

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee held in Meeting Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 20 April 2011 at 10.05 a.m.

Present: Councillors George Black, Jim Brown, Jim Finn, William Hendrie, David McBride, Jonathan McColl, Ronnie McColl, John Millar, Martin Rooney and May Smillie, and Mrs Barbara Barnes, Mrs Gemma Doyle, Mr George Hill and Ms Josephine McDaid.

Attending: Terry Lanagan, Executive Director of Educational Services; Laura Mason, Head of Service (Quality); Lynn Townsend, Head of Service (Support); Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal Services; and Scott Kelly, Committee Officer, Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services.

Also Attending: Charlie Rooney, Headteacher, Our Lady and St Patrick's High School; Ms Joyce Patrick, Head of Centre, Gartocharn Early Education and Childcare Centre; Ms Lynn Nicoll, Head of Centre, Ladyton Early Education and Childcare Centre; Ms Irene Robertson, Headteacher, Highdykes Primary School; and Ms Aileen Rice, Headteacher, Kilbowie Primary School.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Douglas McAllister, Jim McElhill and Patrick McGlinchey, and Miss Sheila Rennie.

Councillor Jonathan McColl in the Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Before commencing with the business of the meeting, Councillor J. McColl, Chair, welcomed Laura Mason, Head of Service (Quality), and Mrs Doyle, Primary School Teachers' Representative, to their first meeting of the Committee.

Thereafter, Councillor J. McColl informed the Committee that Charlie Rooney, Headteacher, Our Lady and St Patrick's High School, had recently been nominated for the Headteacher of the Year award at the 2011 Scottish Education Awards.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee held on 9 February 2011 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

Having heard the Executive Director of Educational Services in answer to a Member's questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note, with reference to the item under the heading 'Dumbarton Academy New Build: Progress Report' (Page 3453/54 refers), that information requested by Councillor Black concerning the cost of the 1 in 1,000 year flood risk assessment had not yet been received;
- (2) that the Executive Director of Educational Services should raise this matter with the appropriate officer, and that the information concerning the flood risk assessment should be sent to all members of the Committee;
- (3) to note that tenders for the rebuild of Dumbarton Academy had recently been returned and were currently being evaluated by officers; and
- (4) to note, with reference to the item under the heading 'Update of Capital Building Programme 2010/2011' (Page 3455 refers), that only projects of the highest priority were contained within the Capital Building Programme.

LOCAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR TEACHERS

The Minutes of Meeting of the Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers held on 15 March 2011 were submitted and all decisions contained therein were approved.

HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF EDUCATION: REPORT ON GARTOCHARN EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE CENTRE

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services containing information on the inspection of Gartocharn Early Education and Childcare Centre by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) and the subsequent report published by HMIE on 23 March 2011.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Service (Support) and Ms Joyce Patrick, Head of Centre, Gartocharn Early Education and Childcare Centre, in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that the Quality Improvement Team of Educational Services worked with all of the Early Education and Childcare Centres to ensure that examples of best practice were adopted;
- (2) to congratulate the staff, parents and children of Gartocharn Early Education and Childcare Centre, for their achievements as recognised by HMIE in the report published on 23 March 2011; and
- (3) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF EDUCATION: REPORT ON LADYTON EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE CENTRE

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services containing information on the inspection of Ladyton Early Education and Childcare Centre by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) and the subsequent report published by HMIE on 9 February 2011.

Following discussion and having heard the Head of Service (Support) and Ms Lynn Nicoll, Head of Centre, Ladyton Early Education and Childcare Centre, in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to congratulate the staff, parents and children of Ladyton Early Education and Childcare Centre, for their achievements as recognised by HMIE in the report published on 9 February 2011; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF EDUCATION: REPORT ON HIGHDYKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services containing information on the inspection of Highdykes Primary School by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) and the subsequent report published by HMIE on 1 February 2011.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Service (Quality) and Ms Irene Roberston, Headteacher, Highdykes Primary School, in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to congratulate the headteacher, staff, parents and children of Highdykes Primary School, for their achievements as recognised by HMIE in the report published on 1 February 2011; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF EDUCATION: REPORT ON FOLLOW-THROUGH INSPECTION OF KILBOWIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services containing information on the follow-through inspection of Kilbowie Primary School by the Quality Improvement Team of Educational Services and the subsequent report, published by West Dunbartonshire Council in March 2011.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Service (Quality) and Ms Aileen Rice, Headteacher, Kilbowie Primary School, in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to congratulate the headteacher, staff and pupils of Kilbowie Primary School, for their achievements as recognised by the Quality Improvement Unit in the report published in March 2011; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

TO PROVIDE AN ANALYSIS OF THE DEPLOYMENT OF CENTRALLY EMPLOYED TEACHERS IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee held on 9 February 2011 (Page 3455 refers), a report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services providing an analysis of the deployment of centrally employed teachers in West Dunbartonshire Council.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Educational Services in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE YOUTH COUNSELLING SERVICE

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services providing information on the evaluation of the secondary school based counselling service, and an update on the latest extension to the service.

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

- (1) that a further report on this matter should be submitted to a meeting of the Committee next year; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT 2009/2010

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services informing of the publication of Educational Services' Standards and Quality Report for 2009/10, a copy of which was provided as Appendix 1.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Educational Services in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the proposals for the distribution of the Standards and Quality Report; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES – STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services presenting the Standards and Quality Report 2009 to 2010 for West Dunbartonshire Educational Psychology Service.

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

UPDATE OF CAPITAL BUILDING PROGRAMME 2010/2011

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

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

2010-11 REVENUE ESTIMATES – BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 11 (1 APRIL 2010 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2011)

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Educational Services providing the latest information on expenditure and income to date within the Educational Services approved budget for 2010-11.

After discussion the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

The meeting closed at 11.05 a.m.