

MINUTE of MEETING of the EDUCATION EXECUTIVE held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 21 JANUARY 2020.

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

Apologies – Councillors Harry Cartmill, Charles Kennedy and Dave King

Absent – Elsie Aitken

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 7 (Relocation of Cedarbank School, Livingston) – Councillor Peter Heggie declared an interest in that he had a child at the James Young School but would participate in the item of business.

2. MINUTE

The Education Executive confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 12 November 2019. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3. ACHIEVEMENT OF CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE LEVELS 2018/19

The Education Executive considered the contents of a presentation and an accompanying report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Curriculum, Quality Improvement and Performance) advising of the publication of achievement of Curriculum for Excellence (CIE) Levels 2018/19 and to seek approval for using the attainment of each quintile as a local measure of success in delivering for the national excellence and equity agenda.

It was recommended that Education Executive :-

1. Note the publication of achievement of Curriculum for Excellence (CIE) Levels 2018/19 and the performance of West Lothian pupils; and
2. Agree that the authority will measure the success of each of the five quintiles in ensuring the delivery of the national

Decision

1. To note the contents of the presentation; and
2. To approve the terms of the report

4. EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE - EXPANSION PLAN UPDATE

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) advising of the progress of the approved Early Learning and Childcare (CLE) Expansion Plan to deliver 1140 hours of free high quality ELC within West Lothian for August 2020.

It was recommended that the Education Executive notes the progress made to date and approves the following proposals :-

1. To appoint an additional seven ELC Area Support Managers from January 2020 to support Head Teachers and settings outwith the school day and school session dates;
2. To cease payment for nursery snacks in council ELC settings from 6 January 2020;
3. To note the pilot of “Marvellous Meals” for Spring 2020 providing free school meals in 4 ELC settings;
4. To increase the hourly rate paid to childminders to £6.30 and private partner providers to £6.80 from 1 April 2020 (both rates to include the provision of a snack and meal); and
5. To allocate 0.2 FTE management support (teacher) in the management team within each school to oversee the quality assurance within the ELC setting.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report

5. RELOCATION OF CEDARBANK SCHOOL, LIVINGSTON

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) seeking approval to relocate Cedarbank School as part of the council’s continuing commitment to ensure equitable, high quality and sustainable education provision for pupils in West Lothian with a range of additional support needs related to learning difficulties and social communication needs.

It was recommended that Education Executive :-

1. Approves the proposal to relocate Cedarbank School; and
2. Notes the outcome of the formal consultation and the report of Education Scotland on the educational aspects of the proposal.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report

6. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW NON-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) to seek approval following formal consultation, of the proposal to establish a new non-denominational secondary school at Winchburgh.

The Education Executive was also provided with details of the outcome of the formal consultation and the comments of Education Scotland on the consultation.

It was recommended that Education Executive :-

1. Approves the proposal to establish a new non-denominational secondary school to the site on the B9080 to the west of Winchburgh village centre;
2. Notes the outcome of the formal consultation and the comments of Education Scotland on the consultation; and
3. Notes that the preference of the stakeholders for the new school name without exception is Winchburgh Academy.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

7. RELOCATION OF HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL, WINCHBURGH

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) seeking approval, following formal consultation, of the proposal to relocate Holy Family Primary School to a site to the west of Winchburgh village centre.

The Education Executive was also provided with details of the outcome of the formal consultation and the report of Education Scotland on the educational aspects of the proposal.

It was recommended that Education Executive :-

1. Approves the proposal to relocate Holy Family Primary School to the site on the B9080 to the west of Winchburgh village centre; and
2. Notes the outcome of the formal consultation and the report of Education Scotland on the educational aspects of the proposal.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report

8. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW NON-DENOMINATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL AT CALDERWOOD, EAST CALDER

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) of the proposal to establish a new non-denominational primary school at Calderwood, East Calder.

The Education Executive was also provided with details of the outcome of the formal consultation and the comments of Education Scotland on the consultation.

It was recommended that Education Executive :-

1. Approves the proposal to establish a new non-denominational primary school at Calderwood, East Calder; and
2. Notes the outcome of the formal consultation and the comments of Education Scotland on the consultation.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

9. WORKPLAN

The Education Executive noted the contents of the workplan (a copy of which had been circulated).

Decision

To note the contents of the workplan