

MINUTE of MEETING of the EDUCATION EXECUTIVE held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 26 FEBRUARY 2019.

Present – Councillors David Dodds (Chair), Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Stuart Borrowman, Harry Cartmill, Pauline Clark, Tom Conn, Peter Heggie, Chris Horne, Tom Kerr (substituting for Charles Kennedy) Dave King, Sarah King, John McGinty, Andrew McGuire, Andrew Miller, Cathy Muldoon, George Paul, Moira Shemilt and Kirsteen Sullivan; Myra Macpherson, Lynne McEwen and Margaret Russell

Apologies – Councillor Charles Kennedy; Elsie Aitken, Heather Hughes and Eric Lumsden

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Sarah King and Andrew Miller declared interests in agenda item 7 (Youth Music Initiative Year 17 Proposed Programme) as they were parents of pupils taking part in Saturday Strings.

2 MINUTES

The Education Executive approved the minute of its meeting held on Tuesday 15 January 2019 as a correct record. The minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3 ESTABLISHMENT OF SECONDARY STAGE EDUCATION WITHIN OGILVIE SCHOOL CAMPUS

A report was presented by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) (copies of which had been circulated) which sought approval for the establishment of secondary stage education at Ogilvie School Campus with initial delivery of an S1 stage.

The Education Executive had agreed in May 2018 to undertake a consultation exercise which had now been completed. This involved a formal consultation and a public meeting held at Ogilvie School Campus in September 2018. A copy of the consultation paper, the responses received and a note of the public meeting were presented within the final report on the matter, attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

An Education Scotland report on the proposal had been prepared by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Education (HMIE) which provided an independent and impartial consideration of the proposal. The key matters considered were set out in the report and the full Education Scotland report was included in Appendix 1.

Consideration had been given to all responses received in relation to the proposal and officers were satisfied that there were no comments made which would cause them to review the merits of the proposal. It was therefore recommended that the proposal be implemented based on the specifications intimated in the original paper and the enhancements

detailed in the Final Report on the Statutory Consultation on the Proposal to Establish Secondary Stage Education at Ogilvie School Campus (Appendix 1).

If approved, further proposals would be initiated on an annual basis commencing in 2019 in relation to the establishment of S2 to S6 stage education.

Assurances were sought that the arrangements for traffic management and parking in particular would be communicated to the Committee and ward members. The Head of Education advised that the detail relating to these issues would be dealt with as part of the planning process.

The Committee was recommended to agree to implement the proposal to establish secondary stage education at Ogilvie School Campus, with initial delivery of S1 stage.

#### Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

#### 4 MARCH CONFERENCE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration Services) (copies of which had been circulated) sought approval for the attendance of the three Religious Representatives at a conference.

The 2019 March Conference for Local Authority Representatives was organised by the Church of Scotland and was to be held at their offices in Edinburgh on 21 March 2019. The conferences provided a valuable opportunity for Religious Representatives to discuss their role and contribution with representatives from across Scotland.

The theme of the March Conference would be health and wellbeing, in particular, mental health policies for schools and the impact of health and wellbeing on closing the attainment gap.

The Committee was recommended to approve the attendance of the three Religious Representatives at the 2019 March Conference for Local Authority Representatives on Thursday 21 March 2019.

#### Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

#### 5 YOUTH MUSIC INITIATIVE YEAR 17 PROPOSED PROGRAMME

A report was presented by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) on the progress with the Youth Music Initiative (YMI) year 17 application to Creative Scotland for grant funding.

The YMI funding enabled schools to meet the refreshed Scottish Government commitment which stated that every school pupil in Scotland should be offered a year of free music tuition by the time they leave primary school. These projects helped the Council to tackle inequality and engage young people who would otherwise not participate with meaningful, quality music opportunities.

Specialist individuals and organisations were commissioned to deliver a range of music education projects to pupils in West Lothian. The current programme ran from August 2010 to June 2020 and included 13 projects plus investment in management, promotion and evaluation. These projects were set out in a table within the report.

The Community Arts service made applications to Creative Scotland for funding and in 2018/19 had received the maximum amount available of £220,896. Approval was sought for the submission of an application for Year 17 funding for 2019/20 for the maximum amount available. Contracts for the delivery of the projects would be awarded following confirmation of the level of funding being received.

The Panel was recommended to approve the application for submission to Creative Scotland.

### Decision

To approve the terms of the report.