

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 8 SEPTEMBER 2009

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 8 September 2009 at 4 pm

Present: Councillors Rebecchi (for Blair), Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, Grieve, Loughran, McCabe, McKenzie, Osborne and Wilson, 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: Acting Director of Education, Head of Lifelong Learning & Educational Support, Head of Support & Development, Head of School Estate Projects, School Estate Manager, Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration) and Mr M Bingham (for Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

Apologies: Councillor Blair and Rev W Hamilton.

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

546 Outdoor Education

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education providing an evaluation of the outdoor education residential experience to Broomlee (Scottish Outdoor Education Centres) provided for Primary 6 pupils within Inverclyde in 2008/09, utilising the £80,000 funding allocated to outdoor education in last year's budget settlement.

Mrs Isobel Lind, Head Teacher of Aileymill Primary School was present with Emily Houston and Ross Bevan, pupils of Ravenscraig Primary School, who spoke to the Committee on their experience of the residential trip to Broomlee.

Decided: that the Committee approve the use of the £80,000 funding allocated to outdoor education in last year's budget settlement and acknowledge the success of the two day residential experience to Broomlee for all Primary 6 pupils in Inverclyde.

547 Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 3

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Acting Director of Education on the 2008/09 Revenue Budget outturn and the 2009/10 position as at period 3 (30 June 2009) which was projected to be on budget.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the final outturn for 2008/09 and the current projected outturn for 2009/10 as at 30 June 2009; and

(2) that approval be given to the virement request totalling £120,000 as detailed in appendix 3 to the report.

548 Capital Programme 2009/12 - Progress

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education and the Chief Financial Officer on the progress of the Capital Programme 2009/12.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report;

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(2) that approval be given to the cost increases in the various projects detailed in paragraph 8.2 and appendix 2; and

(3) that approval be given to the use of the balance of the 2009/10 lifecycle fund for Phase 1 of the refurbishment of Ardgowan Primary School.

549 Education Service Performance Report - May to July 2009

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education (1) advising of the progress made by Education Services during the period May to July 2009 in relation to achieving the service objectives and (2) explaining how this has contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.

(Councillor Osborne left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that the report be approved.

550 Update on School Estate Management Plan

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education (1) providing an update on the three aspects on the School Estate Management Plan (SEMP): the Prudential Schools Project, the PPP Schools Project and the Capital Programme and (2) proposing the development of a Project Board structure for the SEMP.

(Councillor Osborne returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

(1) that the progress of the Prudential Schools Project be noted;

(2) that the progress of the PPP Schools Project be noted;

(3) that approval be given to the establishment of SEMP Programme Boards and Development Groups;

(4) that the details of the capital projects completed during the summer holiday period be noted; and

(5) that the School Estate Team's programme for future projects be noted.

551 Consultation on Additional Support Needs

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education (1) setting out options for the future provision of Additional Support Needs and (2) requesting the Committee to approve the issue of a consultation document in this regard.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the issue of the consultation document set out in the appendix to the report; and

(2) that the outcome of the consultative process be reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

552 Review of School Estate Funding Model 2009

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education providing an update in respect of the status of the School Estate Management Plan following the annual review.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the revised School Estate Management Plan;

(2) that approval be given to the revisions to cost plans as detailed in paragraph 5.3 and appendix 2 of the report; and

(3) that approval be given to the addition to the School Estate Management Plan of (a) the Mearns Centre Interim Refurbishment, (b) Lilybank School Demolition and (c) Sacred Heart Decant School Refurbishment.

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Councillor Wilson and Rev McGranaghan left the meeting at this juncture.

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| 553 | Young Scot Active | 553 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education advising of national and local developments in relation to the Young Scot Active programme which was endorsed by the COSLA convention in June 2008.
(Councillor Clocherty left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
Noted</p> | |
| 554 | Sports Strategy Update | 554 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education (1) on the progress being made to implement the Inverclyde Sports Strategy and (2) providing information on the active schools/sports development team.
(Councillor Clocherty returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
Noted</p> | |
| 555 | Revised School Holidays 2010/2011 | 555 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education seeking approval to amend the term dates for school session 2010/2011.
Decided: that approval be given to the revised schedule of term dates for session 2010/2011 as detailed in the appendix to the report.</p> | |
| 556 | Working Group - Future of the School Age Language Unit (SALU) in Highlanders' Academy Primary School | 556 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education seeking approval for the formation of a working group to consider the future of the School Age Language Unit (SALU) in Highlanders' Academy Primary School.
Decided:
(1) that approval be given to the formation of a working group to consider the future of the School Age Language Unit in Highlanders' Academy Primary School; and
(2) that the membership of the group be as detailed in paragraph 2.2 of the report, the elected member representation to comprise one representative from each of the political groups.</p> | |
| 557 | Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) | 557 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Education advising of changes made by the Scottish Government to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) scheme.
Decided:
(1) that the report be noted; and
(2) that a report be submitted to the Committee in due course on the impact of the changes made to the scheme within Inverclyde.</p> | |
| 558 | Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive | 558 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources</p> | |

