

MINUTE of MEETING of the EDUCATION EXECUTIVE of WEST LoTHIAN COUNCIL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LoTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, HOWDEN SOUTH ROAD, LIVINGSTON, on 23 AUGUST 2011.

Present – Councillors Peter Johnston (Chair), Andrew Miller, Frank Anderson, John Cochrane, Martyn Day, Robert De Bold, Ellen Glass, Danny Logue, Councillor Carl John substituting for Councillor Boyle and Councillor John McGinty substituting for Councillor Frank Anderson

Apologies – Councillor William Boyle, Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Jim Walker

Absent – Isabel Hutton

1 MINUTE

The Education Executive approved the Minute of its meeting held on 28 June 2011. The minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

2 RISE AND SHINE BREAKFAST CLUB PROGRAMME – FUNDING ALLOCATION 2011-12

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Community Health and Care Partnership and the Depute Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated), on the funding allocations for the Rise and Shine Breakfast Club Programme.

The report recommended that the Education Executive agree to:

1. Note the report and the next steps proposed in relation to Breakfast Club funding and support;
2. Undertake an authority wide audit of all Breakfast Club provision at West Lothian schools;
3. Include Dedridge Primary School and Pumpherston and Uphall Station Community Primary School in the Breakfast club programme in Session 2011/12, and add these schools to the lists contained in Appendix 5 to the report;
4. Identify a suitable transition funding arrangement in relation to movement into/outwith the group of 24 schools with highest relative deprivation;
5. Provide support to breakfast clubs outwith the P1-P3 Free Breakfast provision (in receipt of funding in Session 2010/110 to enable access for children on free school meals as outlined in the report;
6. Explore a mechanism to offer support for vulnerable children identified through the Integrated Assessment process;

7. Provide an update report on Breakfast Club provision to the Education Executive.

The report advised that the West Lothian Rise and Shine Breakfast Club programme had been in existence for several years and was funded by Education and Health. The deployment of the resource was managed through the Food and Health Steering Group, which established a Breakfast Club working group with representatives from Health, Operational Services and Education Services.

In the past schools were invited to submit bids to the Rise and Shine Breakfast clubs and funding was allocated to those schools that submitted bids using criteria established by the working group. While weighting was given to clubs in areas of deprivation, all schools that submitted bids were allocated some level of funding. This was a voluntary scheme and not all schools in deprived areas applied for funding, while some in less deprived areas did. This was separate from the additional funding provided by the Council in relation to Concordat Commitment through the 2010/11 revenue budget process. The budget process led to a change in how the Rise and Shine breakfast funding was allocated in order to dovetail with the schools being allocated free breakfast provision in P1-P3 in 24 schools.

The Council decided in its revenue budget report of 2010/11 to implement breakfast clubs in 24 schools, prioritised on the basis of the deprivation index. Appendix 1 to the report contained a list of the schools prioritised for P1-P3 free breakfast provision in session 2010/11 and 2011/12.

Schools outwith those listed in appendix 1 who had previously received funding were given advice and guidance on how to sustain their breakfast clubs. Appendix 2 to the report contained a list of schools that received Rise and Shine Breakfast Club funding until session 2011/12 and Appendix 3 contained guidance on the sustainability of Breakfast Clubs. Further information on the effect to schools no longer receiving funding was provided in Appendix 4 to the report. Appendix 5 to the report contained proposed funding allocation for Session 2011-12.

The report further advised that the Breakfast Club Working Group had met on 11 May 2011 to agree the level of support for the 24 priority schools for 2011-12. Priority was given to support the 24 schools listed in appendix 1, to the continue/develop provision for P4-P7 to complement free breakfast provision in P1-P3.

The report also advised that the report was submitted to the Health & Care Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel on 11 August. The panel proposed that both Dedridge Primary School and Pumpherston and Uphall Station Community Primary School be incorporated into the breakfast provision for Session 2011/12, funded from the available resource identified within existing provision for breakfast clubs. Appendix 1 to the report included these two schools.

The report advised that further issues expressed by the Health and Care

Policy Development and Scrutiny panel and contained within the report would be addressed within the authority wide audit of all Breakfast Club provision at West Lothian Schools.

In conclusion the report advised that the 24 schools listed in appendix 1 were prioritised on the basis of the deprivation index for the Concordat Commitment to breakfast provision in 2010/11 and proposed to include Dedridge Primary School and Pumpherston and Uphall Station primary schools on the list. It was also advised that the list would be reviewed within three years and the recommendations reported to committee.

### Decision

To approve the terms of the report.