

**EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 1 NOVEMBER 2011**

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**Education and Lifelong Learning Committee**

**Tuesday 1 November 2011 at 4.00 pm**

**Present:** Provost McCormick, Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, MacLeod (for Grieve), Loughran, McCabe, Osborne and Wilson, Rev A MacLean, Church Representative, Mr R Thomson, Parent 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 J Ferrie (Education Services), Ms M Paterson (Community Learning & Development), Chief Financial Officer, Mr I Cameron (Finance Services), Mr F Jarvie (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.**

**724 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 724**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Grieve, with Councillor MacLeod substituting, Councillor McKenzie and Father McMahan.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**725 Election and Appointment of a Parent Representative to the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee 725**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the outcome of the election held for the purposes of appointing a parent representative to the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee. The report advised that two nominations had been received for the position of parent representative and that Mr Robin Thomson, Wemyss Bay Primary Parent Council had been successful in the subsequent election.

Mr Thomson was present and the Convener welcomed him to the meeting.

(Councillor Wilson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:** that the Committee note the appointment of Mr Robin Thomson as the parent representative on the Education & Lifelong Learning Committee.

**726 Duke of Edinburgh Award in Inverclyde 726**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) providing an update on the recent successes and achievements of the Duke of Edinburgh Award in Inverclyde, (2) advising of plans to develop the Award in Inverclyde and (3) inviting the Committee to accept the renewed licence for the delivery of the Award on behalf of Inverclyde Council.

Mr Barry Fisher, Duke of Edinburgh Scotland Director, was present and addressed the Committee in relation to this item.

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**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the progress and achievements of the Duke of Edinburgh Award in Inverclyde;
- (2) that the plans for the development of the Award in Inverclyde be endorsed; and
- (3) that the Committee accept the licence to deliver the Duke of Edinburgh Award on behalf of Inverclyde Council.

**727 St Mary's Primary School – Action Plan following HMle Report 727**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities appending the HMle action plan prepared by St Mary's Primary School which outlines how the areas for improvement identified following the HMle inspection of the school in May 2011 will be addressed.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the content of the St Mary's Primary School HMle action plan.

**728 Education and Lifelong Learning 2011/12 Revenue Budget – Period 5 728**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the position of the Revenue Budget 2011/12 as at Period 5 (31 August 2011) which currently projected an underspend of £109,000.

(Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:**

- (1) that the current projected underspend of £109,000 for 2011/12 as at period 5 be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the virement of £92,530 detailed in appendix 4 to the report.

**729 Capital Programme 2011-15/16 - Progress 729**

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; and
- (2) that the Committee note the review of the School Estate Funding Model which is a separate item on the agenda.

**730 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence 730**

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:** that the Committee note the ongoing progress being made with the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence in Inverclyde.

**731 Review of School Estate Funding Model 2011 731**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities and the Chief Financial Officer (1) providing an update on the current position of the School

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Estate Funding Model and (2) seeking approval of the revised Model.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee approve the revised Funding Model and associated savings highlighted in paragraph 6.1 of the report; and

(2) that it be agreed that the financial implications of the revised Model be built into the Council's revised financial strategy due to be presented to the Council in December 2011.

**732 Report on Clydeview Academy, Notre Dame High School and the Port Glasgow Temporary Shared Campus (St Stephen's High School and Port Glasgow High School) 732**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing information on 3 key projects associated with the School Estate Management Plan, being (1) the temporary shared campus for St Stephen's High School and Port Glasgow High School, (2) the new Clydeview Academy and (3) the new Notre Dame High School.

**Noted**

**733 Inverclyde Academy – Wind Turbine 733**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) providing a summary of the issues experienced in relation to the wind turbine at Inverclyde Academy and (2) advising of the strategy being adopted to address these issues.

(Councillor Wilson left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Noted**

**734 Refreshed Strategy for Community Learning and Development: Community Learning and Development Annual Report 2010-2011 734**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) seeking approval for the adoption of the refreshed strategy for Community Learning and Development in Inverclyde 2011-2014 and (2) advising of the production of the Annual Report on Community Learning and Development in Inverclyde for 2010-2011.

**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee endorse the refreshed strategy for Community Learning and Development in Inverclyde 2011-2014; and

(2) that the Committee note the production of the Annual Report on Community Learning and Development in Inverclyde 2010-2011.

**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 the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite the heading to each item.**

Item	Paragraph(s)
Use of Supplier for Unique Services to Education	6 and 8

**School Transport Processes for Tendering and Monitoring of Contracts** 6, 8 and 9

**Port Glasgow Shared Campus – Review of Tenders and Post Contract Strategy** 6, 8 and 9

**735 Use of Supplier for Unique Services to Education**

**735**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking the Committee's approval to secure the service of Chris Ward (Chris Ward Co-operative Learning Consulting Ltd) who provides a unique CPD programme which supports learning and teaching across all education sectors.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee approve the use of Chris Ward (Chris Ward Co-operative Learning Consulting Ltd) for the provision of a unique CPD programme to support learning and teaching across all education sectors for the financial year 2011/12; and
- (2) that it be noted that a report seeking approval for the use of unique suppliers will be submitted to the Committee on an annual basis.

**736 School Transport Processes for Tendering and Monitoring of Contracts**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing information on the processes undertaken in relation to the tendering and monitoring procedures for school transport contracts.

**Noted**

**737 Port Glasgow Shared Campus – Review of Tenders and Post Contract Strategy**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment reviewing the tender evaluation for the Port Glasgow Shared Campus project, advising of the strategy being adopted to ensure that the specification and build quality remain as intended and that the project is delivered within budget.

**Noted**