

Motherwell, 18 January 2001 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **EDUCATION (RESOURCES) SUB-COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Morgan, Convener, Councillors Burns, Curley, Donnelly, Glavin, Gray, Heberton, Holloway, Love, McKeown, McKinlay, G. Murray, M. Murray and Wallace.

CHAIR

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Contracts/Provisions, Principal Officer (Contracts/Provisions), Head of Design Services and Head of Cleaning and Related Services.

ALSO ATTENDING

S. Boyle and G. Heaney, Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive.

APOLOGIES

Councillors H. McGuigan and Sullivan.

EDUCATION GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2000/2001 - PERFORMANCE REVIEW

1. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) 8 January 2001 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the Education Grounds Maintenance Contract for the period April to December 2000, and (2) setting out in appendix 4 to the report, a copy of the Grounds Maintenance Information Pack for Head Teachers which contained information on grounds maintenance, the job specification for the service, an organisation and structure chart for the service, a key staff contact list, a grounds maintenance request form and complaints form.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Grounds Maintenance Contract for the period April to December 2000 be noted;
- (2) that the issue of the Grounds Maintenance Information Packs to the head teachers of schools in North Lanarkshire be noted, and
- (3) that further performance reports on the Grounds Maintenance Contract be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

EDUCATION MAJOR BUILDING AND MINOR MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMES 2000/2001 - PERFORMANCE REVIEW

2. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 5 December 2000, there was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated January 2001 by the Director of Education and the General Manager, Construction Services (1) reviewing the performance of major building programmes and the programme of minor maintenance works for education

properties for 2000/2001 details of which were set out in appendices 1-7 to the report, and (2) providing details of a revised programme of expenditure in the sum of £1.243m within the corporate Capital Programme for 2000/2001 to take account of slippage in the programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the revised programme of expenditure in the sum of £1.243m within the corporate Capital Programme for 2000/2001 to take account of slippage in the programme as detailed in the report be noted;
- (2) that the progress made in the major building programmes and the programme of minor maintenance works for education properties for 2000/2001 as set out in appendices 1-7 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that the financial performance of the Capital Funded Programmes to date be noted, and
- (4) that further reports on the programmes be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOLS CATERING CONTRACT 2000/2001

3. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 9 January 2001 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the Schools Catering Contract for the period April to December 2000, and (2) providing an analysis of the uptake of school meals in primary and secondary schools and the budget performance for the period in comparison to 1999/2000.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the schools catering contract for the period from April to December 2000 be noted, and
- (2) that further reports on the contract be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOLS CLEANING CONTRACT 2000/2001

4. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 8 January 2001 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the Schools Cleaning Contract for the period April to December 2000; (2) providing a budgetary analysis of recharges to the Department of Education by educational establishment category, and (3) commenting on the progress of the Best Value Review of building cleaning.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Schools Cleaning Contract for the period April to December 2000 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on the contract be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOLS JANITORIAL SERVICES - PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2000/2001

5. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 8 January 2001 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the Schools Janitorial Service for the period

April to December 2000, and (2) commenting on the progress made in the Best Value Review of the janitorial service.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Schools Janitorial Service for the period April to December 2000 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on the service be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL AND/OR MEDICAL NEEDS

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 9 January 2001 by Director of Education reviewing the operational and financial performance of the Special Educational Needs Transport Contracts inspected by Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive for the period 21 August 2000 to 19 December 2000.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the School Transport Contracts for Children with Special Educational and/or Medical Needs inspected by Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive for the period 21 August to 19 December 2000 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports highlighting the results of contract inspections be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT CONTRACTS ARRANGED BY SCOTTISH PASSENGER TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE - PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2000/2001

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 9 January 2001 by the Director of Education reviewing the operational and financial performance of the mainstream School Transport Contracts arranged by Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive on behalf of the Council for the period 21 August to 13 October 2000.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the mainstream School Transport Contracts arranged by Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive for the period 21 August to 13 October 2000 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on the contracts be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

FURTHER EDUCATION AND HIGHER SCHOOL BURSARIES 2000/2001 - PERFORMANCE REVIEW

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 8 January 2001 by the Director of Education (1) reviewing the financial performance of the Further Education and Higher School Bursaries for the period from April to December 2000, and (2) providing a detailed analysis of bursary awards and payments made in 2000/2001 to date.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Further Education And Higher School Bursaries for the period from April to December 2000 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on bursaries be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY HUTTED CLASSROOM UNITS

9. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated January 2000 by the Directors of Education and Housing and Property Services (1) proposing that the hutted classroom units at 7 schools be declared surplus to the requirements of the Department of Education in line with revised procedures (2) highlighting that it was the hutted classroom units which were surplus to the Department's requirements and not the ground they were situated on, and (3) recommending the order of priority for disposal by the Director of Housing and Property Services.

Decided:

- (1) that the hutted classroom units at the 7 schools detailed in Appendix A to the report be declared surplus to educational requirements;
- (2) that the Director of Housing and Property Services be recommended to dispose of the huts in line with the procedures noted in paragraph 1.1 of the report;
- (3) that the Director of Education submit further reports for any further surplus hutted classroom units to future meetings of the Sub-Committee, and
- (4) that the report be remitted to the Housing and Property Services Committee for consideration.

SCHOOL SECURITY

10. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated January 2001 by Director of Education regarding further plans to enhance school safety and security (1) advising that following the Dunblane Primary School disaster, a three year programme of safety and security works to schools in North Lanarkshire at a cost of £3 m had now been completed; (2) highlighting the progress of the major audit of security in all North Lanarkshire schools, and (3) setting out details of further improvements to school safety and security currently being progressed in schools in North Lanarkshire at an estimated cost of £370,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the completion of the 3 year Government and Council funded programme of School Safety and Security Measures be noted;
 - (2) that the results of the audit of the effectiveness of security measures in schools including the need for further improvements be noted;
 - (3) that the areas identified within the report for safety and security improvements in 2000/2001 be approved, and
 - (4) that further reports on school safety and security including the annual audit be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.
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SCHOOL TRANSPORT ARRANGED BY STRATHCLYDE PASSENGER TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE SESSIONS 2001-2003

11. With reference paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 1 June 2000, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 9 January 2001 by the Director of Education detailing additional school transport contracts recommended by Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive for acceptance for school sessions 2001/2003.

Decided: that the Director of Administration be authorised to instruct Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive to accept the recommended tenders in relation to each contract for school transport for sessions 2001/2003 as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

CONTRACTS

(1) AIRDRIE ACADEMY

(a) ASBESTOS REMOVAL

12. There was submitted a report dated 12 December 2000 by the General Manager, Construction Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the asbestos removal works at Airdrie Academy was that of Angus (Asbestos Removal) Limited, Johnstone in the sum of £128,340, and (2) that the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(b) TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

13. There was submitted a report dated 29 November 2000 by the General Manager, Construction Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the temporary accommodation works at Airdrie Academy was that of S Wernick & Sons Limited, Coatbridge in the sum of £231,538, and (2) that the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(2) BELLSHILL ACADEMY - (BELLSHILL CENTRE FOR HEARING) BECEL PROJECT

14. There was submitted a report dated 27 December 2000 by the General Manager, Construction Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the BECEL Project at Bellshill Academy was that of David H Allan (Joiners and Builders) Limited, Glasgow in the sum of £113,268.82, and (2) that the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(3) RE-ROOFING AT CHRYSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHRYSTON AND ST BARBARA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, MUIRHEAD

15. There was submitted a report dated 23 November 2000 by the General Manager, Construction Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the re-roofing works at Chryston Primary School, Chryston and St Barbara's Primary School, Muirhead was that of Braedale Roofing Limited, Wishaw

in the sum of £174,494.90, and (2) that the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(4) KIRK O'SHOTTS PRE-FIVE UNIT AND KITCHEN/DINING FACILITY EXTENSION

16. There was submitted a report dated 11 December 2000 by the General Manager, Construction Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the Kirk O'Shotts Pre-Five Unit and Kitchen/Dining Facility Extension was that of S Wernick & Sons Limited, Coatbridge in the sum of £350,433, and (2) that the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(5) ROSEHALL HIGH SCHOOL, COATBRIDGE - HEATING UPGRADE

17. There was submitted a report dated 28 December 2000 by the General Manager, Construction Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the heating upgrade works at Rosehall High School, Coatbridge was that of North Lanarkshire Council, Building and Roads, DLO, Bellshill in the sum of £46,027.60, and (2) that the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(6) TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL, NEW STEVENSTON - RE-ROOFING

18. There was submitted a report dated 29 November 2000 by the General Manager, Construction Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the re-roofing works at Taylor High School, New Stevenston was that of Amber Roofing Limited, Cowdenbeath in the sum of £95,752.20, and (2) that the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.