

LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE SCHOOL ESTATE SUB-COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the School Estate Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Thursday 7 March 2013 at 11.30am.

Present: Councillors B Band, C Gillies (substituting for Councillor A Munro), I Miller, B Vaughan and G Walker.

In Attendance: G Boland and C Taylor (both Education and Children's Services); R Thompson (The Environment Service); S Hendry (Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor W Wilson and Mr I Jackson

Councillor B Band, Convener, Presiding.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the School Estate Sub-Committee of 15 November 2012 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

3. SCHOOL ESTATE CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROGRESS UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/110) updating the sub-committee on progress and proposals for delivering the current capital projects within the Education and Children's Services programme. The report also provided information on additional funding which had been approved through the composite capital programme and external bodies for school estate projects.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that the Council was successful in its bid for additional funding for Oakbank Primary School, and attracted funding of £187,594 from the HubCo East Central Territory.
- (ii) It be noted that the Council received funding of £2,276,000 in March 2013 for the Invergowrie project from the Scottish Government through the Scottish Futures Trust.
- (iii) It be noted that additional funding was approved for the new secondary school near Perth and a new Primary School at Oudenarde through the composite capital programme at Council on 19 December 2012.
- (iv) It be noted that Bertha Park was noted as the preferred location for the new all through school by members of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee on 6 February 2013, subject to the statutory consultation process.

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- (v) It be noted that the proposed budget and monitoring adjustments to the five year Composite Capital Budget 2012/13 to 2016/17 was approved by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 13 February 2013.
- (vi) It be noted that the three year Composite Capital Budget 2017/18 to 2019/20 was approved at the Special Council Meeting on 14 February 2013, and provided an additional £21,815,000 towards the school estate.
- (vii) The positive feedback from the Scottish Government Learning Directorate in relation to the School Estate Management Plan be noted.
- (viii) The progress on the existing programme in relation to primary school upgrades, secondary school upgrades and other projects be noted.

4. SCHOOL ESTATE COMMUNICATIONS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/111) proposing a communications plan for the School Estate that aimed to increase the visibility of the work being undertaken and the future challenges with audiences who are not part of the existing governance or actively involved in an existing project.

Resolved:

- (i) The procedures that Education and Children's Services have in place through its project management framework to communicate and consult with stakeholders in relation to planned and current projects, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to take forward the communication plan, appended to Report 13/111, that focuses on cascading information to stakeholders who are not actively involved in a planned or current project.

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