

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 11 MAY 2010

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 11 May 2010 at 4 pm

Present: Councillors Moran (for Provost McCormick), Blair, MacLeod (for Brooks), Clocherty, Fyfe, Nelson (for Grieve), Loughran, McCabe, McKenzie, Osborne and Wilson, Rev W Hamilton 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 & Communities, Ms W Bain and Ms E Hamilton, Acting Heads of Service, Mr J Ferrie, Quality Improvement Officer (Schools Estate), School Estate Manager, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs) and Legal Services Manager (Courts & Litigation).

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

301 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 301

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost McCormick and Councillors Brooks and Grieve with Councillor Moran substituting for Provost McCormick, Councillor MacLeod for Councillor Brooks and Councillor Nelson for Councillor Grieve.

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

302 Education & Communities Directorate Plan 2010/11 302

It was noted that the Education & Communities Directorate Plan 2010/11 would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee to allow the inclusion of financial information following the new budget settlement.

303 Capital Programme 2009/12 - Progress Report 303

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

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the specific projects detailed in appendix 1 to the report be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the addition of the Ardgowan and St Patrick's Primary Schools projects detailed in Section 9 of the report;
- (3) that approval be given to additional expenditure of £18,925.44 in respect of the fabric repair works at St Mary's Primary School; and
- (4) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the procurement process followed relative to the appointment of a design team for the Port Glasgow Shared Campus and ASN School.

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- 304 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence 304**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the very good progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence in Inverclyde;
 - (2) that regular update reports be submitted to the Committee; and
 - (3) that a report be submitted to the next meeting on the impact of the James Watt College budget cuts on the provision of the More Choices, More Chances programme.
- 305 Care Commission Findings 2008/2009 305**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) providing information on the findings of the inspection by the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care (The Care Commission) in 2008/2009 and (2) advising that Inverclyde Council establishments performed above the national average in all four quality themes.
- Noted**
- 306 Curriculum Delivery at Clydeview Academy - Update 306**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) providing an update on the progress with the curriculum delivery exercise for Clydeview Academy in its first two years when the school is over capacity and (2) appending a copy of the formal report prepared by the independent timetabler engaged by the Council. (Councillor Osborne left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the progress made with the curriculum delivery exercise for Clydeview Academy and that a further progress report be submitted to the next meeting; and
 - (2) that the Committee note the report by the independent timetabler as set out in appendix 1 to the report.
- 307 Update on the Winter 2009 School Leavers for the Purposes of 16+ Learning Choices 307**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing an update on the offers made to and intended destinations of the winter 2009 school leavers for the purposes of 16+ Learning Choices. (Councillor Blair left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Decided:** that the Committee note the positive information contained in the report which is a success for Inverclyde as an adopter of 16+ Learning Choices and which also adds to the successes for Inverclyde's young people in the area of post school transitions.
- 308 Deed of Trust - Endowment for Talented Children and Young People 308**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) providing an update on the use of the Endowment for Talented Children and Young People in Inverclyde and (2) requesting the Committee to agree that future applications be capped at a maximum of 50% of the amount applied for.

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Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the use of the Endowment Fund to date and the total amount remaining within the Fund; and
- (2) that it be agreed that future applications for funding be capped at a maximum of 50% of the amount applied for.

309 Audiology Contract with Donaldson's School for the Deaf 309

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking permission to continue the existing arrangements with Donaldson's School for the Deaf for the provision of audiology services pending completion of the tendering exercise.

Decided: that approval be given to continue the purchase of audiology services from Donaldson's School for the Deaf until such time as the tendering process has been completed.

310 Progress Report on the Implementation of the Admissions and Placing Request Policy of Inverclyde Council 310

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the progress being made with the implementation of the revised Admissions and Placing Request policy.

There was circulated to the Committee further information on placing requests granted and the effect of these.

Noted