

LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee held virtually on Monday 31 January 2022 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors C Shiers, J Duff, K Baird, L Barrett, A Forbes, I Massie, X McDade, B Pover, C Purves, J Rebbeck, C Reid, F Sarwar and L Simpson; Mr A Charlton and Professor T Moran.

In attendance: S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); J Pepper, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); G Boland, J Cockburn, G Doogan, S Johnston, F Mackay, D Macluskey, K Robertson, and C Taylor (all Education and Children's Services); S Hendry, C Irons, A Brown, M Pasternak, A McMeekin and B Parker (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies for absence: Mrs A McAuley and Mrs C Weston.

The Convener led discussion on items 1 – 3 and 5 – 7 and Vice-Convener Duff on item 4 and for a short time during item 5 when the Convener lost connectivity.

Councillor C Shiers, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The minute of meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 3 November 2021 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(ii) Executive Sub-Committee of Lifelong Learning Committee

The minute of meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of Lifelong Learning Committee of 2 November 2020 was submitted and noted.

(iii) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff

The minute of meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 21 September 2021 was submitted and noted.

(iv) Children, Young People and Families Partnership

Minute of meeting of Children, Young People and Families Partnership of 18 June 2021 was submitted and noted.

4. REVIEW OF DEVOLVED SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (22/21) proposing changes to the Perth and Kinross Council's Devolved School Management (DSM) Scheme as a result of Scottish Government revised National Framework and Guidelines. The Framework required Councils to undertake a review of their current scheme in light of the revised National Framework and Guidelines and produce a revised DSM Scheme by April 2022.

Resolved:

- (i) The revised Perth and Kinross DSM Scheme attached as Appendix A to Report 22/21, be approved
- (ii) The three-year review of the Perth and Kinross DSM Scheme to include a glossary of terms, be noted.

5. SCHOOL ESTATE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME – CLEISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (22/22) (1) providing an update on the position of Cleish Primary School as part of the School Estate Transformation Programme, (2) seeking approval for the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) to reduce the capacity of the school from 64 pupils to 50 pupils to facilitate improvements to the suitability of the school in the short term and (3) noting the intention to explore in more detail, the preferred option (Option 5) of a major refurbishment of the school in the medium term.

Motion (Councillors Shiers and Duff)

- (i) The proposal to improve the suitability and condition of Cleish Primary School in the short, medium and long-term, be noted;
- (ii) The complexities associated with the refurbishment project detailed under Option 5 detailed in Report 22/22 and the uncertainties over cost, be noted;
- (iii) That more detailed design work on the most recent feasibility, as described under Option 5, will be taken forward, be noted;
- (iv) The proposal at 4.6 in Report 22/22 to undertake works to improve the condition and suitability of the building allowing the school to operate more effectively while detailed design work takes place, be noted;
- (v) That the capacity of Cleish Primary School be reduced from 64 pupils to 50 pupils, be approved.

Amendment (Councillors Rebbeck and Sarwar)

- (i) Notes that the more detailed design work on the most recent feasibility, as described under option 5 will be taken forward and that definitive proposals for the school building will be brought back to the appropriate Committee by April 2024 or sooner if possible.

This amendment replaces paragraph 5.6 (iii) of Report 22/22. The other recommendations in the report to be approved.

THERE FOLLOWED A RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10.53AM.

The mover and seconder of the Motion agreed to incorporate the amendment but with a report to be brought back by summer 2024.

THERE FOLLOWED A BRIEF RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10.56AM.

The mover and seconder of the amendment agreed to a report being brought back to the first meeting after the summer recess 2024.

Resolved:

In accordance with the amended motion:

- (i) The proposal to improve the suitability and condition of Cleish Primary School in the short, medium and long-term, be noted;
- (ii) The complexities associated with the refurbishment project detailed under Option 5 detailed in Report 22/22 and the uncertainties over cost, be noted;
- (iii) Notes that the more detailed design work on the most recent feasibility, as described under option 5 will be taken forward and that definitive proposals for the school building will be brought back to the first meeting after the summer recess 2024 of the appropriate Committee.
- (iv) The proposal at 4.6 in Report 22/22 to undertake works to improve the condition and suitability of the building allowing the school to operate more effectively while detailed design work takes place, be noted;
- (v) That the capacity of Cleish Primary School be reduced from 64 pupils to 50 pupils, be approved.

6. SCHOOL NAMING CONSULTATION FOR THE NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL AT NORTH MUIRTON

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (22/23) (1) reporting on the outcome of the consultation process held to develop a suitable name for the new primary school which will be built on the site of North Muirton Primary School to replace Balhousie Primary School and North Muirton Primary School and (2) making a recommendation as to the name of the new primary school.

Resolved:

The proposal to name the new primary school Riverside Primary School, be approved.

7. LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE – NON-COUNCIL MEMBER

The Committee noted the appointment of Mrs Margaret Conroy as the Church of Scotland representative on the Committee.