

Motherwell, 28 September 2000 at 2 pm.

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

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Education Officer (Contracts and Provision) and Principal Officer (Contracts and Provision), Department of Education, Head of Cleansing and Related Services, Building Consultancy Services Manager, Department of Construction Services, Group Manager (Asset Management and Client Services), Department of Housing and Property Services and Accounting Manager, Department of Finance.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Donnelly, Love and Moran.

EDUCATION MAJOR BUILDING AND MINOR MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMES 2000/2001

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 17 August 2000, there was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated September 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 programme of minor maintenance works for educational properties for 2000/2001, details of which were set out in Appendices 1-5 of the report; (2) intimating that a report detailing the programme for the reinstatement of Stane Primary School, Shotts, would be submitted to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee; (3) detailing in Appendix 6 to the report projects which had been subject to significant expenditure variances and the reasons therefor, and (4) indicating that a report detailing the final measurements for those projects which had been subject to significant expenditure variances would be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Decided:

- (1) 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 1-5 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the costs of the projects which had been subject to significant expenditure variances, as set out in Appendix 6 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that the Director of Education, in association with the General Manager, Construction Services, submit reports for submission to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee detailing (a) the final measurements of the projects which had been subject to significant expenditure variations, and (b) the programme for the reinstatement of Stane Primary School, Shotts.

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- (4) that further reports on the programmes be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

CENTRAL REPAIRS ACCOUNT 2000/2001

2. There was submitted a report dated 14 September 2000 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising of the level of expenditure to date in respect of day-to-day repairs to education properties for the current financial year.

Decided:

- (1) that the level of expenditure to date in respect of day-to-day repairs to education properties for the current financial year be noted;
- (2) that the Director of Housing and Property Services submit a report to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee (a) clarifying the procedure for logging and prioritising repairs to education properties, and (b) providing a breakdown of the financial allocations from the Central Repairs Account for 2000/2001 for various categories of remedial works, and
- (3) that further progress reports be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOLS CATERING CONTRACT 2000/2001

3. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) date 18 September 2000 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the School Catering Contract for the period from April to August 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 August 2000 be noted, and
- (2) that further reports on the Contract be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

EDUCATION GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2000/2001 - PERFORMANCE REVIEW

4. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 18 September 2000 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the Education Grounds Maintenance Contract for the period from July to September 2000; (2) setting out in Appendix 2 to the report the Grounds Maintenance Service Improvement Action Plan which was approved by the Community Services (Operations and Review) Sub-Committee on 12 April 2000, and (3) advising that in light of the feedback from Head Teachers to the customer surveys which had been undertaken, an information pack for property keepers containing details of the service and contract specifications would be circulated to education establishments.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Grounds Maintenance Contract for the period from July to August 2000 be noted;

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- (2) that the Directors of Education and Community Services submit a report on the feedback received from Head Teachers in relation to the service information pack for property keepers to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee, and
- (3) that further performance reports on the Contract be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

FURTHER EDUCATION AND HIGHER SCHOOL BURSARIES 2000/2001

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 18 September 2000 by the Director of Education (1) reviewing the financial performance of the Further Education and Higher School Bursaries for the period from April to September 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 September 2000 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on bursaries be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL AND/OR MEDICAL NEEDS - SCHOOL SESSIONS 2000/2002

6. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 1 June 2000 and paragraph 21 of the Minute of the meeting of the Education Committee held on 31 August 2000, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 18 September 2000 by the Director of Education (1) detailing in the Appendix to the report changes to contracts which had previously been approved under delegated powers for school transport for children with special educational and/or medical needs for school sessions 2000/2002, and (2) advising that, subject to the value of each of the contracts listed, either the Director of Administration or the Director of Education, as appropriate, in terms of their delegated powers and after consultation with the Convener, had authorised the acceptance of the lowest suitable tender for each of the contracts.

Decided:

- (1) that the amendments to the contracts which had previously been approved under delegated powers for school transport for children with special needs for schools sessions 2000-2002, as detailed in the Appendix to the report and the action taken by the Directors of Administration and Education in accepting the lowest suitable tender for each contract in terms of their delegated powers, be noted;
- (2) that the Director of Education submit a report to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee detailing the tender process, procedure for the acceptance of tenders, the SCRO check process and the contracts monitoring process;
- (3) that the Director of Education submit a report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee on the findings of the Best Value Review of school transport for children with special needs, and
- (4) that further reports on the Contracts be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

Councillor Holloway declared an interest in the following item of business and took no part in its consideration.

KNOWETOP PRIMARY SCHOOL AND FIR PARK SCHOOL, MOTHERWELL - USE OF PLAYGROUND TO PROVIDE PART TIME CAR PARKING FACILITIES

7. There was submitted a report dated September 2000 by the Director of Education referring to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 2 March 2000 when, inter alia the Director of Education had been authorised to progress negotiations with Motherwell Football Club for the continued use of the playground at Knowetop Primary School and Fir Park School, Motherwell, for car parking during home fixtures and providing an update on the status of the negotiations.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Education be authorised to continue negotiations with Motherwell Football Club with a view to reaching agreement for the use of the playground at Knowetop Primary School and Fir Park School, Motherwell, for car parking during home fixtures to achieve a settlement acceptable to the Council, and
- (2) that the Director of Education submit a report on the outcome of the further negotiations with Motherwell Football Club to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee;