

## **EDUCATION EXECUTIVE**

At a meeting of the Education Executive, held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 27 June 2001 at 10.00 a.m.

**Present:** Councillors John Trainer, James McElhill, Duncan McDonald, John McCutcheon, Daniel McCafferty, Anthony Devine, James Flynn, Connie O'Sullivan and Mr Ronald Alexander, Mrs Barbara Barnes and Miss Margaret Wallace.

**Attending:** Tim Huntingford, Chief Executive; Ian McMurdo, Director of Education and Cultural Services; Eric Walker, Director of Corporate Services; Dan Henderson, Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services; David McMillan, Director of Commercial and Technical Services; Bob Cook, Head of Resource Development; Neil McKechnie, Head of Educational Development; Stephen Brown, Head of Legal and Administrative Services and George Hawthorn, Administrative Officer.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Andrew White and Margaret McGregor, Miss Sheila Rennie and Miss Ellen McBride.

**Councillor John Trainer in the Chair**

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Education Executive held on 23 May 2001 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **PRE-BUDGET STATEMENT: ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of Council on 20 December 2000, a report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services:-

- (1) providing information on the use made of the Government's additional funding for schools in West Dunbartonshire, the sum of £319,980; and
- (2) seeking approval to submit to the Scottish Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council's statement on how the additional funding was allocated, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the Director's report.

Having heard the Head of Resource Development and the Director of Commercial and Technical Services in answer to Members' questions, the Education Executive agreed:-

- (a) to note the contents of this report;

- (b) to approve Appendix 2 of the report for submission to the Scottish Executive as West Dunbartonshire Council's return on the use of the additional financial resources for schools; and
- (c) to note that the Director of Commercial and Technical Services would provide Councillor McCafferty with information on those projects where the estimated costs varied significantly from the final cost to the Council.

### **CAREERS SCOTLAND - LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD**

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services informing the Education Executive of a request by Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire to appoint Members to the Local Advisory Board of Careers Scotland.

The Education Executive agreed:-

- (1) to note that Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire would recommend to Scottish Enterprise that the Local Advisory Board for Careers Scotland be the Board of the current Careers Company;
- (2) to approve the appointment of Neil McKechnie, Head of Educational Development, as a Director of the Dunbartonshire and Lomond Careers Company and therefore a member of the Local Advisory Board of Careers Scotland; and
- (3) to confirm that Councillor McCafferty and Councillor Collins would continue as Directors of Dunbartonshire and Lomond Careers Company and therefore as members of the Local Advisory Board of Careers Scotland but that Councillor O'Sullivan should be able to attend as a Director, in the absence of either Councillors Collins or McCafferty.

### **QUALITY MANAGEMENT IN EDUCATION: DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing information on the self-evaluation audit undertaken in relation to the Quality Management in Education (QMIE) Quality Indicators and seeking approval for the resulting Development Plan shown as an appendix to the report.

Having heard the Director of Education and Cultural Services, the Head of Educational Development and the Chief Executive in further explanation, the Education Executive agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress made in relation to the self-evaluation of West Dunbartonshire Council as an education authority; and
- (2) to approve the Quality Management In Education Development Plan for 2001/2002, attached as an Appendix to the report.

## **UPDATE ON CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUILDING PROGRAMME 2000/2001**

A report was submitted by the Director of Education and Cultural Services providing an update on the status of Education Capital and Revenue Building Projects within the Education and Cultural Services Department.

Having heard the Head of Resources Development and the Director of Commercial and Technical Services in answer to Members' questions, the Education Executive agreed:-

- (1) to note that the Director of Commercial and Technical Services would investigate and respond directly to Councillor McCutcheon on the issues raised in respect of scaffolding at Clydebank High School; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

## **MRS BARBARA BARNES - RESIGNATION FROM EDUCATION EXECUTIVE**

A letter received from Mrs Barbara Barnes was submitted informing of her resignation from the Education Executive with effect from the end of June 2001.

Councillor McCafferty, Portfolio Holder for Education and Cultural Services, gave a brief speech on Mrs Barnes' career as a teacher and trades union representative with this Council and previously with Strathclyde Regional Council and, on behalf of the Education Executive, presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

Thereafter, Councillor Trainer thanked Mrs Barnes for her contribution to the work of the Education Executive and wished her a long and happy retirement.

The meeting closed at 10.30 a.m.