

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee held in the Hay Room, Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Wednesday 26 October 2016 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors B Band, G Walker, C Gillies, B Vaughan, W Wilson and Mrs H Bridge.

In Attendance: R Hill, Head of Education – Secondary and Inclusion, S Johnston, Head of Education – Early Years and Primary, P Davison and B Scott (all Education and Children's Services); L Brown (Corporate and Democratic Services); F Allen Headteacher, Forgandenny Primary School

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 17 August 2016 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

4. STANDARDS AND QUALITY IN SCHOOLS, LEARNING COMMUNITIES AND PRE-SCHOOL CENTRES/DAY CARE OF CHILDREN

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (16/459), setting out the key findings following inspections of pre-school centres and schools undertaken by Education Scotland (formerly known as HMI) and, by exception, Care Inspectorate inspections on the day care of children since the meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee on 17 August 2016.

S Johnston, Head of Early Years and Primary, advised that Education Scotland had tested a number of new approaches to inspection and following evaluation 4 new inspection models had been introduced using the "How Good is Our School" 4th edition quality indicators. These new models of inspection are aligned with the National Improvement Framework for Scottish Education and the Scottish Attainment Challenge. The Standards and Quality in Schools, Learning Communities and Pre-School Centres/Day Care of Children, Report 16/459, was the

last report to be presented to the Sub-Committee using the previous quality indicators. However, the inspection of Forgandenny Primary School as detailed in Appendices 1A and 1B to Report 16/459 had followed a trial approach to inspections involving a two day period of notice rather than the usual two working weeks.

B Scott, Quality Improvement Officer, reported that the inspection report for Forgandenny Primary School had contained 1 action point, namely, staff at the school should continue to strengthen assessment and moderation and continue to use data to ensure all children experienced appropriate pace and challenge across the curriculum. B Scott advised that the Headteacher and her team had already identified this action through their planning for improvement and self-evaluation process prior to inspector's visit to the school. Mrs Allen, Headteacher, added that the action was being addressed through the School Improvement Plan process and through working collaboratively with the children at the school.

The Sub-Committee congratulated the Headteacher and her team for the excellent work being undertaken at Forgandenny Primary School as detailed within the inspection report.

Resolved:

- (i) Having heard the relevant officers on the key findings of the inspection, and following consideration from the Sub-Committee, it was agreed that the following report, attached as Appendices 1a to 1c of report 16/459, be noted:
 - Education Scotland Inspection Summary, Forgandenny Primary School (Appendix 1a)
 - Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate Inspection Letter, Forgandenny Primary School (Appendix 1b)
 - Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate Extended Learning and Achievement Visit Report November 2013, Forgandenny Primary School (Appendix 1c)
- (ii) Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate be invited to attend a future meeting of the Sub-Committee to give a presentation on their new models of inspection.