



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the ATTAINMENT AND IMPROVEMENT SUB COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber, Patons Building, Kilncraigs, Alloa, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 19 MAY 2016 at 2.00 pm**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Ellen Forson  
Councillor George Matchett, QPM, (Chair)  
Councillor Les Sharp  
Councillor Jim Stalker

**IN ATTENDANCE**

David Leng, Head of Education  
Kevin Kelman, Assistant Head of Education  
Adrienne Aitken, Attainment Challenge Co-ordinator  
Morven Graham, Principal Psychologist  
Carolynn McDaid, Service Manager  
Liz Thomson, Principal Teacher (Pupil Support), Alloa Academy  
Aileen Ferguson, Headteacher, Abercromby Primary School  
Linda Coutts, Headteacher, Tillicoultry Primary School  
Susan Fallone, Solicitor, Legal Services (Clerk to the Committee)  
Melanie Moore, Business Support to the Committee

**Appointment of Chair**

The Clerk advised that following the resignation of the SNP Group from the Administration of the Council, that under the Local Government Scotland Act 1973, if no Convener or Vice Convener is present, the members present who are eligible to vote must decide who will chair the meeting.

Councillor Matchett asked if Councillor Ellen Forson wanted to take the Chair. Councillor Forson thanked Councillor Matchett, but declined the invitation.

Councillor Stalker moved that Councillor George Matchett take the Chair which was seconded by Councillor Sharp.

The Committee agreed that Councillor Matchett is appointed as Chair for the meeting.

Councillor Matchett welcomed everyone to the Sub Committee.

**ESL(16)005 APOLOGIES**

None

**ESL(16)006 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**ESL(16)007 MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 20 APRIL 2016**

The minute of the meeting of the Attainment and Improvement Sub Committee held on 20 April 2016 were submitted for approval.

## **Decision**

The minute of the Attainment and Improvement Sub Committee held on 20 April 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed off by the Chair.

Councillor Matchett asked for a legal opinion regarding the protocol for the Attainment and Improvement Sub Committee, where the paper presented is for discussion and noting only. He feels it inappropriate that where the papers say to note, that the papers are moved and seconded. The Clerk agreed with Councillor Matchett, in that if the paper is for noting and discussion purposes it does not require to be moved and seconded.

Councillor Matchett asked that the clerks decision is noted in the minute.

## **ESL(16)008 SCOTTISH ATTAINMENT CHALLENGE IN CLACKMANNANSHIRE**

The report, submitted by the Head of Education, provided a briefing on the Scottish Attainment Challenge in Clackmannanshire.

Adrienne Aitken, Attainment Challenge Co-ordinator and Liz Thomson, Principal Teacher (Pupil Support) presented information on the Scottish Attainment Challenge in Clackmannanshire.

## **Motion**

That Committee agrees to note and comment the report.

## **Decision**

Having had the opportunity to put questions to the officers and comment on the report, the Committee agreed to note the information set out in the report.

## **ESL(16)009 PRIMARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

The report, submitted by the Head of Education, provided an update to the Attainment and Improvement Sub-Committee on primary school improvement in Clackmannanshire.

The Education Service is implementing a range of approaches to support school improvement within Clackmannanshire. The Attainment and Improvement Sub Committee discussed current school improvement activity at Abercromby Primary School and Tillicoultry Primary School. Presentations were heard from Aileen Ferguson, Headteacher, Abecromby Primary School and Linda Coutts, Headteacher, Tillicoultry Primary School.

## **Motion**

The Sub Committee agrees to note and comment the report.

## **Decision**

Having had the opportunity to put questions to the officers and comment on the report, the Committee agreed to note the information set out in the report.

Ends 1535 hrs