

MINUTE of MEETING of the EDUCATION EXECUTIVE held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 12 NOVEMBER 2019.

Present – Councillors David Dodds (Chair), Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Stuart Borrowman, Harry Cartmill, Pauline Clark, Tom Conn, Peter Heggie, Charles Kennedy, Dave King, Sarah King, John McGinty, Andrew McGuire, Andrew Miller, Cathy Muldoon, Moira Shemilt, Kirsteen Sullivan, Elsie Aitken, Heather Hughes, Lynne McEwen, Myra MacPherson, Margaret Russell

Apologies – Councillor Chris Horne, George Paul

Absent – Eric Lumsden, Appointed Member

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 8 – Instrumental Music Service Update – Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan declared in interest in this item of business in that her daughter participated in the Instrumental Music Programme.

2. MINUTE

The Education Executive confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 10 September 2019 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3. PROGRESS IN EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

The Education Executive considered a presentation and a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Curriculum, Quality Improvement and Performance, providing members with an update on progress in Educational Attainment.

The report recommended that the Education Executive:

1. Notes the key features of attainment set out in the report and presentation, which demonstrated the impact of the Raising Attainment Strategy in making progress towards achieving the outcomes and targets that it contained.
2. Notes that a further report would be delivered in March 2020 after the February Insight and West Lothian update. This would highlight West Lothian Leavers data (Young people who have left in S4, S5, and S6 in 2019). This would show 1+, 3+ and 5+ Level 6 SCQF Awards at point of exit as the key measure of attainment.

Decision

To note the terms of the report and presentation.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW DENOMINATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL AT WINCHBURGH AND ASSOCIATED PROPOSALS

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) seeking approval to commence statutory public consultation on the undernoted proposals and to present the draft consultation document prepared by council officers.

1. To establish a new denominational secondary school at Winchburgh.
2. To review admission arrangements in order to establish the catchment area for the new school.
3. To review admission arrangements arising from the denominational secondary school catchment variations at St Margaret's Academy and St Kentigern's Academy; and
4. To review primary to secondary school transition arrangements at Holy Family Primary School, Winchburgh, St Nicholas Primary School, Broxburn and St Joseph's Primary School, Linlithgow

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

5. INTRODUCTION OF S2 SECONDARY STAGE EDUCATION WITHIN OGILVIE SCHOOL CAMPUS

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) seeking approval to commence public consultation on the introduction of S2 year stage education at Ogilvie School Campus and to present the draft consultation document prepared by council officers.

The report recommended that the Education Executive approve commencement of public consultation on the proposal to introduce S2 year stage at Ogilvie School Campus.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

6. INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SERVICE UPDATE

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) Providing information on the Instrumental Music Services (IMS) in line with decisions taken in January and June 2019.

The report recommended that the Education Executive notes the content of the report and the requirement for officers to bring an update to a future meeting of the Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.