

Motherwell, 15 March 2001 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the EDUCATION (RESOURCES) SUB-COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Morgan, Convener, Councillors Curley, Glavin, Gray, Holloway, McKeown, G. Murray and M. Murray

CHAIR

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Education Officer, Contracts/Provisions, Principal Officer (Contracts/Provisions), Head of Design Services and Head of Community Resources and Chief Accountant, Community Services Department.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

J. Robin, Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Donnelly, Heberton, Moran and Sullivan.

EDUCATION GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2000/2001 - PERFORMANCE REVIEW

1. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated March 2001 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the Education Grounds Maintenance Contract for the period December 2000 to February 2001, and (2) setting out in Appendix 1 to the report details of the education properties inspection report.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Education Grounds Maintenance Contract for the period December 2000 to February 2001 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on the Grounds Maintenance Contract be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOLS CATERING CONTRACT 2000/2001

2. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 1 March 2001 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the Schools Catering Contract for the period from April 2000 to January 2001; (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, and (3) setting out in Appendix 2 to the report the customer comments reports for the period 4 December 2000 to 28 January 2001.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Schools Catering Contract for the period April 2000 to January 2001 be noted, and
- (2) that further reports on the contract be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOLS CLEANING CONTRACT 2000/2001

3. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 5 March 2001 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the Schools Cleaning Contract for the period from 1 April 2000 to 4 February 2001; (2) providing a budgetary analysis of recharges to the Department of Education by educational establishment category, and (3) intimating that the Best Value Service Review for Building Cleaning had been completed and would be reported to the Community Services Committee on 28 March 2001.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Schools Cleaning Contract for the period from 1 April 2000 to 4 February 2001 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

4. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 5 March 2001 by the Directors of Education and Community Services reviewing the performance of the School Janitorial Services for the period from 1 April 2000 to 4 February 2001.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Schools Janitorial Service for the period from 1 April 2000 to 4 February 2001 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on the service be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

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

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 February 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 from 23 October to 22 December 2000.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the mainstream school transport contracts arranged by Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive for the period from 23 October to 22 December 2000 be noted, and

- (2) that further performance reports on the contracts be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOL CATERING CONTRACT - ANNUAL PRICE REVIEW

6. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 28 February 2001 by the Directors of Education and Community Services outlining proposals for the annual price review for the school meals service from 1 April 2001 (1) recommending that the price for the traditional two course meal rise from £1.30 to £1.35 in primary schools and £1.35 to £1.40 in secondary schools, and (2) setting out in Appendix 1 to the report details of the revised prices for primary and secondary school meals and drinks.

Decided: that the proposed review of prices for the school meals service as detailed within the report be approved with effect from 1 April 2001.

MAINSTREAM TRANSPORT - REVISED PRIORITIES FOR PRIVILEGE TRANSPORT FOR SESSION 2001/2002

7. There were submitted a report dated March 2001 and a revised report (docketed) dated March 2001 by the Director of Education setting out revised priorities for the allocation of privilege transport for session 2000/2001 (1) intimating that the current policy for allocating privilege transport was based on those children in receipt of footwear and clothing grants and thereafter the youngest children; (2) indicating that on occasions the current policy led to families being allocated less seats than requested, and (3) proposing (a) that the allocation of privilege transport be on the basis of the following priority order (A) children in receipt of a footwear and clothing grant attending their designated catchment area school, with priority given to the youngest children; (B) other children attending their designated catchment area school with priority given to the youngest children; (C) children attending the school by placing request and in receipt of a footwear and clothing grant, with priority given to the youngest children, and (D) other placing request children, with priority given to the youngest children, and (b) that the process for allocating places be as follows (A) where there is more than one application from a family, these be considered as one application; (B) where there are more applications than the places available, the allocation be based on a ballot of those in the priority group; (C) the ballot be conducted by two members of staff from the Education Department, and (D) the last name(s) drawn be first to lose the privilege seat(s) which may be withdrawn at any time during the school session should it be required for entitled pupils.

Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Gray moved that the priorities and the process for allocating privilege transport places to primary and secondary school pupils as detailed in Section 3 of the report be approved.

Councillor G. Murray, seconded by Councillor Glavin moved, as an amendment, that the revised priorities transport for privilege transport session 2001/2002 be accepted but where there are more applications than places available, the distance travelled to school should be the deciding factor for allocation and thereafter if circumstances were equal allocations be decided by ballot.

On a vote being taken, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 5 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

Decided: that the priorities and the process for allocating privilege transport places to primary and secondary school pupils as detailed in Section 3 of the report be approved.

YELLOW BUS INITIATIVE

8. There was submitted a report dated March 2001 by the Director of Education providing details of the Yellow Bus Initiative for the transportation of pupils to school currently under consideration by some Education Authorities (1) setting out in Appendix 1 to the report, a comparison of the USA and North Lanarkshire approach to pupil transport, and (2) intimating that North Lanarkshire would not seek involvement in a pilot scheme and would continue to monitor developments to ensure that good practice is incorporated into existing pupil transport arrangements.

Decided:

- (1) that details of the Yellow Bus provision as detailed in the Appendix to the report be noted, and
(2) that the Director of Education submit further reports to future meetings of the Sub-Committee on any initiatives established by other local authorities.

CONTRACTS

(1) AIRDRIE ACADEMY, AIRDRIE - PARTIAL RE-ROOFING

9. There was submitted a report dated 12 February 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the re-roofing works at Airdrie Academy, Airdrie was that of Helforn Limited, Glasgow in the sum of £305,419 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) CALDERVALE HIGH SCHOOL, AIRDRIE - FIRE ALARM INSTALLATION

10. There was submitted a report dated 13 February 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the fire alarm installation at Caldervale High School, Airdrie was that of Scotshield Limited, Airdrie in the sum of £139,709 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) COLTNESS HIGH SCHOOL, WISHAW - RE-ROOFING

11. There was submitted a report dated 23 January 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the re-roofing at Coltness High School, Wishaw was that of Allander Roofing Limited, Clydebank in the sum of £30,574.10, 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) SHOTTSKIRK PRE -3 NURSERY, SHOTTS

12. There was submitted a report dated 30 January 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the Shottskirk Pre 3 Nursery, Shotts was that of Fleming Buildings Limited, Glasgow in the sum of £335,589.06, 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) ST AMBROSE HIGH SCHOOL, COATBRIDGE - HEATING REPLACEMENT

13. There was submitted a report dated 30 January 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the heating replacement at St Ambrose High School, Coatbridge was that of G McAusland and Company Limited, Glasgow in the sum of £98,412.71, 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) ALTERATIONS TO ST PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL, COATBRIDGE TO FORM PRE 3 ACCOMMODATION

14. There was submitted a report dated 9 February 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the alterations to St Patrick's High School, Coatbridge to form Pre 3 accommodation was that of D H Allan (Joiners and Builders) Limited, Glasgow in sum of £80,084, 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.

(7) MANAGED INTERNET SERVICE PHASE 2 PRIMARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS

15. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meetings of the Education Committee held on 2 May 2000 when, *inter alia*, the General Manager, Construction Services was authorised to enter into negotiations with Steill Networks Limited, Hamilton for the provision of a Managed Internet Service to all primary and special schools within North Lanarkshire for a three year period on a phased basis, there was submitted a report dated 19 January 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that following negotiations a tender for the provision of a Managed Internet Service Phase 2, Primary and Special Schools was submitted by Steill Networks Limited, Uddingston in the sum of £450,685.53, 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.

(8) VARIOUS, SECONDARY SCHOOL CCTV INSTALLATION

16. There was submitted a report dated 12 February 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the various secondary school CCTV installation was that of Scotshield Limited, Airdrie in the sum of £193,723.99, 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.

(9) AIRDRIE ACADEMY, AIRDRIE - ASBESTOS REMOVAL UNDER FLOOR DUCTS MAIN BLOCK

17. There was submitted a report dated 16 February 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services (1) requesting authority to negotiate with Angus (Asbestos Removal) Limited, Johnstone to carry out the asbestos removal under floor ducts, main block, Airdrie Academy, Airdrie, and (2) advising that Angus (Asbestos Removal) Limited, Johnstone had successfully completed a similar contract at St Aloysius Primary School, Chapelhall .

Decided: that the Director of Housing and Property Services be authorised to negotiate with Angus (Asbestos Removal) Limited, Johnstone for the asbestos removal under floor ducts, main block at Airdrie Academy, Airdrie.

(10) CLARKSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, AIRDRIE AND CATHEDRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, MOTHERWELL - CLASSROOM EXTENSIONS

18. There was submitted a report dated 14 February 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services (1) requesting authority to negotiate with Gilchrist and Lynn Limited, Airdrie to carry out the classroom extension to Clarkston Primary School, Airdrie and Cathedral Primary School, Motherwell, and (2) advising that Gilchrist and Lynn Limited, Airdrie were undertaking a similar contract at Knowetop Primary School, Motherwell and had gained expertise in this type of project .

Decided: that the Director of Housing and Property Services be authorised to negotiate with Gilchrist and Lynn Limited, Airdrie for the classroom extension to Clarkston Primary School, Airdrie and Cathedral Primary School, Motherwell.