

Motherwell, 11 May 2006 at 2 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Morgan, Convener, Councillors Curley, Gray, Holloway, McAuley, McCulloch, McKeown, Moran, Murray and Wallace.

CHAIR

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Manager, Head of Education Provision, Head of Facility Support Services, Head of Design Services, Education Officer, Principal Officer - Contracts/Provisions, and Accounting Manager.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. J. Robins, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

APOLOGY

Councillor Donnelly.

SCHOOL JANITORIAL SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT - PERFORMANCE REVIEW

1. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 4 April 2006 by the Directors of Education and Community Services reviewing the performance of the School Janitorial Service for the period from April 2005 to March 2006.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the School Janitorial Service for the period from April 2005 to March 2006 be noted, and
- (2) that further reports on the performance of the Service be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOL CLEANING CONTRACT – PERFORMANCE REVIEW

2. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 4 April 2006 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the School Cleaning Contract for the period from April 2005 to March 2006, and (2) providing a budgetary analysis of the contract together with explanations on the variances from the projected budget expenditure to date.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the School Cleaning Contract for the period from April 2005 to March 2006 be noted, and
 - (2) that further performance reports on the contract be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.
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SCHOOL CATERING CONTRACT - PERFORMANCE REVIEW

3. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 4 April 2006 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the School Catering Contract for the period from April 2005 to March 2006; (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 2004/2005, and (3) containing sample customer care comments for the period.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the School Catering Contract for the period from April 2005 to March 2006 be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports on the contract be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

BREAKFAST SERVICE PROVISION - PROGRESS

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated April 2006 by the Director of Education (1) updating the Sub-Committee on the progress and development of the breakfast service in primary schools; (2) outlining the background relative thereto; (3) containing, in Appendix 1 to the report, details of the core service; (4) summarising the personnel/financial implications of providing the service, and (5) providing, in Appendix 2 to the report, details of the services and the average number of meals served daily in each school.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the breakfast service development be noted;
- (2) that a further report on the service's progress in 2007 be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee, and
- (3) that the report be remitted to the Community Services Committee for information.

INCREASE IN ANNUAL INCOME DETERMINING FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT

5. There was submitted a report dated 4 April 2006 by the Director of Education (1) referring to the authority's duty to provide free school meals to pupils who qualified on the basis of one or more of the criteria detailed therein; (2) outlining the background relative thereto, and (3) advising that the Scottish Executive had increased the increment threshold criteria for the financial year 2006/2007 from £13,910 to £14,155.

Decided: that the increase in the increment threshold criteria from £13,190 to £14,155 for the year 2006/2007 be noted.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2005/2006 - PERFORMANCE REVIEW

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 24 April 2006 by the Director of Education (1) reviewing the performance of the Education Maintenance Allowance Scheme for the period from August 2005 to April 2006; (2) providing details of the number of applications received to date; (3) containing information on the awards processed, and (4) outlining the payments made in respect of each level of award.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Education Maintenance Allowance Scheme be noted, and
- (2) that further performance reports be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT - PERFORMANCE REVIEW

7. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 13 April 2006 by the Directors of Education and Community Services reviewing the performance of the Grounds Maintenance Contract for the period from April 2005 to March 2006.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the Grounds Maintenance Contract for the period from April 2005 to March 2006 be noted, and
- (2) that further reports on the performance of this service be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

CORPORATE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - PERFORMANCE

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 April 2006 by the Director of Housing and Property Services (1) describing the performance of the Corporate Property Management Account for the period from April 2005 to March 2006; (2) indicating that although the Central Repairs Account Budget for the financial year was £9,039,222, additional works had been instructed through the contract and funded by Client Revenue budgets, the Capital Programme or insurance claims, and (3) providing a summary of current expenditure as at 14 April 2006.

Decided: that the report be noted.

BUILDING AND SITE SURPLUS TO EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS - ALBERT PRIMARY SCHOOL, AIRDRIE

9. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated April 2006 by the Director of Education proposing, for the reasons detailed therein, that the building and site at Albert Primary School, North Biggar Road, Airdrie, be declared surplus to educational requirements.

Decided:

- (1) that the building and site of Albert Primary School, Airdrie, as shown in the Annex attached to the report, be declared surplus to educational requirements, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Property) Sub-Committee for consideration.

BUILDING SURPLUS TO EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS - ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL, COATBRIDGE

10. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated April 2006 by the Director of Education proposing, for the reasons detailed therein, that the disused former PHEW building, but not the land thereon, located within the playground of St. Patrick's High School, Coatbridge, be declared surplus to requirements.

Decided:

- (1) that the disused former PHEW building, but not the land thereon, at St. Patrick's High School, Coatbridge, be declared surplus to the requirements of the Department of Education, and
- (2) that the report be referred to the Policy and Resources (Property) Sub-Committee for consideration.

DISUSED SCHOOLS

11. Arising from consideration of the item of business contained within the immediately preceding paragraph, the Committee (1) referred to the number of disused schools throughout North Lanarkshire; (2) expressed its concern about the length of time some lay derelict, and (3) enquired as to whether buildings that were not going to be disposed of in the immediate future could be demolished.

Decided: that a report on this matter be submitted by the Director of Education to a future meeting of this Sub-Committee.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/2006 - PERFORMANCE REVIEW

12. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated February 2006 by the Director of Education (1) summarising the performance of the Capital Programme for 2005/2006 in relation to major building programmes; (2) detailing, in Appendix 1 to the report, the progress of projects funded from outwith the mainline Capital Programme; (3) providing, in Appendix 2 to the report, detailed progress of projects which had been committed to date; (4) summarising, in Appendix 3 to the report, the progress of new capital programmes for 2005/2006, and (5) indicating that from a total allocation of £22,515,518, 118% had been committed and that the actual expenditure, to date, was 97% of these projects.

Decided:

- (1) that the financial performance of the 2005/2006 Major Building Programme be noted, and
- (2) that further reports on the programme be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT ARRANGED BY STRATHCLYDE PARTNERSHIP FOR TRANSPORT - CONTRACTS FOR THE PERIOD 2006/2009

13. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 April 2006 by the Director of Education (1) seeking approval for the school transport contracts negotiated by the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport on behalf of the Council for the period 2006/2009; (2) containing, in Appendix 1 to the report, details of the tenders received for school transport contracts; (3) providing, in Appendix 2 to the report, his recommendations in respect of each contract to be awarded; (4) outlining, in Appendix 3 to the report, the unsuccessful tenders which will require to be re-advertised, and (5) indicating that the current cost of the contracts was £707,830 and that from August 2006 the cost will decrease to £649,298 representing a saving of 8.27%.

Decided:

- (1) that the school transport contracts listed in Appendix 2 to the report be approved, and
 - (2) that the list of contracts to be re-advertised be noted.
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