

**EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 15 MARCH 2011**

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**Education and Lifelong Learning Committee**

**Tuesday 15 March 2011 at 4 pm**

**Present:** Provost McCormick, Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, Loughran, McCabe, McKenzie, Osborne and Wilson, Rev A MacLean 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, Head of Education, Head of Educational Planning & Culture, Ms E Hamilton, Ms L Wilkie and Mr J Ferrie (Education & Communities), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr J Hamilton (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Mr E Montgomery (Property Assets & Facilities Management) and Corporate Communications Manager.

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

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| <b>219</b> | <b>Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>219</b> |
|            | An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |            |
|            | No declarations of interest were intimated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |            |
| <b>220</b> | <b>Church of Scotland Representation on Education &amp; Lifelong Learning Committee</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>220</b> |
|            | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment advising of confirmation received from the Church of Scotland of the appointment of Rev Andrew MacLean to serve as its representative on the Committee in place of Rev W Hamilton.       |            |
|            | Rev MacLean was present and the Convener welcomed him to the Committee.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |
|            | <b>Decided:</b> that the appointment of Rev Andrew MacLean as the Church of Scotland's representative on the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee be noted.                                                                                                             |            |
| <b>221</b> | <b>HMIe Report on Madeira Nursery</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>221</b> |
|            | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the HMIe and Care Commission inspection of Madeira Nursery. The report advised that of the Indicators of Quality, 3 had been evaluated as "good" and 2 as "satisfactory". |            |
|            | Ms Anna Harley, nursery owner, was present and addressed the Committee relative to the inspection report.                                                                                                                                                                  |            |
|            | <b>Decided:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |            |
|            | (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the HMIe and Care Commission inspection of Madeira Nursery; and                                                                                                                                                 |            |
|            | (2) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.                                                                                                                                                          |            |

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- 222 Education & Lifelong Learning Revenue Budget 2010/11 - Period 10 222**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education & Communities on the position of the 2010/11 Revenue Budget as at Period 10 (31 January 2011) which currently projected an underspend of £207,000.
- Noted**
- 223 Capital Programme 2010-14/15 - Progress 223**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and Chief Financial Officer on the progress of the Capital Programme 2010-14/15.
- 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 addition to the Capital Programme of the Glenburn Children's Centre wc refurbishment and upgrading project;
  - (3) that agreement be given to an increase of £403,000 in the budget for the project to refurbish Gourrock and St Columba's High Schools, to be taken from the overall contingency allowance; and
  - (4) that approval be given to the issue of tenders for (a) Port Glasgow Shared Campus, including advance works to form a "Park n Stride", (b) demolition of Greenock Academy, and (c) demolition of St Gabriel's Primary School and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender in each case provided that the cost is within the approved project budget.
- 224 Education & Communities Directorate Performance Report 224**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising the Committee of progress made by the Education & Communities Directorate in achieving its objectives as they relate to the work and remit of the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee and as set out in the Directorate Plan for 2010/11.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the progress made in the areas of the Directorate's work which relate to the remit of the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee;
  - (2) that it be noted that the work of the Education & Communities Directorate will also be reported to the Regeneration and Safe, Sustainable Communities Committees; and
  - (3) that it be noted that not all elements of the objectives identified within the Directorate Plan had been identified in the report and that a reporting schedule for each measure has been identified as far as is possible.
- 225 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence 225**
- 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.
- Decided:**
- (1) that the Committee note the ongoing progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence in Inverclyde; and
  - (2) that the Advice Paper on Assessment and Moderation be appended to the progress report to the next meeting of the Committee.

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**226 Joint Inspection of Child Protection Services in Inverclyde**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the HMIE and Care Commission inspection of child protection services across Inverclyde. The report advised that of the Indicators of Quality, 1 had been evaluated as “excellent” and 5 as “very good”.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the HMIE and Care Commission inspection of child protection services in Inverclyde; and
- (2) that the Committee’s appreciation be conveyed to all staff for the work undertaken to achieve the evaluation.

**227 Additional Support Needs Monitoring Form**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities informing the Committee of the new additional support needs (ASN) monitoring form which came into operation in January 2011.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that a progress report incorporating feedback from parents and carers be submitted to the Committee in six months time.

**228 Review of Primary School Capacity and Occupancy**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on a review of the capacity, occupancy and projected rolls of primary schools in order to examine any possibilities of future consolidation of the estate and, as a result, potential efficiencies.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the report which effectively forms the review of denominational primary education in Port Glasgow from 2013/14 to 2021;
- (2) that it be noted that no plans should be made to close or amalgamate any of the primary schools at this time;
- (3) that it be noted that the current status of the denominational primary schools in Port Glasgow and East Greenock is built into the review of the School Estate Management Plan financial model as part of its 2011 review;
- (4) that it be agreed to review Standard Circular 3.1 to use a “Working Capacity” model which calculates the capacity of the school on an annual basis to take account of class size limitations on accommodation - for example P1 set at 25 (with actual capacity at 33 in the majority of cases);
- (5) that an annual update to the analysis be carried out and reported to the Education Senior Management Team and that a full review be carried out in five years or earlier if any annual report indicates significant change; and
- (6) that consideration be given to other school-based use of any excess accommodation to increase occupancy in schools below 65%.

**229 Update on Nursery Provision in the Larkfield Area of Greenock****229**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) on the progress made with the re-establishment of the early years provision in the Larkfield area of Greenock and (2) requesting the Committee to agree a name for the new provision.

**Decided:**

(1) that the progress made in re-establishing nursery provision in the Larkfield area be noted and agreement be given to an opening date of April 2011; and

(2) that it be agreed that Larkfield Children's Centre be the name of the new provision.

**The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Committee to consider whether it would wish to continue the agency arrangements with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.**

**230 Use of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) for Transport Services to Education 2011-14****230**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval to continue the use of the services of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport which provides agency arrangements in relation to the transport of pupils.

**Decided:** that approval be given to the continued use of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport acting as agent in matters relating to school transport for the period 2011 - 14.