

Motherwell, 13 December 2001 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the EDUCATION (RESOURCES) SUB-COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Morgan, Convener, Councillors Curley, Glavin, Gray, Holloway, Love, H. McGuigan, Moran, G. Murray and Wallace.

CHAIR

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Contracts/Provisions, Education Officer (Contracts/Provisions), Assistant Principal Officer (Contracts/Provisions), Head of Design Services, Head of Cleaning and Related Services, Head of Property, Group Manager (Asset Management and Client Services) and Accounting Manager.

APOLOGY

Councillor Donnelly.

EDUCATION MAJOR BUILDING PROGRAMMES 2001/2002 - PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND SIGNIFICANT COST INCREASES

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 November 2001 by the Directors of Education and Housing and Property Services (1) detailing the financial performance of the Education Major Buildings Programme for 2001/2002; (2) providing in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report details of progress of those projects with significant variances in progress from 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 respectively; (3) enclosing in Appendices 3, 4 and 5 details of those projects with significant variances in progress in relation to Pre school Projects, Fire Damage Re-instatement and Minor Capital Programme Works, and (4) detailing in Appendix 6 to the report a number of projects with significant increases in the cost of the project compared with the approved tender cost.

Decided:

- (1) that the financial performance of the Capital Programme to date be noted;
- (2) that the physical progress of the Education Major Building Programmes for Education Properties for 2001/2002 be noted;
- (3) that the increased costs of the building projects detailed in Appendix 6 to the report be noted, and
- (4) that further reports on the Programme be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOLS CATERING CONTRACT - PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2001/2002

2. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated November 2001 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the Schools Catering Contract for the period from April to October 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; (3)

highlighting a number of initiatives undertaken in schools in North Lanarkshire which has resulted in an improvement in the uptake of the school meals service in North Lanarkshire, and (4) setting out in Appendix 2 to the report, sample customer care comment reports for the period.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Schools Catering Contract for the period from April to October 2001 be noted;
- (2) that the continued improvement in the uptake of the school meals service in North Lanarkshire as a result of the introduction of the initiatives highlighted in the report be noted, and
- (3) that further reports on the contract be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOLS JANITORIAL SERVICE - PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2001/2002

3. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 26 November 2001 by the Directors of Education and Community Services reviewing the performance of the Schools Janitorial Service for the period from 1 April to 12 October 2001.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Schools Janitorial Service for the period from 1 April to 12 October 2001 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on the service be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

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

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 November 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 November 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 November 2001 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on bursaries be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT ARRANGED BY STRATHCLYDE PASSENGER TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE - ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS FOR SESSIONS 2001/2004

5. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 16 August 2001, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 November 2001 by the Director of Education detailing additional school transport contracts recommended by Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive for acceptance for school sessions 2001/2004.

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 sessions 2001/2004 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

CENTRAL REPAIRS ACCOUNT - PERFORMANCE REVIEW: 2001/2002

6. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 17 May 2001 when, *inter alia*, it was agreed that further progress reports on the Central Repairs Account be submitted at six monthly intervals to this Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 November 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising of the level of expenditure from the central repairs account in respect of day to day repairs to educational properties for the financial year 2001/2002.

Decided:

- (1) that the level of expenditure from the Central Repairs Account in respect of day to day repairs to educational properties for the current financial year be noted, and
- (2) that further performance review reports be submitted at six monthly intervals to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

DISPOSAL OF FORMER DINING UNIT AT KIRK O'SHOTTS PRIMARY SCHOOL, SHOTTS

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated November 2001 by the Director of Education (1) proposing that the former dining unit at Kirk O'Shotts Primary School, Shotts be declared surplus to requirements of the Department of Education, and (2) recommending that the building be demolished, subject to the availability of finance.

Decided:

- (1) that the former dining unit at Kirk O'Shotts Primary School, Shotts be declared surplus to educational requirements, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Property) Sub-Committee for consideration with the recommendation that the Director of Housing and Property Services arrange for the demolition of the building, subject to the availability of finance.

CONTRACTS

(1) PROPERTY RISK ASSESSMENTS IN SCHOOLS

8. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 October 2001 when, *inter alia*, it was agreed 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, there was submitted a report dated 29 October 2001 by the Director of Education advising (1) that a tender had been submitted by Zurich Municipal, Glasgow to carry out property risk assessments in educational establishments in North Lanarkshire in the sum of £37,650, 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) SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

(a) BELLSHILL ACADEMY, BELLSHILL - RE-ROOFING

9. There was submitted a report dated 5 November 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the Re-roofing at Bellshill Academy, Bellshill was that of Braedale Roofing Limited, Wishaw in the sum of £142,786.86, 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) COLTNESS HIGH SCHOOL, WISHAW - CONCRETE REPAIRS

10. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11 October 2001 when the Director of Housing and Property Services was 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, there was submitted a report dated 24 October 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that Accrete Limited, Newbury had indicated their willingness to stand by their original offer for the Concrete Repairs at Coltness High School, Wishaw in the sum of £31,950.66, 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.

(c) OUR LADY'S HIGH SCHOOL, MOTHERWELL - WINDOW REPLACEMENT PHASE 1

11. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for Window Replacement Phase 1 at Our Lady's High School, Motherwell was that of Thermashield Insulation, Stepps in the sum of £214,272.33, 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.