

Motherwell, 12 October 2006 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the EDUCATION (RESOURCES) SUB-COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Morgan, Convener, Councillors Curley, McAuley, McCulloch, McKeown, Moran, Murray, Robertson and Stocks.

CHAIR

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Manager; Head of Education Provision; Head of Design Services; Head of Facility Support Services; Assistant Principal Officer – Contracts/Provisions Section, Education Officer, Senior Accountant and Accountant.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr J. Robbins, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Gray, H. McGuigan and Sullivan.

SCHOOL JANITORIAL SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT - PERFORMANCE REVIEW

1. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 11 September 2006 by the Directors of Education and Community Services reviewing the performance of the school janitorial service for the period from April to August 2006.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the school janitorial service for the period from April to August 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 11 September 2006 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the school cleaning contract for the period from April to August 2006, and (2) providing a budgetary analysis of the contract together with explanations on the variances from the projected budget expenditure.

Decided:

- (1) that the performance of the school cleaning contract for the period from April to August 2006 be noted, and

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

SCHOOL CATERING CONTRACT – PERFORMANCE REVIEW

3. There was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 15 September 2006 by the Directors of Education and Community Services (1) reviewing the performance of the school catering contract for the period from April to August 2006; (2) providing an analysis of uptake of school meals in primary and secondary schools and the budget performance for the period in comparison to 2005/2006, 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 to August 2006 be noted;
- (2) that the Director of Education submit a full report on the provision of the Cashless Meals System in schools to a future meeting of this Sub-Committee, and
- (3) that further performance reports on the contract be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2005/2007 – PERFORMANCE REVIEW

4. There were submitted a report (docketed) dated 11 September 2006 and the Appendix to the report (tabled) by the Director of Education (1) reviewing the performance of the Education Maintenance Allowance Scheme for the period from April to September 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;
- (2) that further performance reports be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee, and
- (3) that the Director of Education write to the Scottish Executive expressing the Council's concerns regarding the threshold limits of the Education Maintenance Allowance Scheme.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/2007 – PERFORMANCE REVIEW

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 29 September 2006 by the Director of Education (1) summarising the performance of the Capital Programme for 2006/2007 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, and (4) indicating that from a total allocation of £15.77m, 77% had been committed and that the actual expenditure, to date, was 39.7% of these projects.

Decided:

- (1) that the financial performance of the 2006/2007 Major Buildings Programme be noted, and
- (2) that further reports on the Programme be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.
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BUILDING AND SITE SURPLUS TO EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS - CROY NURSERY SCHOOL, CROY

6. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated September 2006 by the Director of Education proposing, for the reasons detailed therein, that the disused building and site at Croy Nursery School, Macsparran Road, Croy, as outlined in the Appendix to the report, be declared surplus to educational requirements.

Decided:

- (1) that the disused building and site at Croy Nursery School, Macsparran Road, Croy, as shown in the Appendix 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.

SEAT BELTS/CHILD RESTRAINTS – NEW LEGISLATION

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 October 2006 by the Director of Education (1) outlining the changes to the Regulations covering seat belts and child restraints on taxis, minibuses, buses and coaches which came into effect on 18 September 2006, and (2) intimating that all operators providing transport for pupils on mainstream and additional needs contracts had been advised that the legislation applied to all contracts operated by them and that the conditions of contract would be amended to incorporate the new legislation.

Decided:

- (1) that the changes in legislation affecting the use of child restraints in vehicles transporting pupils on mainstream and additional support needs contracts, be noted, and
- (2) that the Director of Education submit a further report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee detailing the effects and implications of the new legislation.

REMITS FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 30 AUGUST 2006

(1) COOK FREEZE FACILITY

8. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 30 August 2006, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 15 August 2006 by the Director of Community Services regarding the relocation of the cook freeze facility from New Stevenston Primary School, New Stevenston to Lammermoor Primary School, Wishaw, and which had been remitted to this Sub-Committee for its information.

Decided: that the report be noted.

(2) TRAINING KITCHEN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CATERING CRAFT SKILLS

9. With reference to paragraph 16 of the Minute of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 30 August 2006, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 15 August 2006 by the Director of Community Services regarding the development of a craft training kitchen for catering employees within Muirhouse Primary School, Motherwell, and which had been remitted to this Sub-Committee for its information.

Decided: that the report be noted.

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

10. With reference to paragraph 16 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 17 August 2006, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 11 September 2006 by the Director of Education (1) providing, in Appendix 1 to the report, details of additional school transport contracts for the period 2006/09 which had been received by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport for the period 2006/2009, and (2) advising, for the reasons detailed therein, that he had instructed Strathclyde Partnership for Transport to accept the offers detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

Decided: that it be noted that the Director of Education had instructed Strathclyde Partnership for Transport to accept the offers detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

FINAL MEASUREMENTS

11. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 10 August 2006 by the Director of Housing and Property Services (1) detailing final measurements for 52 school building maintenance contracts, and (2) advising that the total tender value for the projects was £12,736,001.16 compared with the final cost of £13,198,664.74.

Decided: that the final measurements, as detailed within the report, be noted.

SCHOOL BUILDING MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS - ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS

12. There were submitted reports by the Director of Housing and Property Services (1) providing details of tenders received for various school building contracts, and (2) advising that, following consultation with the Convener, the Director of Administration had accepted the lowest tender for each of the projects, all in terms of his delegated powers and as detailed below:-

- (a) the lowest tender for the replacement of windows at Cumbernauld High School, Cumbernauld which was, after checking, that submitted by Century 21 Replacement Windows Company Limited, in the sum of £100,625;
- (b) the lowest tender for the replacement of windows at Old Monkland Primary School, Coatbridge which was, after checking, that submitted by Avonholm Windows Limited, in the sum of £84,047, and
- (c) the lowest tender for the replacement of windows at Kildrum Primary School, Cumbernauld which was, after checking, that submitted by Avonholm Windows Limited, in the amended sum of £103,156.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the reports by the Director of Housing and Property Services be noted, and
- (2) that the action taken by the Director of Administration, following consultation with the Convener, in accepting each of the tenders, be noted.