

EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE - 24 JANUARY 2012

Education & Lifelong Learning Committee

Tuesday 24 January 2012 at 4 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Blair, Brooks, Clocherty, Fyfe, Grieve, Loughran, McCabe, Moran (for McKenzie), MacLeod (for Osborne) and Wilson, Father M McMahon, 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, Mr J Ferrie 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.

71 **Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest** 71

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor McKenzie, with Councillor Moran substituting, Councillor Osborne, with Councillor MacLeod substituting, Rev A MacLean and Rev C McGranaghan, Church Representatives and Mr R Thomson, Parent Representative.

72 **Education Scotland Report on St Francis' Primary School** 72

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the Education Scotland external evaluation of St Francis' Primary School. The report advised that of the indicators of quality, two had been evaluated as 'very good' and three as 'good'.

Ms Anne Marie Mullan, Head Teacher, was present and addressed the Committee relative to the external evaluation report.

(Councillor Blair entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

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

73 **Education Scotland Report on Newark Nursery School** 73

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities on the results of the external evaluation of Newark Nursery School. The report advised that of the indicators of quality, two had been evaluated as 'very good' and three as 'good'.

Ms Hazel Mitchell, Head Teacher, was present and addressed the Committee relative to the evaluation report.

Decided:

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

74 Education & Lifelong Learning 2011/12 Revenue Budget - Period 7 74

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 7 (31 October 2011) which currently projected an underspend of £87,000. (Councillor McCabe left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the current projected underspend of £87,000 for 2011/12 as at period 7 be noted; and
 (2) that approval be given to the virement of £40,000 detailed in appendix 4 to the report.

75 Capital Programme 2011-15/16 - Progress 75

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

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 additional expenditure on the Binnie Street Children's Centre and St Andrew's Primary School (Refurbishment of Earnhill Primary School) projects detailed in appendices 2 and 3 of the report; and
 (3) that approval be given to utilise the overall Capital Programme contingency allowance to address the over-expenditure in respect of (2) above.

76 Education & Communities Directorate Performance Report 76

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 2011/12.

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 updated in the report.

77 The Naming of the New School Amalgamating Lilybank and Glenburn Schools 77

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities requesting the Committee to agree the name Craigmarloch School for the new school amalgamating Lilybank and Glenburn Schools.

Decided: that Craigmarloch School be the name of the new school amalgamating Lilybank and Glenburn Schools.

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- 78 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence 78**
- 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.
- 79 Roll Projections 79**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities (1) describing the process and procedures used by Inverclyde Council for projecting school rolls and (2) showing projections for all schools from 2012 to 2022.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the procedures followed in projecting future school rolls, roll projections for 2012 to 2022 and capacities and occupancy rates.
- 80 School Leaver Destination Results 2010-11 80**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities providing information relating to the annual release on 7 December 2011 of school leaver destination results.
- Ms C McQuarrie and Ms M Flynn of Skills Development Scotland were present for this item and answered questions from Members.
(Councillor Blair left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
- Noted**
- Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this juncture.
- 81 Permission to Seek Tenders for the Provision of School Transport 81**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities seeking approval to procure transport services with a value greater than £250,000.
- Decided:** that authority be granted to the Corporate Director Education & Communities to seek tenders for (a) transport services for pupils with additional support needs and/or medical conditions for school sessions 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15; (b) transport services for consortium, vocational and miscellaneous purposes for school sessions 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15; and (c) transport services for mainstream pupils for up to 4 years in line with the rolling programme of contracts.
- 82 Royal Diamond Jubilee - 5 June 2012 82**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Communities advising the Committee of the arrangements to be put in place for educational establishments as a result of the Policy & Resources Committee decision on 15 November 2011 to grant an additional one-off holiday to recognise the Royal Diamond Jubilee. It was noted that this would involve the in-service day being moved to Wednesday 6 June 2012 with pupils returning to school on Thursday 7 June.
- Decided:** that the Committee note the arrangements being put in place for educational establishments as a result of the Royal Diamond Jubilee holiday on 5 June 2012.

83 Binnie Street Children's Centre Project: Rot Repairs - Use of Powers Delegated to the Chief Executive**83**

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 the lowest quotation received for rot repair works to the Binnie Street Children's Centre.

Noted