

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 10 MAY 2011

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 10 May 2011 at 4.05 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, MacLeod (for Grieve), Loughran, McCabe, McKenzie, Osborne and Moran (for Wilson), Rev A McLean and Father M McMahan, Church Representatives and Mr T Tracey, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor Loughran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education & Communities, Head of Education, Head of Educational Planning & Culture, Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management and Corporate Communications Manager.

Prior to the commencement of business the Convener referred to the death the previous day of Mr David Cairns, MP for Inverclyde. On behalf of the Committee he paid tribute to Mr Cairns' many years of service to the people of Inverclyde and extended his condolences to Mr Cairns' family for their sad loss.

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

329 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 329

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve, Wilson and Mr J Miller, Parent Representative. Councillor MacLeod substituted for Councillor Grieve and Councillor Moran for Councillor Wilson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

330 HMIE Report on Inverclyde Academy 330

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the HMIE report on Inverclyde Academy. The report advised that in the indicators of quality, 2 aspects of the school had been judged to be "good" and 3 aspects had been judged to be "satisfactory".

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the HMIE external evaluation of Inverclyde Academy;
- (2) that it be noted that a report will be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee on the progress of the action plan which is in the process of being produced by the Head Teacher, outlining how the areas for improvement identified in the inspection report will be addressed; and
- (3) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff and pupils for the work undertaken to achieve the various strengths of the school which were identified in the report.

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331 HMIe Report on the Learning Community Surrounding Inverclyde Academy 331

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the HMIe inspection of the learning community surrounding Inverclyde Academy. The report advised that of the indicators of quality, 3 had been evaluated as "very good" and 2 as "good".

Ms Fiona Ballantyne and Mr Hugh Scott of the Community Learning and Development Service were present and Mr Scott spoke in relation to the evaluation report.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the HMIe inspection of the learning community surrounding Inverclyde Academy;

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

(3) that the Committee's best wishes be conveyed to Ms Ballantyne who would shortly be leaving the Council's employment and that she be thanked for her contribution to community learning and development in Inverclyde.

332 Education & Lifelong Learning 2010/11 Revenue Budget - Period 11 332

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and Chief Financial Officer on the position of the 2010/11 Revenue Budget as at Period 11 (28 February 2011) which currently projected an underspend of £283,000.

Noted

333 Capital Programme 2010 - 14/15 - Progress 333

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 issue of tenders for the St Columba's High School project (refurbishment of Gourrock High School) and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender provided that the cost is within the approved project budget; and

(3) that approval be given to the revised scope of works for the Mearns Centre project (refurbishment of St Laurence's Primary School) and the issue of tenders and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tender provided that the cost is within the approved project budget.

334 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence 334

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 all remaining advice papers be appended to the progress report to be

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submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

335 Admissions and Placing Requests for Primary 1 and Secondary 1 Pupils in School Session 2011/12 335

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the decisions agreed by the Pupil Placement Panel relating to admissions and placing requests for school session 2011/12 affecting Primary 1 and Secondary 1 pupils.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the admissions and placing requests granted for the school session 2011/12; and
- (2) that it be noted that details of the individual placing requests will be circulated separately to all Members of the Committee.

336 Speech and Language Therapy Contract 2011-2013 336

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising the Committee of the requirement to renew the speech and language therapy contract with the NHS for 2011-2013.

Decided: that agreement be given to enter into a contract with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde for the purchase of speech and language services for children and young people for the period 2011-2013.

337 Inverkip Primary School - Provision of Nursery Accommodation 337

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) advising the Committee of issues arising from development of the extension to Inverkip Primary School and (2) proposing an alternative option for the nursery.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the deletion of the extension from the current Inverkip Primary School project and that it be remitted to the Regeneration Committee to consider revised proposals for the Inverkip Library; and
- (2) that approval be given to proceed to tender for the refurbishment of Inverkip Primary School.