



MINUTE OF MEETING of the EDUCATION, SPORT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber, Greenfield, Alloa, FK10 2AD, on THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2012 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

Councillor Ellen Forson, Convenor (In the Chair)
Councillor Walter McAdam MBE, Vice Convenor
Councillor Gary Womersley, Ex Officio
Councillor Alastair Campbell
Councillor Irene Hamilton
Councillor George Matchett QPM
Councillor Bobby McGill
Councillor Les Sharp
Councillor Jim Stalker
Pastor David Fraser, Appointed Member
Father Michael Freyne, Appointed Member

IN ATTENDANCE

Belinda Greer, Head of Education
Alan Milliken, Assistant Head of Education
Kevin Kelman, Assistant Head of Education
Michael Boyle, Education Business Support Manager
Elizabeth Hutcheon, Education Accountant
Stuart McQueen, Solicitor, Clerk to the Committee
Marjorie MacFarlane, Sports Development Manager
Rosa Huczynksa, 16+ Learning Choices Schools' Co-ordinator
Bob Beaton, Sub Area Commander, Central Scotland Police (Item 9)

ESL.011 APOLOGIES

None.

ESL.012 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

ESL.013 MINUTES OF MEETING: THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2012

The minutes of the meeting of the Education, Sport and Leisure Committee held on Thursday 20 September 2012 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Education, Sport and Leisure Committee held on Thursday 20 September 2012 were agreed as a correct record of proceedings and signed by the Convenor.

ESL.014 QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE REPORT

The report provided the Committee with an update for the second quarter (July to September) of 2012-13, on the progress made against the targets contained within the Business Plan for Education. The appendix summarised the progress made in delivering Education Services in Clackmannanshire within the context of a shared model of service delivery.

Motion

That the Committee note, comment on and challenge the progress made towards meeting the targets for the second quarter of the 2012-2013 plan.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Walter McAdam.

Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed to note the report while commenting on and challenging the progress made towards meeting the targets for the second quarter of the 2012-2013 plan.

ESL.015 EDUCATION REVENUE BUDGET

The report provided the Committee with information on the Education Service Budget for 2012/13 based on actual spend to 30th September 2012 and projected spend to 31st March 2013.

Motion

That the Committee note, comment on and challenge the current financial position.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Walter McAdam.

Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed to note the report while commenting on and challenging the current financial position.

ESL.016 SCOTTISH QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY - 2012 INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

The report provided the Committee with the 2012 pre-appeal SQA examination results for Clackmannanshire schools. The appendix to the report provided an overview of examination performance trends for Clackmannanshire Council over the last five years and the performance data for each of the secondary schools.

Motion

That the Committee note, comment on and challenge the performance of Clackmannanshire Schools in the SQA Examinations, 2011/12.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Walter McAdam.

Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed to note the report while commenting on and challenging the performance of Clackmannanshire Schools in the SQA Examinations, 2011/12.

ESL.017 EXCELLENCE FOR ALL CO-ORDINATORS UPDATE

The report updated the Committee on the progress made by the Excellence for All Co-ordinators.

Motion

That the Committee note, comment on and challenge the progress made with raising attainment through the Excellence for All Co-ordinators.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Walter McAdam.

Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed to note the report while commenting on and challenging the progress made with raising attainment through the Excellence for All Co-ordinators.

ESL.018 EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

The report provided an overview of the educational outcomes for Clackmannanshire's Looked After Children in 2010/11. Information on the educational outcomes for session 2011/12 will be available in June 2013.

Motion

That the Committee:

- a) notes the background and current position outlined in points 3.1 to 3.9 of the report;
- b) as corporate parents, acknowledges the achievements of our Looked After Children; and
- c) approve the Education Service's actions outlined in point 3.10 of the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Walter McAdam.

Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed to:

- a) note the background and current position outlined in points 3.1 to 3.9 of the report;
- b) as corporate parents, acknowledge the achievements of our Looked After Children; and
- c) approve the Education Service's actions outlined in point 3.10 of the report.

Action

Head of Education

ESL.019 CAMPUS-BASED POLICE OFFICERS

The report sought to inform the Committee of the campus-based police officers initiative and the opportunity for Clackmannanshire to become involved by enabling campus-based police officers to work in secondary schools.

Motion

That the Committee:

- a) approves the principle of introducing campus-based officers;
- b) agrees to consult on Campus-based Police Officers with schools and parents; and
- c) reviews any implementation of the initiative in Clackmannanshire Secondary Schools.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Walter McAdam.

Amendment

"Remove recommendations 2.1(a) and (c), and insert a new recommendation 2.1 (a) in the following terms:

2.1 (a) - agrees a further report is presented to the Committee including:

- evidence of types and frequency and numbers of individual pupils involved in past/present misbehaviour, criminal or otherwise, at our respective Secondary Schools to assist the Committee in determining whether or not a decision to support the "principle" of introducing Campus based Policing should be made
- a clear set of proposed protocols designed to protect the rights of children and outlining clearly the respective roles and responsibilities placed on Head Teachers/Supporting staff and the Campus based Police Officer in connection with the proposed initiative, such proposals having been made available during the consultation process for comment and revisal and which proposed protocols should take cognisance of the "Guidance Notes" published by the Lord Advocate in relation to proper procedures associated with the interviewing of child suspects, and "Guidance Notes" having been made available to parents during the consultation process."

Moved by Councillor George Matchett QPM. Seconded by Councillor Jim Stalker.

Voting

The voting on the amendment was as follows:

For the amendment	5 votes
Against the amendment	4 votes
Not voting	1 abstentions

The amendment was carried by 5 votes to 4 with 1 abstention.

Decision

On a division of 5 votes to 4 with 1 abstention, the Committee:

- a) agreed a further report is presented to the Committee including:
- evidence of types and frequency and numbers of individual pupils involved in past/present misbehaviour, criminal or otherwise, at our respective Secondary Schools to assist the Committee in determining whether or not a decision to support the "principle" of introducing Campus based Policing should be made
 - a clear set of proposed protocols designed to protect the rights of children and outlining clearly the respective roles and responsibilities placed on Head Teachers/Supporting staff and the Campus based Police Officer in connection with the proposed initiative, such proposals having been made available during the consultation process for comment and revisal and which proposed protocols should take cognisance of the "Guidance Notes" published by the Lord Advocate in relation to proper procedures associated with the interviewing of child suspects, and "Guidance Notes" having been made available to parents during the consultation process."
- b) agreed to consult on Campus-based Police Officers with schools and parents

Action

Head of Education

Councillor Matchett withdrew from the meeting prior to the following item of business.

ESL.020 ENGAGEMENT WITH LEGACY PROJECT - COMMONWEALTH GAMES

The report provided the Committee with initial context information regarding the 2014 Legacy Planning.

Motion

That the Committee note and comment on the proposed role of the Education Service in relation to the forthcoming 2014 Legacy Planning.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Walter McAdam.

Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed to note the report while commenting on the proposed role of the Education Service in relation to the forthcoming 2014 Legacy Planning.

ESL.021 CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL TERM DATES

The report provided the Committee with information on the process used by the Education Services for determining school term dates. The report sought approval for the Education Service to consult on the pattern of term dates and holidays with specific reference to the pattern for the holiday in October.

Motion

That the Committee:

- a) approves the proposal to consult on the current pattern of school term dates and holidays;
and
- b) notes that a report on the outcome of the consultation to be brought to the Education, Sport and Leisure Committee meeting on 18 April 2013, with a view to amending or affirming the present pattern of dates.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Walter McAdam.

Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed to:

- a) approve the proposal to consult on the current pattern of school term dates and holidays;
and
- b) note that a report on the outcome of the consultation to be brought to the Education, Sport and Leisure Committee meeting on 18 April 2013, with a view to amending or affirming the present pattern of dates.

Ends: 12.05 pm