**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising of the progress made by Education Services during the period January to February 2008 in relation to achieving the service objectives and explaining how this contributed to the achievement of key priorities.
- Noted**
- 190 Efficiency Reviews 190**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising of progress made under two efficiency reviews, School Transport and Additional Support Needs.
- Decided:** that the contents of the report be approved.
- 191 Moorfoot Rising 5's 191**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care (1) advising of the outcome of the consultation on the proposed closure of Moorfoot Rising 5's and (2) seeking approval of Option 1 as set out in the report which would involve Moorfoot Rising 5's moving to new accommodation in August 2008 and remaining in partnership with Inverclyde Council for the provision of ante and pre-school placements.
- Decided:** that Moorfoot Rising 5's vacate Moorfoot Primary School, move to new accommodation in August 2008 and remain in partnership with Inverclyde Council for the provision of ante and pre-school placements.
(Councillor White left the meeting at this juncture).
- 192 Inclusion and Equality Policy 192**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care seeking approval of a policy on Inclusion and Equality.
- Decided:** that the policy on Inclusion and Equality as set out in the appendix to the report be approved and used within educational establishments.
- 193 Property Surplus to Education Services' Requirements 193**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care seeking approval for the declaration of a number of properties as surplus to the requirements of Education Services.
- Decided:**
- (1) that approval be given to Clune Park Primary School, Slaemuir Primary School building, but not the site, Barmoss Nursery and the Mearns Centre being declared surplus to the requirements of Education Services from the date when their current use ceases;
 - (2) that it be remitted to the Regeneration Committee to approve disposal of Barmoss Nursery and the Mearns Centre subject to any restrictions contained within the relevant title deeds and to the Policy & Resources Committee to approve allocation of the Capital Receipts generated to the School Estate Strategy Funding Model; and
 - (3) that projects comprising the demolition of Slaemuir Primary School and Barmoss Nursery be added to the Education Capital Programme.

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(Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture).

194 More Choices, More Chances - Update on the Work of the Strategy Group 194

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care providing an update on the work undertaken by the More Choices, More Chances (MCMC) Strategy Group.

Decided:

- (1) that Members note the range of activities undertaken by the More Choices, More Chances Team and the positive outcomes for young people which had been achieved;
- (2) that the Committee's congratulations be extended to all those involved; and
- (3) that a report providing an update on the work of the Smith Group be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

195 Items for Noting 195

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care providing information for noting on (1) National Statistics Publications and (2) 5-14 Curriculum.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that a further report providing detailed information on exclusions from Inverclyde schools be submitted to the Committee.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite each item.

Item	Paragraph(s)
Confirmation of Preferred Bidder for PPP Project	1, 6, 8 & 9
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196 Confirmation of Preferred Bidder for PPP Project 196

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care (1) providing an update on the PPP Project and (2) recommending approval of a preferred bidder for the project. The Committee agreed that Participant X be confirmed as the preferred bidder for the Council's PPP Project subject to the necessary approval from the Scottish Government of the submitted Key Stage Review on Preferred Bidder, all as detailed in the appendix.

197 DDA Compliance - Request by Councillor Ahlfeld 197

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on a request received from Councillor Ahlfeld that a confidential report be compiled on DDA compliance at a particular school together with associated costs.

Councillor Ahlfeld was present and spoke on this item.

The Committee decided to remit it to the Corporate Director Education & Social Care to

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submit a report to the Committee examining DDA compliance within all schools in Inverclyde and setting out the level of resources required to meet current and projected needs, all as detailed in the appendix.

(Provost McCormick left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).