

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE – 6 SEPTEMBER 2011

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 6 September 2011 at 4 pm

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

Chair: Councillor Loughran presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education & Communities, Head of Education, Head of Educational Planning & Culture, Ms E Hamilton and Mr I Mills (Education Services), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Mr E Montgomery (Property Assets & Facilities Management) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

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

567 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 567

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Grieve, Blair, McKenzie and Mr G Miller, Parent Representative. Councillor Rebecchi substituted for Councillor Blair and Councillor Moran for Councillor McKenzie

No declarations of interest were intimated.

568 HMle Report on St Mary's Primary School 568

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the HMle report on St Mary's Primary School. The report advised that of the indicators of quality, three aspects of the school had been judged to be "good", one aspect as "satisfactory" and one aspect as "weak".

Ms Angela Guthrie, Head Teacher, was present and addressed the Committee relative to the inspection report and the action proposed to address the issues raised.

(Provost McCormick entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the comments made following the HMle external evaluation of St Mary's Primary School;
- (2) that a copy of the detailed action plan produced by the Head Teacher which outlines how the areas for improvement will be addressed be circulated to all Members and that a report on progress against the action plan be submitted to the Committee in 12 months time; and
- (3) that the Committee's appreciation be conveyed to all staff and pupils for the work undertaken to achieve the aspects of the school judged to be "good" and "satisfactory".

569 Education & Lifelong Learning 2011/12 Revenue Budget - Period 3 569

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education & Communities on (1) the 2010/11 Revenue Budget final outturn and (2) the

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2011/12 position as at Period 3 (30 June 2011) which currently projected an underspend of £50,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the final outturn for 2010/11 and the current projected underspend of £50,000 for 2011/12 as at 30 June 2011 be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the virement request totalling £15,000 detailed in appendix 4 to the report.

570 Capital Programme 2011 - 15/16 - Progress

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and the Chief Financial Officer on the progress of the Capital Programme 2011 – 15/16.

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 new projects detailed in section 11 (St Patrick's Primary School Reception Alterations; Lady Alice Primary School Playground Resurfacing; Clydeview Academy Footpath Upgrading; Kilmacolm Primary School Re-roofing);
- (3) that approval be given to the issue of tenders for the Clydeview Academy footpath upgrading works and the Kilmacolm Primary School re-roofing works and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to accept the lowest acceptable tenders in each case provided that the cost is within the approved project budget;
- (4) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on operational issues relating to (a) Clydeview Academy, (b) the Port Glasgow Shared Campus Secondary School and (c) Notre Dame High School; and
- (5) that in the meantime an interim report on operational issues identified following the opening of Clydeview Academy be circulated to Members.

571 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence

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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 it be noted that the draft Curriculum for Excellence Support and Development Plan and the S1 – S6 Curriculum Model Update will be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

572 Validated Self Evaluation of Inverclyde Education Services

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the outcome of the Validated Self Evaluation (VSE) undertaken by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Education (HMIe) and Inverclyde Education Services.

Noted

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- 573 Education & Communities Directorate Performance Report 573**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the progress made by the Education & Communities Directorate in achieving its objectives relating to the work and remit of the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee 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; and
- (2) that it be noted that not all elements of the objectives identified within the Directorate Plan have been identified in the report and that a reporting schedule for each measure has been identified as far as is possible.
- 574 Education & Communities Directorate Plan 2011-12 574**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the updated Education & Communities Directorate Plan for the current financial year circulated separately to Members.
- Noted**
- 575 More Choices, More Chances Update 2010-11 575**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing an update regarding key statistics and measures for More Choices, More Chances in 2010-11.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the positive information contained in the report which represents a success for Inverclyde as an early adopter of 16+ Learning Choices and which also adds to the successes for Inverclyde's young people in the area of post-school transitions.
- Councillor Clocherty left the meeting at this juncture.
- 576 School Term Dates – Session 2012/13 576**
- There was submitted a report by the Head of Educational Planning & Culture seeking the approval of the Committee for the setting for the school term dates for session 2012/13.
- Decided:** that approval be given to the school term dates for 2012/13 as set out in appendix 1 to the report.
- 577 Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Academic Year 2011/12 577**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising the Committee of changes made by the Scottish Government to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) scheme.
- Noted**
- 578 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive – Inverkip Primary School Partial Refurbishment - Tender Acceptance 578**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities

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advising of the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive to accept the lowest tender received for the Inverkip Primary School partial refurbishment works, that by Clark Contracts Ltd in the sum of £254,533.46.

Noted

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 item 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.

579 Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive – School Transport Contracts (Mainstream) – Tender Acceptances

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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 2011/12 as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

(Councillors Wilson and Osborne left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the use of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive be noted; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee setting out the tendering and monitoring procedures used in relation to school transport contracts.