

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee held in the Council Chambers, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 1 February 2017 at 10.00am.

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, J Chiles, C Mackie, D Miller, M McDuff and J Sorrie (all Education and Children's Services), Head teacher, St Dominic's RC Primary School; L Potter and L Brown (both Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: Ken McAra, Area Lead Officer for Perth and Kinross, Education Scotland; Arlene Cattigan, Early Years Link for Perth and Kinross, the Care Inspectorate.

Apology for Absence: Mrs. H Bridge.

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 26 October 2016 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

4. CHANGES TO MODELS OF INSPECTION

The Sub-Committee heard presentations delivered by Ken McAra, Area Lead Officer for Perth and Kinross, Education Scotland and Arlene Cattigan, Early Years Link for Perth and Kinross, the Care Inspectorate on a number of changes to their models of inspection. Thereafter, Sharon Johnston, Head of Education – Early Years and Primary delivered a presentation on how Perth and Kinross Council's Education Service is responding to the new models of inspections.

5. INSPECTIONS OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BY THE CARE INSPECTORATE

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (17/43) setting out the key findings following an unannounced inspection of Woodlea Cottage in September 2016 by the Care Inspectorate.

Resolved:

Having heard from the relevant officers on the key findings of the inspections, and following consideration and questions from the Sub-Committee, it was agreed that the report on Woodlea Cottage, attached at Appendix 1 to Report 17/43 be noted.

C MACKIE AND D MILLER LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

5. 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) (17/44), setting out the key findings following inspections of pre-school centres and schools undertaken by Education Scotland 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 26 October 2016.

Councillor Vaughan noted that a report on Attendance in Perth and Kinross Schools had not been submitted to the Sub-Committee as previously agreed. She sought an assurance from the Heads of Education that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee for scrutiny and comment in accordance with the previously agreed themed programme of scrutiny. The Heads of Education confirmed that a report on Attendance in Perth and Kinross Schools would be submitted to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Resolved:

- (i) The key findings of the inspection reports attached as Appendices 1 to 4b to Report 17/44, be noted as follows:
 - Doodlebugs Day Nursery (Aberuthven) - Care Inspectorate Inspection Report (Appendix 1)
 - Netherton Montessori Nursery School – Care Inspectorate Inspection Report (Appendix 2)
 - Bridge of Earn Nursery – Care Inspectorate Inspection Report (Appendix 3)
 - St Dominic's RC Primary School and Nursery – Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate Inspection Letter (Appendix 4a)
 - St Dominic's RC Primary School - Perth and Kinross Council Education and Children's Services Extended Learning and Achievement Visit Report (Appendix 4b)
- (ii) It be noted a report on Attendance in Perth and Kinross Schools will be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee as part of the previously agreed programme of scrutiny.