

EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 12 JUNE 2012

Education & Communities Committee

Tuesday 12 June 2012 at 3 pm

Present: Councillors Brennan, Dorrian (for Clocherty), Brooks (for Grieve), Jones, Loughran, McCabe, McColgan, MacLeod (for McEleny) and Shepherd, 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 & Organisational Development, Head of Education, Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Corporate Policy, Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities, Mr M Lapsley (Safer & Inclusive Communities), Ms M Paterson (Community Learning & Development), Ms E Hamilton and Ms L Wilkie (Education Services), Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management, Mr E Montgomery (Property Assets & Facilities Management), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Ms A Edmiston (Finance Services), Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications and Public Affairs).

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

333 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 333

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Clocherty, with Councillor Dorrian substituting, Councillor McEleny, with Councillor MacLeod substituting, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Grieve, with Councillor Brooks substituting, Councillor Campbell-Sturgess and Father M McMahon.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

334 Official Food and Feed Controls Service Plan 2012/13 334

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) advising the Committee of the Official Food and Feed Service Plan for 2012/13 and (2) reporting on the achievements of the service in this regard in 2011/12.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the Official Food and Feed Service Plan for 2012/13;
- (2) that delivery against the 2011/12 plan be noted; and
- (3) that a report be submitted to the Committee in due course providing an update on progress in implementing the Food Standard Agency (FSA) Guidance on Cross Contamination and performance against the service plan.

335 Safer & Inclusive Communities Food Safety Enforcement Policy 335

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development (1) providing an update on the implications of the FSA's Cross Contamination Guidance as previously reported to the Safe, Sustainable

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Communities Committee and the approach taken by Safer & Inclusive Communities in enforcing this and (2) seeking approval for an updated Food Safety Enforcement Policy, taking into account the requirements of the above guidance as required by the FSA's audit previously reported to the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve the Food Safety Enforcement Policy attached at appendix 1 and endorse the approach taken by Safer & Inclusive Communities in the enforcement of the FSA Cross Contamination Guidance; and
- (2) that a report be submitted to the Committee in 12 months' time providing an update on issues arising from the Enforcement Policy for the Council and an assessment of the impact on local businesses.

336 Grants to Voluntary Organisations - Revised Arrangements

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval for further revisions to the arrangements for the award of small grants from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget.

Decided: that approval be given to the revised arrangements for the award of small grants from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget as detailed in the report.

337 Clune Park Regeneration: Progress Report

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities providing an update on the proposed regeneration of the Clune Park area of Port Glasgow.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current progress towards the regeneration of the Clune Park area of Port Glasgow;
- (2) that it be noted that the Regeneration Plan approved by the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee on 24 May 2011 has been updated, revised and submitted to the Scottish Government for consideration; and
- (3) that further progress reports be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive 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 make a Closing Order at the earliest opportunity. This was agreed unanimously.

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 during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 13 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

338 Closing Order - 1 Moffat Street, Greenock

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities (1) advising that the house known as 1 Moffat Street, Greenock fails to meet the tolerable standard and (2) requesting that a Closing Order be made prohibiting the use of the house for human habitation.

Decided: that it be agreed to make a Closing Order in terms of Section 114 of the

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Housing (Scotland) Act 1987, as amended, prohibiting the use of the house known as 1 Moffat Street, Greenock for human habitation.

The Committee adjourned at 3.35 pm and re-convened at 4 pm. Rev MacLean and Mr Thomson joined the meeting at this point.

339 Progress Report on Inverclyde Academy 339

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of the progress made by Inverclyde Academy's Senior Management Team and staff in addressing the areas for improvement outlined in the HMIE Inspection Report in March 2011.

Mrs Cathie Sorensen, Head Teacher, was present and addressed the Committee on the progress made.

Decided: that the Committee note the good progress made by Inverclyde Academy to date in addressing the areas for improvement identified in the School HMIE Report published on 22 March 2011.

340 Capital Programme 2012 - 16/17 - Progress 340

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the progress of the Capital Programme 2012 - 16/17.

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 of (a) the King's Oak Primary School/Demolition of Janitor's House project and (b) the Clydeview Academy - Park n Stride Area project to the Capital Programme and for the issue of tenders for the works 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 available funding for the project as detailed in the report; and

(3) that approval be given to the retention of Larkfield Children's Centre in the former Sacred Heart Building and for the transfer of the modular classrooms currently located at St Stephen's High School to the former Sacred Heart Primary School to provide accommodation for decanted schools, the cost of the transfer being funded from the School Estate Programme contingency allowance.

341 Update on Progress with the Implementation of Curriculum for Excellence 341

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development 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.

342 Religious Representation on the Education & Communities Committee 342

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the position in respect of religious representation on the Committee.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the continued representation by Father Michael

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McMahon and Rev Andrew MacLean on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church and Church of Scotland respectively;

(2) that it be noted that arrangements will be made to fill the vacancy for a third church/denominational representative arising from the resignation of Rev Colum McGranaghan; and

(3) that the Convener write to Rev McGranaghan to express his thanks on behalf of Members for his many years of service as a religious representative on the Committee.

343 Arrangements for the Election of a Parent Representative and Teacher Representative on the Education & Communities Committee 343

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval of arrangements for the appointment of a Parent Representative and a Teacher Representative on the Education & Communities Committee.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the proposals for the election of a Parent Representative and Teacher Representative on the Education & Communities Committee as set out in appendices 1 and 2 of the report respectively; and

(2) that the current Parent Representative and Teacher Representative remain as temporary members of the Committee until the election process for the new representatives has been concluded.

344 Physical Education Update 344

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on Inverclyde's position in relation to the Scottish Government's target of a minimum of 2 hours/2 periods of quality physical education for each child every week and also Inverclyde's position in relation to the Scottish Government's new Physical Education Support Fund.

Decided:

(1) that the report be noted; and

(2) that the Inverclyde Physical Education Implementation Plan be completed in consultation with the national and Local Physical Education Networks, schools, sportscotland, Education Scotland and the Active Schools/Sports Development Team and that this be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee for approval.

345 Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Academic Year 2012/13 345

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising of the continuation of the grant from the Scottish Government for the purposes of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Scotland Programme.

Noted

346 The Naming of the New Early Years Establishment Amalgamating Gourock Pre-5 Centre, Gamble Children's Centre and Gourock Park Pre-School 346

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development recommending a name for the new early years establishment following the amalgamation of Gourock Pre-5 Centre, Gamble Children's

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Centre and Gourrock Park Pre-School in August 2013.

Decided: that agreement be given to the name Binnie Street Children's Centre for the new early years provision in Gourrock.

347 Admissions and Placing Requests for Primary 1 and Secondary 1 Pupils in School Session 2012/13 347

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the decisions agreed by the Pupil Placement Panel relating to admissions and placing requests for school session 2012/13 affecting Primary 1 and Secondary 1 pupils.

The Head of Inclusive Education, Culture and Corporate Policy provided the Committee with updated information in this regard following recent meetings of the Education Appeals Committee.

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.

348 School Transport Contracts (Maintstream) - Result of Tenders for Contracts 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 348

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development seeking approval to accept tenders for mainstream school transport contracts due for renewal from the start of school session 2012/13.

Decided: that approval be given to the acceptance of the tenders for mainstream school transport contracts due for renewal from the start of school session 2012/13 as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.