

Motherwell, 1 March 2017 at 3 pm.

A Special Meeting of the EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor McNally, Convener; Councillor McGuigan, Vice-Convener; Provost Robertson; Councillors Baird, Bonnar, Curran, Hume, Johnston, Kelly, Logue, Lyle, Masterton, McAnulty, McCabe, McGlinchey, McKendrick, McPake, A. McVey, H. McVey, Morgan, Shields, Stevenson, Stocks, Annette Valentine and Wallace; Mr. J. Duffin, Mr. D. Hannan and Mr. J. Love, and Mr. P. Cullen.

CHAIR

Councillor McNally (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Assistant Chief Executive (Education, Skills and Youth Employment); Chief Accountable Officer; Head of Education (Skills, Lifelong Learning and Youth Employment); Head of Resource Solutions; Head of Business for Financial Solutions; Acting Head of Education (Standards and Inclusion); Education Officer (Contracts); Community Learning and Inclusion Manager; Quality Assurance and Support Manager, and Committee Officer.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Docherty, Harmon, McLaren and Sullivan.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. The Committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the Order of Business as hereinafter minuted.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ACADEMY - VISION AND AMBITIONS FOR NORTH LANARKSHIRE

2. There was submitted a joint report dated 14 February 2017 by the Head of Education (Skills, Lifelong Learning and Youth Employment) and the Chief Accountable Officer (1) advising that a key pillar of the Integrated Workforce Plan of Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire entailed the development of a Health and Social Care Academy in North Lanarkshire; (2) intimating that research and workforce analysis had shown that there would be a dearth of skilled staff in the Health and Social Care Sector, unless steps were taken to now invest in the workforce of the future; (3) setting out, in Section 3 of the report, the vision for the development of the Care Academy, the concept of which was "to encourage more residents of North Lanarkshire to choose a career in Health and Social Care"; (4) informing that it was intended (a) that the Care Academy would develop and promote a range of entry routes into health and social care roles that would offer sustainable jobs, with opportunities and progression pathways, and (b) that Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire would work in partnership with NHS Lanarkshire, the Council, the Third Sector, Further and Higher education, and schools to further develop its workforce and provide local employment opportunities; (5) outlining details of the South East Scotland Academies Partnership, a multi-agency strategic partnership which delivered a variety of blended learning opportunities in the senior phase of school learning which formed part of the normal course choice in schools, and (6) recommending (a) that the vision for the development of the Care Academy be approved; (b) that a feasibility study be carried out into the setting up of an Academies Partnership along similar lines to the South East Scotland Academies Partnership, and (c)

that a Partnership Group, comprising representatives from the Council, the Integration Joint Board, Schools, Further and Higher Education, Skills Development Scotland, the Scottish Funding Council, Carers Organisations and the Third Sector, be established to oversee the development of the Care Academy.

Decided:

- (1) that the vision for the development of a Health and Social Care Academy in North Lanarkshire, as outlined in the report, be approved;
- (2) that a feasibility study be carried out on the setting up of an Academies Partnership for North Lanarkshire along similar lines to the South East Scotland Academies Partnership, and
- (3) that a Partnership Group, comprising representatives from the Council, the Integration Joint Board, Schools, Further and Higher Education, Skills Development Scotland, the Scottish Funding Council, Carers Organisations and the Third Sector, be established to oversee the development of the Care Academy.

VOLUNTARY ACTION NORTH LANARKSHIRE – ALLOCATION OF FUNDING 2017 / 18 , AND OUTCOME OF THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S REVIEW OF THIRD SECTOR INTERFACE ORGANISATIONS

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Committee held on 22 March 2016, when the Committee had agreed (1) that the Service Level Agreement between the Council and Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire (VANL) in relation to the representation of the interests of, and the provision of support to, Community and Voluntary Organisations within North Lanarkshire be continued for 2016/17, at a funding level of £260,474, and (2) that further reports be submitted to future meetings of the Committee (a) providing details of the achievements, progress against outputs and use of funds on a six monthly basis, and (b) advising of the outcome of the review which was currently being undertaken by the Scottish Government on the Third Sector Interface Network Model, there was submitted a report dated 9 January 2017 by the Head of Education (Skills, Lifelong Learning and Youth Employment) (A) providing details therein of 1) the operating context of VANL, as the Third Sector Interface (TSI) operating within North Lanarkshire, and 2) the objectives of the Service Level Agreement between the Council and VANL, and the performance framework; (B) setting out, in Appendix 1 to the report, an extract from the VANL six monthly progress report, covering the period from 1 April to 20 September 2016, which outlined progress made against specified targets; (C) setting out, in Appendix 2 to the report, an Executive Summary of the Scottish Government's Evaluation of Scotland's TSI Network Model and Voluntary Action Scotland; (D) advising 1) that the Scottish Government's report made 18 recommendations for improvements in relation to Voluntary Action Scotland and the TSI organisations; 2) that the primary recommendation was that the core purpose of the TSIs in the future should be on becoming a strategic vehicle for Third Sector involvement in Community Planning and integration; 3) that during the course of the following six months, the Scottish Government would give further consideration, in consultation with stakeholders, as to how the Third Sector infrastructure was organised, with a view to creating a greater understanding amongst partners of the value of the TSI and the sector to the delivery of local outcomes, and 4) that on publication of the findings of the Scottish Government's engagement with stakeholders, a further report on the implications and impact of the improvement proposals on the arrangements in North Lanarkshire would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee; (E) proposing that the level of funding for VANL for 2017/18 be adjusted to reflect the impact of the reduction in funding from the Scottish Government to the Council in 2017/18, which, in effect, would equate to an allocation of £250,576, and (F) indicating that the Service Level Agreement for 2017/18 would be reviewed to reflect performance against targets for 2016/17, and take account of legislative changes, the Council's priorities and community planning priorities.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made by VANL during the period from 1 April to 20 September 2016, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that funding of £250,576 be allocated to VANL for 2017/18, and
- (3) that it be noted that a further report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee on the outcome of the wider stakeholder engagement by the Scottish Government regarding the TSI.

GRANT AWARDS PROGRAMME 2017 / 18 - APPLICATIONS FROM VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

4. There was submitted a report dated 20 February 2017 by the Head of Education (Skills, Lifelong Learning and Youth Employment) (1) advising that 79 applications had been received from Voluntary and Community Organisations for annual funding from the Grant Awards Programme for 2017/18; (2) intimating that each of the 79 applications received had been assessed, based on the previously approved grant scoring system which, along with the findings from the assessments and ongoing monitoring, informed on the prioritisation of the applications in relation to the impact on the Council's priorities, public sector equality duties and geographical targeting; (3) indicating (a) that based on this assessment process, applications fell into five bandings, and (b) that the applications had been dealt with in two categories, depending on whether they were applications for continued funding or new applications for funding; (4) informing that, in order to be in a position to advise applicants of the outcome of their application in advance of the start of the new financial year, it had been necessary to prepare recommendations in advance of the Council setting its budget for 2017/18; (5) stating that, as a result, recommendations for grant awards had been made against a standstill budget of £980,895 (Option 1), and a reduced budget of £860,985 (Option 2); (6) setting out (a) in Appendix 1 to the report, details of recommendations of grant awards totalling £953,088 against the standstill budget, and (b) in Appendix 2 to the report, details of recommendations of grant awards totalling £847,040 against the reduced budget; (7) advising, also, that five applications were still under consideration, and that a further report thereon would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee, and (8) recommending that consideration be given to either Option 1 or Option 2 for grant awards under the Programme in light of the Council's budget for 2017/18.

Thereon, the Community Learning and Inclusion Manager orally advised the Committee (1) that the Council, at its Special meeting on 23 February 2017, had approved the Council budget for 2017/18; (2) that, as part of the budget savings package, the Council had agreed that savings of £120,000 would be delivered via a review of the level of grant funding available within the Grant Awards Programme, and (3) that, as a consequence, it was now recommended that Option 2, with the reduced budget of £860,985, be approved.

Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Baird, moved, in terms of Standing Order No. 51, that Standing Order No. 31 be suspended to allow consideration of the grants based on the pre-budget figure of £980,895.

On a vote being taken, the motion for the suspension of Standing Orders was defeated by 15 votes to 9 votes and thus failed to obtain the necessary support of two thirds of Members present and voting.

Decided:

- (1) that the recommendations for annual funding from the 2017/18 Grant Awards Programme to support Voluntary and Community Organisations totalling £847,040, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report and as detailed in the Annex to this Minute, be approved, and

- (2) that it be noted that the Head of Education (Skills, Lifelong Learning and Youth Employment) would submit a further report to a future meeting of the Committee on the five outstanding applications from Voluntary and Community Organisations.

Councillor Johnston requested that his dissent be recorded.

REMITTS FROM THE SCHOOLS AND CENTRES 21 MEMBER/OFFICER WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2017 – SCHOOLS AND CENTRES 21 PROGRAMME

(1) UPDATE ON CURRENT PROGRAMME OF WORKS

5. There was submitted, in terms of a remit from the Schools and Centres 21 Member/Officer Working Group, at its meeting held on 24 February 2017, a report dated 10 February 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Education, Youth and Communities) (1) providing an update on current projects within Phase 2 of the Schools and Centres 21 Programme; (2) intimating that the following projects were approaching Financial Close:- (a) Cumbernauld Academy and Cumbernauld Theatre; (b) St. Dominic's Primary School, Airdrie; (c) the shared campus for St. Edward's Primary School and Tollbrae Primary School, and (d) the amalgamated Dunrobin Primary School and Petersburn Primary School; (3) indicating that reports seeking authority to conclude Financial Close for each of these projects would be submitted to the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee, and (4) advising of the commencement of the procurement process for the appointment of Professional Services to design the new build Forgewood Nursery project.

Decided: that the report be noted.

(2) PHASE 3 INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – FORWARD PLANNING

6. There was submitted, in terms of a remit from the Schools and Centres 21 Member/Officer Working Group, at its meeting held on 24 February 2017, a report dated 10 February 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Education, Youth and Communities) (1) providing details therein of an indicative funding package of up to £53m, which may be available over the forthcoming five to six year period, to progress the first stage of the development of Phase 3 of the Schools and Centres 21 Programme; (2) advising that, in light of the current emerging issues across the school estate of North Lanarkshire, the following areas had been identified for consideration for further work ahead of a future Phase 3 Programme, those being (a) the review of the Northern Corridor and Glenboig; (b) the review of the primary school estate in Bellshill, and (c) the review of the primary school estate in Newmains and Morningside; (3) intimating (a) that as the projects moved forward, they would be procured through the Schools and Centres 21 Framework Agreement with a value of £200m, as approved by the former Learning and Leisure Services Committee at its meeting held on 30 April 2013, and (b) that the Council, at its meeting on 14 February 2013, had set an internal funding cap of £100m on the Programme, as part of the review budget planning at that time, and (4) recommending (a) that the indicative funding package for Phase 3 of the Programme be noted; (b) that projects at Chryston Primary School and Gartcosh Primary School be given priority within the Northern Corridor; (c) that, following a review of the availability of land in the Bellshill area, a shared campus for Sacred Heart Primary School and Lawmuir Primary School be progressed; (d) that it be noted that a report seeking authority to carry out a statutory consultation exercise in respect of a proposal to relocate Newmains Primary School for co-location with St. Brigid's Primary School on a shared campus would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee; (e) that it be noted that other consultation reports would be submitted to future meetings of the Committee, as and when required; (f) that it be noted that reports on funding allocations and emerging issues across the school estate, together with the final cost implications of projects would be submitted to future meetings of the Schools and Centres 21 Member/Officer Working Group, and (g) that the report be referred to a future meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration of the remaining investment value of the £200m Schools and Centres 21 Programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the indicative funding package of up to £53m for Phase 3 of the Schools and Centres 21 Programme, as outlined in the report, be noted;
- (2) that projects at Chryston Primary School and Gartcosh Primary School be given priority within the Northern Corridor;
- (3) that, following a review of the availability of land in the Bellshill area, a shared campus for Sacred Heart Primary School and Lawmuir Primary School be progressed;
- (4) that it be noted that a report seeking authority to carry out a statutory consultation exercise in respect of a proposal to relocate Newmains Primary School for co-location with St. Brigid's Primary School on a shared campus would be submitted to a future meeting of the Education Committee;
- (5) that it be noted that other consultation reports would be submitted to future meetings of the Committee, as and when required;
- (6) that it be noted that reports on funding allocations and emerging issues across the school estate, together with the final cost implications for the projects listed in the report, would be submitted to future meetings of the Schools and Centres 21 Member/Officer Working Group, and
- (7) that the report be referred to the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration of the remaining investment value of the £200m Schools and Centres 21 Programme.

Convener's Remarks

The Convener intimated that, as this was the last meeting of the Committee prior to the Council Elections, he wished to thank Members and Officers for their contribution to the work of the Committee over the last five years, and, in particular, he wished to thank Councillor McGuigan for his assistance as Vice-Convener.

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ANNEX

Organisation	Area or Locality	2016-2017 Award £	2017-2018 Request £	2017-2018 Recommendation £
BAND 1 – Scores of 1 to 3 – 5% Reduction				
Airdrie Craft Group	Airdrie	2,759	5,308	2,621
Bazooka Arts	NL Wide	7,394	46,200	7,024
Bellshill and Mossend YMCA	Bellshill	20,384	29,848	19,364
Deafblind Scotland	NL Wide	4,973	7,613	4,724
Deaf Services Lanarkshire	Coatbridge	5,925	48,000	5,628
Elutheria Limited (The Safety Zone)	Coatbridge	18,037	50,000	17,135
Focus Youth Project	Bellshill	162,333	162,333	154,216
Headway North Lanarkshire	Wishaw	1,651	9,893	1,568
Jack and Jill Support Group	Bellshill	5,338	25,128	5,071
Kirkshaws Neighbourhood Centre	Coatbridge	73,049	73,049	69,396
Lanarkshire Chinese Association	NL Wide	1,580	2,700	1,501
Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership	Coatbridge	16,345	27,500	15,527
Lanarkshire Ethnic Minority Action Group	NL Wide	n/a	1,500	1,500
Lanarkshire Rape Crisis Centre	NL Wide	8,894	17,240	8,449
Lead Scotland	Motherwell	37,525	49,979	35,648
MADE4U IN ML2	Wishaw	20,405	49,779	19,384
Nifty Fifties	Coatbridge	841	7,364	1,000
North Lanarkshire Disability Access Panel	Airdrie	n/a	1,770	1,770
Parent Action for Safe Play	Coatbridge	61,686	61,686	58,601
Parkinson's Self Help Group (North Lanarkshire)	Airdrie	9,906	20,273	9,410
Scottish Refugee Council	NL Wide	8,420	11,876	7,999
Scottish Spina Bifida Association	North	3,950	7,500	3,752
Terence Higgins Trust Scotland	NL Wide	5,424	8,247	5,152
The Haven Caring Counselling Communication Centre	Wishaw	4,000	19,902	3,800
Utheo Limited (Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre)	Bellshill	67,367	67,367	63,998
Victim Support Scotland	Motherwell	12,514	24,807	11,888

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Viewpark Family Centre Association Limited	Bellshill	28,300	40,000	26,885
VIP Arts and Sports Academy	Bellshill	7,900	50,000	7,505
BAND 2 – Scores of 4 to 6 – 10% Reduction				
Benhar Youth and Activities Club	Wishaw	3,996	6,719	3,596
Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland - Lanarkshire Team	NL Wide	2,453	7,500	2,207
Digital Links Project	Airdrie	3,396	2,930	2,930
Ethnic Minorities Law Centre	NL Wide	23,982	30,157	21,583
Family Mediation West	NL Wide	7,619	10,325	6,857
Friends of Airdrie and Coatbridge Islamic Centre	Airdrie	2,800	5,000	2,520
Glenboig Neighbourhood House	Coatbridge	19,476	50,000	17,528
Glenmavis Development Project	Airdrie	1,997	5,000	1,797
Jackson Youth Group	Airdrie	1,315	4,995	1,183
LAMH Recycle Limited	Motherwell	15,405	38,305	13,864
Lanarkshire Hindu Welfare Association	NL Wide	1,185	2,750	1,066
Lanarkshire Muslim Welfare Society	Bellshill	10,466	50,000	9,419
Landed Peer Education Service	Wishaw	n/a	36,545	2,000
Newmains Community Trust Limited	Wishaw	4,000	39,882	3,600
North Lanarkshire Muslim Women and Family Alliance	Coatbridge	4,560	14,500	4,104
NSPCC Scotland	NL Wide	2,318	3,200	2,086
One Parent Families Scotland	NL Wide	1,580	1,995	1,422
Parkinson's Self Help Group (Motherwell)	Motherwell	6,601	9,000	5,940
Radio Clyde Cash for Kids	NL Wide	5,398	15,000	4,858
Reeltime Music	Motherwell	15,033	35,000	13,529
Relationship Scotland – Couple Counselling Lanarkshire	NL Wide	1,853	4,500	1,667
Simon Community Scotland	NL Wide	2,500	5,724	2,250
SoundSational Community Music Limited	Bellshill	6,080	20,000	5,472
St Aidan's Youth Group	Wishaw	771	8,695	1,000

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Organisation	Area or Locality	2016-2017 Award £	2017-2018 Request £	2017-2018 Recommendation £
BAND 3 – Scores of 7 to 10 – 15% Reduction				
Banton and Kelvinhead Community Centre Association	North	2,208	2,500	1,876
Cumbernauld YMCA-YWCA	North	40,938	50,000	34,797
Kilsyth Old People's Welfare Committee	North	640	4,000	1,000
Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust	Wishaw	7,880	20,780	6,698
Lanarkshire Deaf Club	Motherwell	6,171	15,795	5,245
Longriggend Village Association	Airdrie	2,188	4,800	1,859
Monklands Elderly Asian Group	Coatbridge	3,752	3,825	3,189
Sikeside and Greenend Education Centre	Coatbridge	29,827	34,500	25,352
The Health and Wellness Hub	Motherwell	3,950	16,900	3,357
The Spark (Scottish Marriage Care)	NL Wide	2,698	18,136	2,293
BAND 4 – Scores of 11 to 14 – 20% Reduction				
Craigneuk Lifelong Learning Association	Motherwell	37,074	50,000	29,659
Glencassels Community Development Project	Motherwell	22,903	31,526	18,322
The Firpark Alma Club	Motherwell	1,710	2,553	1,368
West of Scotland Playscheme Advisory Forum	NL Wide	£2,496 + £7,035 direct to SPT for Travel Passes	£5,850 + £8,613 direct to SPT for Travel Passes	£1,996 + up to £7,035 direct to SPT for Travel Passes
BAND 5 – Not Recommended for Funding				
Dalziel St. Andrew's Parish Church	Motherwell	n/a	1,900	Nil
Early Years Scotland	NL Wide	n/a	47,294	Nil
Impact Arts Limited	NL Wide	n/a	46,479	Nil
Liber8 Lanarkshire	Bellshill	n/a	45,400	Nil
Love Learning Scotland	Bellshill	n/a	49,910	Nil
Scoil Rince Higgins Irish Dance	Airdrie	n/a	24,200	Nil
The Children's Food Trust	NL Wide	n/a	35,695	Nil
The Princes Trust Scotland	NL Wide	n/a	25,036	Nil