

EDUCATION (RESOURCES) SUB – 17 August 2000

Motherwell, 17 August 2000 at 2 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Morgan, Convener, Councillors Glavin, Gray, Holloway, Love, McKeown, McKinlay, Moran, G. Murray, M. Murray, Sullivan and Wallace.

CHAIR

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Contracts and Provision, Education Officer (Contracts/Provision), and Principal Officer (Contracts and Provision) Department of Education, Head of Design Services, Building Cleaning Services Manager and Policy and Support Services Manager, Department of Community Services, and Principal Officer (Property Maintenance), Department of Housing and Property Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

J. Robin, Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Donnelly and Hebenton.

EDUCATION MAJOR BUILDING AND MINOR MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMES 2000/2001

1. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated August 2000 by the Directors of Education and Housing and Property Services and the General Manager, Construction Services, (1) reviewing the performance of major building programmes and the minor capital programme for educational properties for 2000/2001, details of which were set out in Appendices 1-5 of the report, and (2) intimating that, in line with the Council's Financial Regulations, a report detailing projects which had been subject to significant expenditure variances would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made in the major building programmes and the minor capital programme in respect of educational properties for 2000/2001, as set out in appendices 1-5 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the Director of Education, in association with the Director of Housing and Property Services and the General Manager, submit to the next meeting of the Committee, a report detailing projects which had been subject to significant expenditure variances, and
- (3) that further reports on the programmes be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOLS CATERING CONTRACT 2000/2001

2. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated August 2000 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the Schools Catering Contract for the period from April to June 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 June 2000 be noted, and
- (2) that further reports on the Contract be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOLS CLEANING CONTRACTS 1999/2000 AND 2000/2001

3. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 8 August 2000 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the Schools Cleaning Contract for 1999/2000 and for the period from 1 April to 25 June 2000; (2) providing a budgetary analysis of recharges to the Department of Education by educational establishments; (3) commenting on the feedback received from Head Teachers in respect of the service delivery questionnaire for 1 March to 31 May 2000, and (4) advising that, as part of the ongoing services review, questionnaires would also be issued to staff to identify and address areas of service weakness, and that a European Foundation Quality Model self-assessment of the service would be undertaken.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Schools Cleaning Contracts for 1999/2000 and for the period from 1 April to 25 June 2000 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on the Contract for 2000/2001 be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOLS JANITORIAL SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT 1999/2000 AND 2000/2001

4. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 8 August 2000 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the Schools Janitorial Service for 1999/2000 and for the period 1 April to 25 June 2000, and (2) advising that, as part of the ongoing service review, questionnaires would be issued to Head Teachers and staff to identify and address areas of service weakness and that a European Foundation Quality Model self-assessment of the service would be undertaken.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Schools Janitorial Service for 1999/2000 and for the period from 1 April to 25 June 2000 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on the Service be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

**SCHOOL TRANSPORT ARRANGED BY STRATHCLYDE PASSENGER TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE
1999/2000 AND 2000/2001**

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 31 July 2000 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 10 January to 14 April 2000.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the mainstream School Transport Contracts arranged by Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive for the period from 10 January to 14 April 2000 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on the Contracts be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

**“SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOLS INITIATIVE” - GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS AND SCHOOL
BOARDS ON SETTING UP A “WALKING BUS”**

6. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 1 June 2000, there was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated August 2000 by Directors of Education and Planning and Environment (1) advising that, as a result of interest expressed by parents and school boards in setting up “walking buses” from home to school, guidelines had been formulated to provide advice thereon; (2) seeking approval of the guidelines which were set out in the Appendix to the report, and (3) intimating that “walking buses” would be set up on a phased pilot basis following the vetting and training of volunteers who wished to supervise a “walking bus”.

Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Moran, moved (1) that the guidelines for parents and school boards for setting up a “walking bus”, as set out in the Appendix to the report, be approved; (2) that the Director of Education, in association with the Director of Planning and Environment, submit progress reports on the project to further meetings of the Sub-Committee, and (3) that the report be remitted to the Planning and Environment Committee for its interest.

Councillor G. Murray, seconded by Councillor M. Murray, moved as an amendment, that the matter be continued pending a further joint report by the Directors of Education and Planning and Environment on the practicalities of identifying safe walking routes to schools. On a vote being taken, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 8 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared to be carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the guidelines to parents and school boards for setting up a “walking bus”, as set out in the Appendix to the report, be approved;
- (2) that the Director of Education, in association with the Director of Planning and Environment, submit progress reports on the project to future meetings of the Sub-Committee, and
- (3) that the report be remitted to the Planning and Environment Committee for its interest.

DISPOSAL OF TEMPORARY HUTTED CLASSROOM UNITS SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS

7. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated July 2000 by the Directors of Education and Housing and Property Services (1) outlining the Council’s procedures for the disposal of land and
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property which were surplus to requirements, and (2) proposing alternative procedures for the disposal of temporary hutted classroom units which formed part of an educational establishment and were surplus to departmental requirements but could not be disposed of without affecting the safe operation of the establishment.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted;
- (2) that the alternative procedures to be adopted for the disposal of temporary hutted classroom units which formed part of an educational establishment and were surplus to the requirements of the Department of Education but could not be disposed of without affecting the safe operation of the establishment, as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report, be approved, and
- (3) that the report be remitted to the Housing and Property Services Committee for its interest.

CENTRAL REPAIRS ACCOUNT 2000/2001 - BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

8. There was submitted a report dated (docketed) August 2000 by the Director of Education advising of the allocation of resources from the Central Repairs Account for day-to-day repairs and cyclical maintenance of school buildings for 2000/2001.

Decided: Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Gray, moved (1) that the allocation of resources from the Central Repairs Account for day-to-day repairs and cyclical maintenance of school buildings for 2000/2001 be noted, and (2) that further progress reports on expenditure from the Central Repairs Account on the repair and maintenance of school buildings be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

Councillor G. Murray, seconded by Councillor M. Murray, moved as an amendment, that the Scottish Executive be requested to seek the support of other local authorities in lobbying for greater resources to be allocated by Central Government for repairs to school buildings in view of the inadequacy of current budget allocations and the level of repairs.

On a vote being taken, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 8 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared to be carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the allocation of resources from the Central Repairs Account for day-to-day repairs and cyclical maintenance of school buildings for 2000/2001 be noted, and
- (2) that further progress reports on expenditure from the Central Repairs Account on the repair and maintenance of school buildings be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

AIRDRIE ACADEMY - ASBESTOS REMOVAL FROM THE SCIENCE BLOCK

9. There was submitted a report dated 12 June 2000 by the General Manager, Construction Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the removal of asbestos from the science block of Airdrie Academy was that of Wm Gardner, Wishaw, in the sum £47,764.68, and (2) that the Director of Administration has progressed the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

ALEXANDRA PRIMARY SCHOOL, AIRDRIE - RE-ROOFING

10. There was submitted a report dated 13 June 2000 by the General Manager, Construction Services, advising (1) that the lowest tender for re-roofing works at Alexandra Primary School, Airdrie, was that of Braedale Roofing, Wishaw, in the sum of £85,491.36, and (2) that the Director of Administration had progressed the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided:

- (1) that the concerns of the Sub-Committee in relation to the delays and problems associated with the progress of the contract be noted, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be noted.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, CLELAND - BOILER REPLACEMENT

11. There was submitted a report dated 6 July 2000 by the General Manager, Construction Services, advising (1) that the lowest tender for boiler replacement works at St Mary's Primary School, Cleland, was that of G McAusland Limited, Glasgow, in the sum of £82,298, and (2) that the Director of Administration had progressed the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

TANNOCHSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL, UDDINGSTON - BOILER REPLACEMENT

12. There was submitted a report dated 6 July 2000 by the General Manager, Construction Services, advising (1) that the lowest tender for boiler replacement works at Tannochside Primary School, Uddingston, was that of the Council's Building and Roads DLO, Bellshill, in the sum £96,784.53, and (2) that the Director of Administration had progressed the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT ARRANGED BY STRATHCLYDE PASSENGER TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE - SCHOOL SESSIONS 2000/2002 - ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS

13. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 1 June 2000, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 July 2000 by the Director of Education detailing in Appendix 2 to the report a list of additional mainstream School Transport Contracts recommended by Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive, on behalf of the Council, as being suitable for acceptance for 2000/2002, and (2) that the Director of Administration had progressed the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

PETITION - ADAPTATIONS TO THE PREMISES AT KILDRUM PRIMARY SCHOOL, CUMBERNAULD

14. There was submitted a report dated August 2000 by the Director of Education, (1) intimating that a petition had been received from the School Board of Kildrum Primary School, Cumbernauld, objecting to proposals for the construction of a classroom, office and reception area in the foyer of

Kildrum Primary School; (2) advising that the proposals referred to were associated with the development of a nursery centre in the premises and the reallocation of accommodation, and (3) indicating that the proposals had since been suspended in light of current plans for the conversion of the library of the school into a classroom.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of petition be noted, and
- (2) that the signatories of the petition be advised accordingly.