

EXCERPT OF MINUTE OF MEETING OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 30 AUGUST 2006

COOK FREEZE FACILITY

15. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 31 August 2005, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 15 August 2006 by the Director of Community Services (1) referring to the closure of the cook freeze facility at New Stevenston Primary School; (2) advising that a Catering Working Group had been established to identify options for the relocation of the facility; (3) summarising the three options considered by the Working Group and recommendations in respect of each option, and (4) indicating that the Working Group had recommended that the cook freeze facility be relocated to Lammermoor Primary School in the summer of 2006 with the continuation of the service to the Council's facilities, as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the cook freeze facility be relocated to Lammermoor Primary School with the service continuing to be provided to the Council facilities listed in Appendices 1 and 2, and
- (2) that the report be referred to the Education (Resources) Sub-Committee for consideration.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT

To: COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: COOK FREEZE FACILITY
From: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Date: 15 AUGUST 2006	Ref: GP/BD	

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the progress of relocating the Cook Freeze Facility due to the closure of New Stevenson Primary School.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 As part of the Education 2010 PPP programme, New Stevenson Primary School is due to close in the summer of 2006 and amalgamate with St Patrick's Primary and library on a new joint campus site.

2.2 Consequently, the Cook Freeze facility will be closed and an alternative location is required.

2.3 Over a year, approximately 444,640 meals, snacks and homebaking items are prepared, cooked, frozen and delivered to 39 schools and leisure units.

2.4 A catering working group was formed to identify options for the relocation of the Cook Freeze facility in order to continue to provide a service.

3. CURRENT POSITION

3.1 The working group considered three options –

- (i) To close the facility
- (ii) To relocate to an industrial unit which could allow future expansion with an estimated cost of over £200,000.
- (iii) To relocate to another council facility which had the capacity to allow the current service to continue at an estimated cost of £ 126,611.32. The council facility identified was Lammermoor Primary, which had a vacant kitchen space, which could be utilised.

3.2 Option (i) to close the facility was rejected due to the improvements to the service quality site temperature of food and the presentation of food to the customers.

Option (ii) was also rejected due to the costs involved.

Option (iii) was the preferred option as the costs were the least expensive and the Cook Freeze facility would be retained within the council estate.

4. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no personnel implications, as the current staff will transfer to the new location.

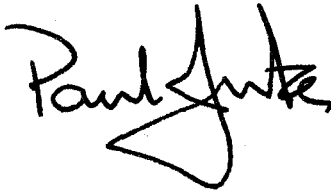
5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial resources will be provided from the Capital Programme.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 That Committee approve option to relocate the Cook Freeze facility to Lammermoor Primary school in the Summer of 2006 and continue to provide a service to the council facilities listed in Appendices 1 and 2.

6.2 That the report is presented to the Education Resources Committee

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Appendix 1

PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING MEALS/SNACKS FROM COOK FREEZE FACILITY

New Stevenson Primary
Newarthill Primary
Our Lady and St Francis Primary
Cleland Primary
St Mary's Primary
Newmains Primary
Cambusnethan Primary
Holy Family Primary
Mossend Primary
Old Monklands Primary
St Monicas Primary
Langloan Primary
Victoria Primary
Glengowan Primary
Shawhead Primary
Cathedral Primary
Knowetop Primary
St Theresa's Primary
Coltness Primary
Ladywell Primary
Logans Primary
Sacred Heart Primary
Greengairs Primary
Glencairn Primary
Keir Hardie Primary
Lammermoor Primary
Petersburn Primary

Appendix 2

OTHER COUNCIL LOCATIONS RECEIVING SNACKS/HOMEBAKING FROM COOK FREEZE FACILITY

Civic Centre, Motherwell
Palacerigg Country Park Coffee Shop
Tryst Sports Centre Café
Drumpellier Country Park Café
Summerlee Heritage Park Café
Wishaw Sports Centre Café
Bellshill Cultural Centre Café
Motherwell Library Coffee Shop
Strathclyde Country Park Coffee Shop
Sir Matt Busby Café
Wishaw Library Coffee Shop

Social Work – Stewarton House