

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 7 SEPTEMBER 2010

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 7 September 2010 at 4.00 pm

Present: Councillors Brooks, Clocherty, Rebecchi (for Fyfe), MacLeod (for Grieve), Loughran, McCabe, McKenzie, 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 & Communities, Ms E Hamilton, Acting Head of Service, Ms M Paterson (Education & Communities), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer) and Mr A Gerrard, Acting Joint Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management.

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

508 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 508

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost McCormick and Councillors Blair, Grieve and Fyfe with Councillor MacLeod substituting for Councillor Grieve and Councillor Rebecchi for Councillor Fyfe.

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

509 HMle Report on Sacred Heart Primary School 509

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the HMle external evaluation of Sacred Heart Primary School. The report advised that of the Indicators of Quality, 4 had been evaluated as "very good" and 1 as "excellent".

Ms Sally Peel, Acting Head Teacher, was present with two pupils of the school and Ms Peel addressed the Committee relative to the evaluation report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the HMle external evaluation of Sacred Heart Primary School; and
- (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff and pupils for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

510 HMle Report on St Stephen's High School 510

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the HMle external evaluation of St Stephen's High School. The report advised that of the Indicators of Quality, 4 had been evaluated as "good" and 1 as "very good". Mr Stephen Parsons, Head Teacher, was present with the Head Boy and Head Girl of the school and all three addressed the Committee relative to the evaluation report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the HMle external

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evaluation of St Stephen's High School; and

(2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff and pupils for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

511 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence 511

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing information on the progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence.

The Committee heard a presentation by Ms Fiona Craig, Depute Head Teacher of Port Glasgow High School on the subject department approach to the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence and she answered a number of questions from Members.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the very good progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence in Inverclyde; and

(2) that arrangements be made for a presentation to the LNCT by the Implementation Strategy Group on the progress to date, current developments and future proposals in relation to Curriculum for Excellence and that this also include the presentation made by Ms Craig.

512 Education & Lifelong Learning 2010/11 Revenue Budget - Period 3 512

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education & Communities on (1) the 2009/10 final out-turn and (2) the 2010/11 Revenue Budget as at Period 3 (30 June 2010) which currently projected an overspend of £27,000.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the final out-turn for 2009/10 and the current projected overspend of £27,000 for 2010/11 as at 30 June 2010; and

(2) that the Committee approve the virement totalling £50,000 as detailed in appendix 4 to the report.

513 Capital Programme 2010/13 - Progress Report 513

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and Chief Financial Officer on the progress of the Capital Programme 2010/13.

Decided:

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

(2) that approval be given to the issue of tender documents for the Binnie Street Nursery project and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender for the works provided that this is within the approved project budget; and

(3) that approval be given to the addition of the Lady Alice Primary School rewiring project to the Capital Programme and for the invitation of tenders for the works.

514 Education & Communities Directorate Plan 2010/11 514

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities appending the revised Education & Communities Directorate Plan for 2010/11.

The Committee heard a presentation by the Corporate Director Education & Communities

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on the contents of the Plan, with particular reference to those sections which come within the remit of the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee.

Noted

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| 515 | Review of School Estate Funding Model 2010 | 515 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and Chief Financial Officer (1) on the current position of the School Estate Funding Model and (2) seeking approval of the revised model.
(Councillor Osborne left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).</p> <p>Decided:
(1) that the Committee approve the revised School Estate Funding Model 2010 as detailed in the report; and
(2) that it be agreed that the order of primary schools in the programme be determined primarily by condition and suitability ratings, that a prioritised schedule be developed and submitted for approval by the Committee in mid 2012 and that a review of the schedule be undertaken every 3 years thereafter throughout the life of the programme.</p> | |
| 516 | School Estate Management Plan 2010 and Core Facts Submission | 516 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing an update on the School Estate Management Plan and the Core Facts return for 2010.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 517 | Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Academic Year 2010/11 | 517 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising of changes made by the Scottish Government to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Scheme.
(Father McMahan left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 518 | Update on Inverclyde - Malawi School Links | 518 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing an update on progress made in relation to Inverclyde-Malawi school links.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 519 | School Term Dates - Session 2011/2012 | 519 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval of the school term dates for session 2011/2012.
Decided: that approval be given to the school term dates for 2011/2012 as set out in appendix 1 to the report.</p> | |
| 520 | SEEMIS Transfer to a Limited Liability Partnership | 520 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval for Inverclyde Council to become a partner in the SEEMIS (Strathclyde</p> | |

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Educational Establishments Management Information System) Limited Liability Partnership.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given for Inverclyde Council to join the Limited Liability Partnership as a partner;
- (2) that the current financial contribution from Inverclyde Council to SEEMIS be consistent with future payments to the Limited Liability Partnership; and
- (3) that the current pension commitments of SEEMIS staff be shared by partners of the Limited Liability Partnership proportionate with the level of annual membership contribution.

521 Community Learning and Development Annual Report 2009-10 521

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the Annual Report for the Community Learning & Development Partnership, focusing particularly on the achievements and future priorities of the Adult Learning and Literacies, Community Work and Youth Work teams.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the annual report of the Inverclyde Community Learning and Development Partnership; and
- (2) that the Committee endorse the priorities for the work of the Adult Learning and Literacies, Community Work and Youth Work teams.

522 St Stephen's Enterprise Centre 522

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) providing an update on the work of the St Stephen's Enterprise Centre and (2) advising of planned developments for the future.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the progress made at St Stephen's Enterprise Centre; and
- (2) that the proposals for shaping the future work of the Centre be noted.

523 Determined to Succeed (DTS) Inverclyde Report to Scottish Government 523

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities appending the report sent recently to the Scottish Government detailing the progress, development and successes of the Early Years Determined to Succeed/Enterprise Agenda across Inverclyde schools and Early Years establishments.

Decided: that the Committee note the progress made, new developments in and successes associated with work on the Determined to Succeed/Enterprise Agenda.

524 Curriculum Delivery at Clydeview Academy - Update 524

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing an update on the progress with the curriculum delivery exercise and the production of the mock timetable for Clydeview Academy in its first two years when the school is over capacity.

Decided: that the Committee note the progress of the curriculum delivery exercise demonstrated by the production of a fully deliverable mock timetable and accompanying

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option choice sheets, detailed in appendices 1 and 2 respectively.

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 paragraphs 6 and 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

525 Use of Suppliers for Unique Services to Education 525

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval to procure the services of various companies which provide unique programmes utilised by the Education Service.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the use in 2010/11 of the various suppliers detailed in appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) that it be noted that a report seeking permission for the use of unique suppliers will be submitted to the Committee on an annual basis.

526 School Transport Contracts (Mainstream) - Tenders for Contracts 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 - Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive 526

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to accept tenders for mainstream school transport contracts due for renewal from the start of school session 2010/11 as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

Noted