

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, G82 3PU**

29 May 2009

**MEETING: EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2009  
MEETING ROOM 3  
COUNCIL OFFICES  
GARSHAKE ROAD  
DUMBARTON**

Dear Sir/Madam

Please attend a meeting of the **Education and Lifelong Learning Committee** to be held in Meeting Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on **Wednesday, 10 June 2009 at 10.00 a.m.**

The business is as shown on the enclosed agenda.

Yours faithfully

**DAVID McMILLAN**

Chief Executive

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# **EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE**

**10 JUNE 2009**

## **AGENDA**

### **1. APOLOGIES**

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are invited to declare if they have an interest in any of the items of business on this agenda and the reasons for such declarations.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Submit for approval as a correct record the Minutes of Meeting of the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee held on 22 April 2009.

### **4. LOCAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR TEACHERS**

Submit for approval the Minutes of Meeting of the Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers held on 19 May 2009.

### **5. CARE COMMISSION INSPECTION REPORTS**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Social Work and Health providing information on the recent inspection reports received from the Care Commission covering announced inspections of the Fostering and Adoption Service and Throughcare and Youth Homelessness Services.

### **6. INSPECTION OF SOCIAL WORK SERVICES BY THE SOCIAL WORK INSPECTION AGENCY**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Social Work and Health providing details of the draft action plan to be submitted to the Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA) in response to the recommendations contained in their recent report and as reported to Council on 29 April 2009.

**7. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: SOCIAL WORK SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT INFORMATION FOR ALL SOCIAL WORK COVERING OCTOBER 2008 TO MARCH 2009**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Social Work and Health:-

- (a) providing a progress report on Social Work Performance within Children's Services for the period October 2008 to March 2009;
- (b) providing information on work being undertaken by the department on continuous improvement, including Best Value Reviews; and
- (c) presenting information for elected members and stakeholders as part of wider Public Performance Reporting, in line with Scottish Executive Best Value Guidance and Audit Scotland recommendations.

**8. HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF EDUCATION: REPORT ON LEVENVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Educational Services containing information on the inspection of Levenvale Primary School by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) and the subsequent report published by HMIE on 26 May 2009.

**9. HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF EDUCATION: REPORT ON ST. KESSOG'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Educational Services containing information on the inspection of St. Kessog's Primary School by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) and the subsequent report published by HMIE on 5 May 2009.

**10. HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF EDUCATION: REPORT ON FOLLOW THROUGH INSPECTION OF DALREOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Educational Services advising of the follow-through inspection on Dalreoch Primary School by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) and the subsequent report published on 31 March 2009.

**11. ENTITLEMENT TO FREE TRANSPORT FOR PUPILS ATTENDING ST. PETER THE APOSTLE HIGH SCHOOL**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Educational Services informing the Committee of the implications of altering the Policy for entitlement to free transport for pupils attending St. Peter the Apostle High School from August 2009.

**12. DRAFT SERVICE PLAN/STATEMENT OF IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES 2009/13**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Educational Services informing the Committee of the content of the draft Service Plan and Statement of Improvement Objectives for reporting years 2009/13, prepared by the Department of Educational Services and seeking comment on the content of the draft Plan. The draft Service Plan highlights objectives, actions, performance indicators and targets which will be delivered by the Department over the next four years.

**13. PROPOSED CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS TIMETABLING ARRANGMENTS FROM AUGUST 2010**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Educational Services seeking approval for the Department to consult staff, parents and pupils on a proposed amendment to the current timetabling arrangements in West Dunbartonshire secondary schools which would take effect from August 2010.

**14. UPDATE OF CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUILDING PROGRAMME 2009/2010**

Submit report by the Executive Director of Educational Services providing up to date information on the status of Education and Revenue Building Projects within the Educational Services Department and drawing attention to significant issues or problems with the progress of any particular project.

## **15. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **Motion by Councillor Gail Casey – St. Peter the Apostle – St. Andrew's Secondary - Transport**

This Committee looks forward with pride to the opening of three new Secondary Schools in West Dunbartonshire in the summer of 2009. It is imperative that these events are not overshadowed at this late stage in the delivery of these exciting projects by disharmony arising out of the operation of school transport arrangements.

At a public meeting of the St Andrews parents on 13<sup>th</sup> May, it was claimed that assurances were given prior to the start of the new-build contract regarding free transport for the children who will be attending the new St Peter the Apostle Secondary School. In order to ensure that all options are considered in delivering successful outcomes for all, this Committee agrees to request the Executive Director of Education and Lifelong Learning to examine the claims made at the public meeting and to bring forward options to alleviate parents' concern regarding journeys to school for pupils of the new schools.

### **Motion by Councillor Marie McNair – Community Safety in West Dunbartonshire**

This Council agrees that the majority of the secondary school estate has been vastly improved by the Building our Future programme.

Notwithstanding the above, Council recognises that school mergers will result in many pupils having to take routes to school that are unfamiliar to them.

Council agrees that it is vitally important there is confidence that all routes to school are as safe as possible.

Council notes that road safety issues and the wider wellbeing of pupils must be a key consideration in identifying routes to school.

Council accepts that the most direct routes to school are not always the safest.

Furthermore, Council notes that extensive consultation was carried out with parents and pupils when the mergers were initially proposed.

Council also notes that at the time, the Council's Political Leadership and Education directorate gave a commitment, that appropriate interim changes to the school transport policy, could be considered by elected members.

Council agrees that for a transitional period such a commitment is sensible and should be honoured by this Council.

In light of the above Council agrees:-

All proposed routes to school will be audited for safety.

The audit will actively include parents and local members. Parents and Councillors bring local knowledge of the potential dangers of proposed routes.

The Chief Executive will provide a report to the June Council meeting on the issue of the school transport policy.

The report will:- 1) detail current policy: 2) summarise representations from parents and pupils: 3) provide options for transitional flexibility in current policy in response to parent/pupil concerns: 4) fully cost and consider the wider implications of any change in policy.

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