

Motherwell, 11 October 2001 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the EDUCATION (RESOURCES) SUB-COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Morgan, Convener, Councillors Burns, Curley, Donnelly, Glavin, Gray, Love, Moran, M. Murray and Wallace.

CHAIR

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

J. Robin, Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Holloway and Sullivan.

EDUCATION GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2001/2002 - PERFORMANCE REVIEW

1. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 25 September 2001 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the Education Grounds Maintenance Contract for the period April to August 2001, and (2) setting out, in Appendix 1 to the report an analysis of the returned Service Delivery Questionnaires.

Decided:

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

EDUCATION MAJOR BUILDINGS PROGRAMMES 2001/2002 - PERFORMANCE REVIEW

2. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 October 2001 by the Directors of Education and Housing and Property Services (1) setting out details of the approved Education Major Buildings Programme for 2001/2002; (2) intimating that the Scottish Executive had provided additional Capital Funding of £0.870m for fabric improvement issues to schools in 2001/2002; (3) listing a number of projects for inclusion in the programme for 2001/2002 to take account of the additional resources; (4) providing in appendices 2 and 3 to the report details of progress of those projects with significant variances in progress from 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 respectively, and (5) enclosing in appendices 4, 5 and 6 details of those projects with significant variances in progress in relation to Pre-school Projects, Fire Damage Reinstatement and Minor Capital Programme Works.

Decided:

- (1) that the additional resources of £0.870m provided by the Scottish Executive to fund fabric improvement works in schools for 2001/2002 be noted;
- (2) that the revisions to the Capital Programme for 2001/2002 as detailed within the report be approved;
- (3) that the current progress of the Major Building Programmes for Education Properties for 2001/2002 be noted;
- (4) that the financial performance of the Capital Programme to date be noted;
- (5) that further reports on the Programme be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee, and
- (6) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration.

SCHOOLS CLEANING CONTRACT - PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2001/2002

3. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 20 September 2001 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the Schools Cleaning Contract for the period 1 April to 17 August 2001; (2) providing a budgetary analysis of recharges to the Department of Education, categorised by educational establishment, and (3) setting out in the appendices to the report an analysis of the returned Service Delivery questionnaires for the period from 1 April to 31 August 2001.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Schools Cleaning Contract for the period from 1 April to 17 August 2001 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on the Contract be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOLS CATERING CONTRACT : PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2001/2002

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

Decided:

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

SCHOOLS JANITORIAL SERVICE - PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2001/2002

5. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 20 September 2001 by the Directors of Education and Community Services reviewing the performance of the Schools Janitorial Service for the period from 1 April to 17 August 2001.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Schools Janitorial Service for the period from 1 April to 17 August 2001 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 - PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2001/2002

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 26 September 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 1 April to 29 June 2001.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance for the period from 1 April to 29 June 2001 of the mainstream school transport contracts arranged by Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive on behalf of the Council, and
- (2) that further performance reports on the contracts be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

FURTHER EDUCATION AND HIGHER SCHOOL BURSARIES 2001/2002 - PERFORMANCE REVIEW

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 September 2001 by the Director of Education (1) reviewing the financial performance of the Further Education and Higher School Bursaries budget for the period from April to September 2001, and (2) providing a detailed analysis of bursary applications received and processed for academic session 2001/2002.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Further Education and Higher School Bursaries budget for the period from April to September 2001 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on bursaries be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

FOOTWEAR AND CLOTHING GRANTS - PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2001/2002

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 September 2001 by the Director of Education (1) reviewing the financial performance of the Footwear and Clothing Grants budget for the period from April to September 2001, and (2) providing details of Footwear and Clothing Grant applications received and processed for academic session 2001/2002.
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Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Footwear and Clothing Grants budget for the period from April to September 2001 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on Footwear and Clothing Grants be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee

HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY 2001/2002 - ARRANGEMENTS FOR RISK MANAGEMENT TRAINING IN SCHOOLS

9. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 12 September 2001 by the Director of Education regarding arrangements to provide risk management training in schools and seeking approval to negotiate with Zurich Municipal to carry out the property risk assessments (1) outlining the background to the requirement for property risk management to be carried out in schools within North Lanarkshire; (2) setting out the aims of the risk assessment surveys; (3) intimating that the Council's property insurers Zurich Municipal were presently carrying out pilot risk assessment surveys in schools in the Airdrie area, and (4) proposing that the Council negotiate a contract with Zurich Municipal to extend risk assessment surveys to all educational establishments across North Lanarkshire at an estimated cost of £35,000-£40,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the arrangements to provide risk management training in schools across North Lanarkshire be noted, and
- (2) that subject to the satisfactory completion of the pilot risk assessment surveys in schools in the Airdrie area, approval be given to negotiate a contract with the Council's property insurers, Zurich Municipal to carry out property risk assessment surveys in all educational establishments across North Lanarkshire.

PETITION - STREET TRADERS OPERATING ADJACENT TO ST. AMBROSE HIGH SCHOOL, COATBRIDGE

10. There was submitted a report dated October 2001 by the Director of Education in response to a petition received from local residents regarding street traders operating adjacent to St. Ambrose High School, Coatbridge (1) outlining the background to the concerns raised by the petitioners, and (2) advising that following investigation by the Director of Education, the Head of Legal Services had advised that the two mobile vans were operating legitimately.

Decided:

- (1) that the action taken by the Director of Education be noted;
- (2) that the signatories of the petition be advised accordingly, and
- (3) that the Director of Education submit a report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee on the number of mobile vans located within the vicinity of schools in North Lanarkshire.

CONTRACTS

(1) COLTNESS HIGH SCHOOL, WISHAW - CONCRETE REPAIRS

11. There was submitted a report dated 31 August 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising that the lowest tender for the concrete repairs at Coltness High School, Wishaw was that of Allscott CES Limited, Cleland in the sum of £20,746.30.

Thereon the Head of Design Services intimated that Allscott CES Limited, Cleland had withdrawn their offer which had been accepted by the Council and further advised that due to the urgent nature of the contract it would be necessary to negotiate with the second lowest tenderer Accrete Limited, to ascertain their willingness to stand by their original offer of £31,950.61, failing which it would be prudent that the contract be re-tendered

Decided: that the Director of Housing and Property Services be authorised to negotiate with Accrete Limited, Newbury to ascertain their willingness to stand by their original offer of £31,950.61, failing which to make arrangements for the contract to be re-tendered.

(2) DUNROBIN PRIMARY SCHOOL, AIRDRIE - ELECTRICAL REWIRE

12. There was submitted a report dated 31 August 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the electrical rewire at Dunrobin Primary School, Airdrie was that of Maclin Electric Limited, Musselburgh in the sum of £138,782.94, 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) KIRK O'SHOTTS PRIMARY SCHOOL, SHOTTS - ELECTRICAL REWIRE

13. With reference to paragraph 21 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 16 August 2001 when it was noted that the lowest tender for the electrical rewire at Kirk O'Shotts Primary School, Shotts was that of A.C. Jarvis Contracts Limited, Glasgow in the sum of £79,166.32, there was submitted a report dated 14 September 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services (1) intimating that prior to the commencement of the work A.C. Jarvis Contracts Limited, Glasgow had gone into liquidation; (2) indicating that negotiations were undertaken with the second lowest tenderer DRB Electrical Limited, Cumbernauld and an offer of £81,488.03 was submitted for the works, and (3) advising 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) KIRKSHAW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, COATBRIDGE - REWIRING COMPLETION WORKS

14. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 15 November 2000 when it was noted that the lowest tender for the electrical rewiring works at Kirkshaws Primary School, Coatbridge was that of A.C. Jarvis Contracts Limited, Glasgow in the sum of £94,491.35, there was submitted a report dated 3 September 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services (1) intimating that, prior to completion of the works, A.C. Jarvis Contracts Limited, Glasgow had gone into liquidation; (2) advising that due to the urgent nature of the works and to ensure the safety of staff and children at the school it had been necessary to negotiate with the second lowest tenderer for completion of the works; (3) intimating that a tender for the rewiring completion works at Kirkshaws Primary School, Coatbridge was received from Charles McCrea Limited, Dumbarton in the sum of £46,791.33, and (4) that the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided:

- (1) that the action of the Director of Housing and Property Services in negotiating with Charles McCrea Limited, Dumbarton for the completion of the rewiring works at Kirkshaws Primary School, Coatbridge be homologated, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

(5) NEW PRIMARY SCHOOLS, EASTFIELD ROAD, CUMBERNAULD

15. There was submitted a report dated 22 August 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the New Primary Schools, Eastfield Road, Cumbernauld was that of Keir Scotland, Glasgow in the sum of £4,264,245.46, and (2) that the Director of Administration was progressing matters in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(6) SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL, BELLSHILL - FIRE REINSTATEMENT

16. There was submitted a report dated 7 September 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the Fire Reinstatement at Sacred Heart Primary School, Bellshill was that of J & D Stewart (Kilsyth) Limited, Kilsyth in the sum of £93,193.29, 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) ST. DAVID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, PLAINS - REWIRE

17. There was submitted a report dated 17 July 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the Electrical Rewire at St. David's Primary School, Plains was that of DRB Electrical Limited, Cumbernauld in the sum of £153,485.52, 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) ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, NEW STEVENSTON - WINDOW REPLACEMENT

18. There was submitted a report dated 17 July 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the Window Replacement at St. Patrick's Primary School, New Stevenston was that of Century 21 Replacement Windows Company Limited, Hamilton in the sum of £151,685, 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.