

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee held in the Education Centre, St Margaret of Scotland Hospice, Clydebank on Wednesday, 15 June 2011 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors George Black, Jim Brown, Jim Finn, William Hendrie, Douglas McAllister, Jonathan McColl*, Ronnie McColl*, Patrick McGlinchey*, Marie McNair*, John Millar, Lawrence O'Neill, Martin Rooney and May Smillie, and Mrs Barbara Barnes, Mrs Gemma Doyle, Mr George Hill*, Miss Ellen McBride and Miss Sheila Rennie*.

*Arrived later in the meeting.

Attending: Terry Lanagan, Executive Director of Educational Services; Laura Mason, Head of Service (Quality); Mary Berrill, Quality Improvement Manager (Support); Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor; and Scott Kelly, Committee Officer, Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services.

Also Attending: Stewart Paterson, Teachers' Convener, E.I.S.; and Ms Ann Jenkins, Owner, Carousel Nursery, Alexandria.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Jim McElhill and Ms Josephine McDaid.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Having heard the Executive Director of Educational Services, the Committee noted that Councillor J. McColl, Chair, had intimated that he would arrive later in the meeting.

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor J. McColl, and the Vice Chair, Councillor McElhill, the Principal Solicitor invited the Committee to appoint a temporary Chair for this meeting of the Committee until such time as Councillor J. McColl arrived.

Councillor Rooney, seconded by Councillor Millar, moved:-

That Councillor McAllister should chair the meeting until Councillor J. McColl arrived.

As an amendment, Councillor Finn, seconded by Councillor Hendrie, moved:-

That Councillor Smillie should chair the meeting until Councillor J. McColl arrived.

On a vote being taken, 4 Members voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion. There being an equality of votes and having heard the Principal Solicitor with regard to the way in which a decision would be reached, Councillor McAllister withdrew his nomination as Chair.

Thereafter, Councillor Smillie assumed the Chair and welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

Note: Councillors McNair and McGlinchey entered the meeting after the vote had taken place.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

Note: Mr Hill and Miss Rennie entered the meeting at this point.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee held on 20 April 2011 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

LOCAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR TEACHERS

The Minutes of Meeting of the Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers held on 24 May 2011 were submitted for information, and where necessary ratification.

Following discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Educational Services and the Teachers' Convener, E.I.S., in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the position in respect of the application of the Disciplinary Procedures in disciplinary cases which concerned the competency of teachers; and
- (2) to approve the decisions contained within the Minutes.

Note: Councillor R. McColl entered the meeting during consideration of this item.

**INTEGRATED INSPECTION BY THE CARE COMMISSION AND HM
INSPECTORATE OF EDUCATION: REPORT ON FOLLOW-THROUGH
INSPECTION OF GAVINBURN EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE CENTRE**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services containing information on the follow-through inspection of Gavinburn Early Education and Childcare Centre carried out by West Dunbartonshire Council Quality Improvement Service and the subsequent report published in March 2011.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Educational Services in further explanation, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to congratulate the staff and children of Gavinburn Early Education Centre, for their achievements as recognised by West Dunbartonshire Council Quality Improvement Service in the report published in March 2011; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**INTEGRATED INSPECTION BY THE CARE COMMISSION AND HM
INSPECTORATE OF EDUCATION: REPORT ON FOLLOW-THROUGH
INSPECTION OF CAROUSEL NURSERY, ALEXANDRIA**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services containing information on the follow-through inspection of Carousel Nursery, Alexandria carried out by West Dunbartonshire Council Quality Improvement Service and the subsequent report published in March 2011.

Having heard the Executive Director of Educational Services and Ms Ann Jenkins, Owner, Carousel Nursery, Alexandria (present for this item only), in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to congratulate the staff and children of Carousel Nursery, Alexandria, for their achievements as recognised by West Dunbartonshire Council Quality Improvement Service in the report published in March 2011; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

At this point, Ms Jenkins left the meeting.

SERVICE PLAN/STATEMENT OF IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES 2011/15

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services informing of the content of the Service Plan and Statement of Improvement Objectives for reporting years 2011/15 prepared by Educational Services and seeking comment on the content of the Plan.

Following discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Educational Services and the Head of Service (Quality) in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee providing information on how standards of attainment will be reported in future following the demise of 5-14;
- (2) that a report should be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee providing information on the effects of recent library closures on (i) the number of visits to libraries; and (ii) the relationships between libraries and schools;
- (3) that the Executive Director should send a briefing note to all members of the Committee providing further information on the estimate of £4,121,890 for the Public Private Partnership (PPP) element of the Educational Services budget for 2011/12, as detailed in the report; and
- (4) otherwise to note the contents of the report and Service Plan for 2011/2015.

Note: Councillor J. McColl entered the meeting during consideration of this item.

At this point in the meeting, following discussion and having heard the Principal Solicitor, the Committee agreed that Councillor Smillie should continue in the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services providing a copy of the Implementation Plan for Curriculum for Excellence which details the actions planned to address the priorities agreed by establishments and staff across Educational Services.

Following discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Educational Services and the Head of Service (Quality) in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee providing information on strategies to raise attainment in schools;
- (2) that the Executive Director should send a briefing note to all members of the Committee providing further information on the contributions which are made by sections within Educational Services, other than schools, to the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence;
- (3) that a progress report should be submitted to the Committee in June 2012; and
- (4) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL'S POLICY AND PROCEDURE: SCHOOL LEAVING DATES

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services seeking endorsement of the policy and procedure with regard to educating young people beyond the age of 16 years.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Educational Services and the Quality Improvement Manager (Support) in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that leaflets outlining the educational services which are available to adults in West Dunbartonshire would be issued to members of the Committee soon; and
- (2) to approve the policy and procedure note which was appended to the report.

The meeting closed at 11.10 a.m.