

Motherwell, 20 February 2003 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the EDUCATION (RESOURCES) SUB-COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Morgan, Convener, Councillors Gray, Hebenton, Holloway, McKeown, Moran, G. Murray, M. Murray and Wallace.

CHAIR

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors Curley, Donnelly, Glavin and Love.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CAPITAL PROGRAMME - MAJOR BUILDING PROGRAMMES 2002/2003 - PERFORMANCE REVIEW

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 7 February 2003 by the Director of Education (1) detailing the financial performance of the Education Major Building Programmes for 2002/2003; (2) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report, an update on projects funded from outwith the mainline capital, and (3) providing an update on all projects contained within the Capital Programme for 2002/2003.

Decided:

- (1) that the financial performance of the Education Major Building Programmes for 2002/2003 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on the programme be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOL CLEANING CONTRACT : PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2002/2003

2. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 31 January 2003 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the Schools Cleaning Contract for the period from 1 April 2002 to 3 January 2003; (2) providing a budgetary analysis of recharges to the Department of Education, and (3) setting out in the appendices to the report an analysis of returned service delivery questionnaires for the period.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Schools Cleaning Contract for the period from 1 April 2002 to 3 January 2003 be noted, and

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

SCHOOLS JANITORIAL SERVICE : PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2002/2003

3. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 31 January 2003 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the Schools Janitorial Service for the period from 1 April 2002 to 3 January 2003, and (2) setting out in the appendices to the report an analysis of the returned service delivery questionnaires for the period.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Schools Janitorial Service for the period from 1 April 2002 to 3 January 2003 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on the service be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

HIGHER SCHOOL BURSARIES 2002/2003 : PERFORMANCE REVIEW

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 10 February 2003 by the Director of Education (1) reviewing the operational and financial performance of the Higher School Bursaries budget for the academic session 2002/2003, and (2) providing a detailed analysis of bursary applications received and processed and attendance of students in receipt of a bursary.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Higher School Bursaries Budget for academic session 2002/2003 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on bursaries be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL SERVICE - OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE FOR CALL-OFFS AND UNCOVERED CROSSINGS

5. With reference to paragraph 20 of the Minute of the meeting of the Education Committee held on 8 January 2003 when, that Committee noted a report by the Director of Community Services dated 18 November 2002 providing an update on the procedure for call-offs and uncovered crossings within the School Crossing Patrol Service and referred the report to the sub-committee for information. There was submitted the said report by the Director of Community Services thereon.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

SCHOOL SECURITY

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated February 2003 by the Director of Education regarding the outcome of the School Safety and Security Audit 2002/2003 (1) detailing the progress in implementing the recommendations of the Audit for the Accounts Commission "A Safer Place : Revisited"; (2) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report a Security Monitoring Checklist for Schools in
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North Lanarkshire, and (3) detailing the main areas for investment for the Council's allocation of £428,272 for security projects in schools in North Lanarkshire.

Decided:

- (1) that the results of the Schools Safety and Security Audit for 2002/2003 be noted, and
- (2) that further reports on school safety and security, including the Annual Audit be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT ARRANGED BY SPT : ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS 2003/2005

7. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 15 August 2002 when the action taken by the Director of Administration in instructing Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive to accept the recommended tender in relation to each contract for School Transport for Sessions 2003/2005 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated February 2003 by the Director of Education detailing a number of additional School Contracts as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Education be authorised to instruct Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive to accept the recommended tender in relation to each contract for School Transport for Sessions 2003/2005 as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, and
- (2) that regular Performance Review reports be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

CONTRACTS

(1) BELLSHILL NURSERY CENTRE - ADAPTATIONS

8. There was submitted a report dated 24 December 2002 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising that (1) the lowest tender for the adaptations to Bellshill Nursery Centre was that of Peter Johnston Construction Limited, Cumbernauld in the sum of £48,478.21, and (2) the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(2) GLENCAIRN NURSERY, MOTHERWELL - NEW BUILD

9. There was submitted a report dated 28 January 2003 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising that (1) the lowest tender for the new build Glencairn Nursery, Motherwell was that of Fleming Buildings Limited, Lenzie in the sum of £371,229.94 after savings, and (2) the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(3) HOLYCROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL, CROY - RE-ROOFING

10. There was submitted a report dated 24 December 2002 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising that (1) the lowest tender for the re-roofing at Holycross Primary School, Croy was that of Braedale Roofing Limited, Wishaw in the sum of £102,448.05, and (2) the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(4) ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, AIRDRIE - BOILER REPLACEMENT

11. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 2003 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising that (1) the lowest tender for the boiler replacement at St. Andrew's Primary School, Airdrie was that of Truedeal Building Services Limited, Glasgow in the sum of £91,255.10, and (2) 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. MAURICE'S HIGH SCHOOL, CUMBERNAULD - WINDOW REPLACEMENT

12. There was submitted a report dated 5 December 2002 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising that (1) the lowest tender for the window replacement at St. Maurice's High School, Cumbernauld was that of J. & S. McFadyen Limited, Carluke in the sum of £195,750.62, and (2) the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(6) WISHAW NURSERY - EXTENSION TO MODULAR BUILDING

13. There was submitted a report dated 17 December 2002 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising that (1) the lowest tender for the extension to the modular building at Wishaw Nursery was that of Alexander Braidwood Limited, Blantyre in the sum of £213,928.98, and (2) the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(7) UPGRADE OF SCIENCE LABORATORIES - VARIOUS SECONDARY SCHOOLS

14. There was submitted a report dated 6 December 2002 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising that (1) the lowest tender for the upgrade of science laboratories in various secondary schools in North Lanarkshire was that of Chard Construction Limited, Blantyre in the sum of £325,550.78, and (2) the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

ROOF REPLACEMENT AT ST. MAURICE'S HIGH SCHOOL, CUMBERNAULD

15. With reference to paragraph 26 of the Minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources (Property) Sub-Committee held on 9 January 2003, when that Sub-Committee noted a report by the Director of Housing and Property Services dated 10 December 2002 advising of the progress of the Roof Replacement Contract at St. Maurice's High School, Cumbernauld and referred the report to this Sub-Committee for information. There was submitted the said report by the Director of Housing and Property Services thereon.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.,

The Convener being of the opinion that the following item of business was of an urgent nature, authorised its consideration to enable arrangements to be made timeously.

SCHOOL CATERING CONTRACT: ANNUAL PRICE REVIEW

16. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 13 February 2003 by the Directors of Education and Community Services outlining proposals for the annual price review for the school meals service from 1 April 2003 (1) recommending that the price for the traditional two course meal rise from £1.40 to £1.45 in primary schools and £1.45 to £1.50 in secondary schools, and (2) setting out in Appendix 1 to the report details of revised prices for primary and secondary school meals and drinks.

Decided: that the review of prices for the school meals service as detailed within the report be approved with effect from 1 April 2003.