

MINUTE of MEETING of the EDUCATION EXECUTIVE of WEST LoTHIAN COUNCIL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LoTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE on 30 SEPTEMBER 2014.

Present – Councillors Lawrence Fitzpatrick (Chair), David Dodds, Stuart Borrowman, Tony Boyle, Harry Cartmill, Tom Conn, Alexander Davidson, Carl John, Peter Johnston, Dave King, John McGinty, Anne McMillan, Andrew Miller, Angela Moohan, George Paul, Frank Toner, Greg McCarra substituting for Jim Walker; Appointed Representative - Myra MacPherson

Apologies – Councillor Danny Logue, Jim Walker; Appointed Representatives - Eric Lumsden, Graham Stormont, Lynne McEwen, John Hendrie and Elsie Aitken

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS, INCLUDING NOTICE OF URGENT BUSINESS

1. The Chair advised that a report in respect of Primary School Accommodation – Livingston Village which was expected to be on the Education Executive agenda had to been submitted to the Council Executive as it involved budget decisions.
2. The Chair advised that Graham Stormont had resigned from his post with West Lothian Council and therefore would no longer be the Secondary School Representative on the Education Executive. It was also advised Committee Services would commence the election process to appoint a replacement Secondary School Representative.
3. The Chair advised that a report on the Additional Special Needs Review would be considered at a Special Meeting of the Education Executive prior to the October school break.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 5 – Review of Early Learning and Childcare Workforce and Out of School Care Workforce – Councillor David Dodds declared a non-financial interest as his wife was a nursery nurse with West Lothian Council

3. MINUTE

The Education Executive confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 19 August 2014 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

4. REVIEW OF EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE WORKFORCE AND OUT OF SCHOOL CARE WORK FORCE

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been

circulated) by the Head of Schools with Education Support providing a response to the Scottish Government's Consultation on the review of the early learning and childcare workforce and out of school care workforce.

The report advised that following concerns that there may not be adequate availability of a trained workforce to meet the demand created by the expansion of early learning and childcare, the Scottish Government appointed Professor Siraj to chair an independent review.

The report advised that the Scottish Government was seeking the views of individuals and organisations with an interest in and responsibility for the delivery of Early Learning and Childcare and Out of School Care.

The consultation asked a number of questions based around the necessary skills and qualities, appropriate training and the status of the workforce as a profession. Appendix 1 to the report contained the response to the consultation.

In conclusion the report advised that in responding to the consultation a clear assessment of the present situation within the council had been provided along with carefully considered suggestions as to the most appropriate steps to achieve the aims.

#### Decision

To approve the terms of the report.