

## **EDUCATION EXECUTIVE**

At a meeting of the Education Executive, held in the Council Chambers, Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank on Wednesday, 22 August 2001 at 10.00 a.m.

**Present:** Councillors Duncan McDonald, John McCutcheon, Anthony Devine, James Flynn, Connie O'Sullivan, Margaret McGregor and Mr Ronald Alexander, Miss Ellen McBride, Miss Sheila Rennie, Miss Margaret Wallace and Mrs Janice Wardrop.

**Attending:** Tim Huntingford, Chief Executive; Ian McMurdo, Director of Education and Cultural Services; Dan Henderson, Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services; Bob Cook, Head of Resource Development; Frank Newall, Head of Children's Services, Lynn Townsend, Manager of Special Educational Needs; Stephen Brown, Head of Legal and Administrative Services and Lorraine Beveridge, Administrative Assistant.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Daniel McCafferty and James McElhill.

## **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Having heard from the Chief Executive that the Education Executive required to elect a Chairman, Councillor Flynn, seconded by Councillor McDonald, moved that Councillor O'Sullivan should take the Chair. By way of an amendment, Councillor McCutcheon, seconded by Councillor McGregor, moved that Councillor McGregor, should take the Chair.

On a vote being taken, 4 Members voted for the amendment and 5 for the motion. The motion was carried and accordingly Councillor O'Sullivan took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

## **NOMINATION OF TEACHERS' REPRESENTATIVE**

The Education Executive noted that the Educational Institute of Scotland had nominated Mrs Janice Wardrop, 8 Duncomb Avenue, Duntocher, to be a teachers' representative on the Education Executive.

Councillor O'Sullivan, on behalf of the Education Executive, welcomed Mrs Wardrop to the meeting.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Education Executive held on 27 June 2001 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

**SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE CONSULTATION EXERCISE  
ASSESSING OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL NEEDS  
*THE WAY FORWARD?***

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services seeking approval of the proposed response by this Council to the Scottish Executive consultation exercise "Assessing our Children's Educational Needs: *The Way Forward?*".

Having heard the Manager of Special Educational Needs in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Education Executive agreed:-

- (1) to approve the Appendix to the report as this Council's formal response to the above Consultation Paper; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**DRAFT NATIONAL CARE STANDARDS FOR EARLY EDUCATION  
AND CHILDCARE - A CONSULTATION PAPER**

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services seeking approval of the proposed response by this Council to the consultation paper on Draft National Care Standards for Early Education and Childcare.

Having heard the Head of Children's Services in further explanation, the Education Executive agreed:-

- (1) to approve the Appendix to the report as this Council's response to the above Consultation Paper; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**BUDGET 2001 - ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS**

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services advising of additional financial resources to be made available to schools following decisions by Scottish Ministers in the light of the Budget Statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 7 March 2001.

Having heard the Director of Education and Cultural Services, the Education Executive agreed:-

- (1) to approve the proposals for distribution of the additional resources to schools according to the formula suggested by the Scottish Executive Education Department; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

## **KILBOWIE NURSERY - PROPOSED EXTENSION TO CREATE ADDITIONAL PLACES FOR PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION**

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services seeking approval for the extension of Kilbowie Nursery in order to create a further 20 full-time equivalent places in that establishment.

Having heard the Head of Children's Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Education Executive agreed:-

- (1) to approve the proposal that an extension be built at Kilbowie Nursery to accommodate a further 20 full-time equivalent places, thereby ensuring the Council's ability to deliver locally available pre-school education for children in their pre-school year and ante-pre-school year by the target date of August 2002;
- (2) that a report providing statistical information on teacher input be submitted to the next meeting of the Education Committee; and
- (3) to approve the funding arrangements as detailed in the report.

## **RATIONALISATION OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE PROVISION AT EDINBARNET NURSERY AND FAIFLEY FAMILY CENTRE**

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services concerning Early Education and Childcare provision at Edinbarnet Nursery and Faifley Family Centre and the scope for rationalisation.

Having heard the Head of Children's Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Education Executive agreed:-

- (1) to approve an informal consultation exercise with parents on all aspects of service provision within Edinbarnet Nursery and the Faifley Family Centre to determine those services which would be required within an integrated provision; and
- (2) that the results of the above consultation be brought to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration.

## **GOLDEN JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY - LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR 2001/2002**

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services seeking approval of amendments to school term dates and local holiday arrangements for schools for sessions 2001/2002 to accommodate Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee Bank Holiday.

The Education Executive agreed to approve the amended school holiday arrangements for 2001/2002, as detailed in Appendix I to this minute, which reflects the additional bank holiday to celebrate the Golden Jubilee on Monday, 3 June 2002.

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2002/03**

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services seeking approval of school term dates and local holiday arrangements for schools for Session 2002/03.

The Education Executive agreed to approve school term dates and local holiday arrangements for 2002/2003, as detailed in Appendix II to this minute.

The meeting closed at 10.20 a.m.