

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 3 MARCH 2009

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 3 March 2009 at 4 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Blair, Clocherty, Fyfe, Loughran, McCabe, McKenzie, MacLeod (for Osborne) and Wilson, Rev W Hamilton, Rev C McGranaghan and Father M McMahon, Church Representatives, Mr G Miller, Parent Representative and Mr T Tracey, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor McKenzie 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, Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration) and Mr M Bingham (for Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

Apologies: Councillors Brooks, Grieve and Osborne.

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

165 Results of the Consultation on the Future of Highlanders Academy Primary School and Overton Primary School and the Possibility of Amalgamation of the Two Schools 165

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education and Social Care (1) providing the Committee with information on the statutory consultation exercise relative to the future of Highlanders Academy Primary School and Overton Primary School and the possibility of amalgamation of the two schools carried out between 19 September and 28 November 2008, (2) highlighting the issues raised during the consultation and the implications which these have for the proposals and (3) seeking approval of the recommendations contained in the report.

Decided:

- (1) that a refurbished school be developed on the current Overton Primary School site for the pupils of Highlanders Academy Primary School and Overton Primary School;
- (2) that the refurbished school include the amalgamated nursery and both primary and nursery Gaelic bases;
- (3) that the Additional Support Base be removed from the project and developed at another school;
- (4) that the roll of the new school be monitored and catchment modifications or capping be introduced as required; and
- (5) that it be remitted to the joint Parent Council of the new refurbished school in due course to suggest a new name for the school, for approval by the Committee.

166 Results of the Consultation on Additional Support Needs 166

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education and Social Care (1) providing the Committee with information on the statutory consultation exercise relative to Additional Support Needs provision in Inverclyde carried out between 19 September and 28 November 2008, (2) highlighting the issues raised during the consultation and the

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 3 MARCH 2009

implications which these have for the proposals and (3) seeking approval of the recommendations contained in the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Garvel Centre for the Deaf be relocated to Moorfoot Primary School once the accommodation becomes available;
- (2) that a review of both the short term and the longer term accommodation options in respect of the Mearns Centre be evaluated to ensure the longer term delivery of the service provided at that location and that a report thereon be submitted to the meeting of the Committee on 12 May 2009, taking into account the budget savings approved on 12 February relative to the future plans for this service;
- (3) that a working group be established chaired by the Convener of the Committee to identify the possible options for Lilybank and Glenburn Schools and Hillend Children's Centre, the working group to comprise a Labour, Independent, SNP and Liberal Democrat Elected Member, representation from the teaching trade unions and other representation as appropriate; and
- (4) that following consideration by the working group, a consultation paper in respect of the services provided at both schools be developed and submitted to the meeting of the Committee on 12 May 2009 for approval, prior to public consultation.

167 **Results of the Consultation on the Future of St Stephen's High School and Port Glasgow High School and the Possibility of a Joint Campus for the Two Secondary Schools**

167

There was submitted a replacement report by the Corporate Director Education and Social Care (1) providing information on the statutory consultation exercise relative to secondary school provision in Port Glasgow carried out between 19 September and 28 November 2008, (2) highlighting the issues raised during the consultation and the implications which these have for the proposals and (3) seeking approval of the recommendations contained in the report.

Decided:

- (1) that Option 4 contained in the consultation document involving the provision of a joint campus to accommodate both St Stephen's High School and Port Glasgow High School be approved;
- (2) that the Port Glasgow High School site be used for the joint campus;
- (3) that temporary classrooms be provided on the current St Stephen's High School site and alterations be made to the accommodation within the building, thus avoiding the need for a decant to Wellington Academy; and
- (4) that a working group be established to review, monitor and influence the development of a new joint campus, the working group composition to include senior managers from both schools, the head boy and girl from both schools, representatives of the Parent Councils of both secondary schools and their associated primaries, appropriate elected member representation from Ward 1 and Ward 2, church representatives, trade union representatives and education officials.