1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Strategic Policy Committee (Education) of 9 September 2004 were approved as a correct record.

2. GLENCRUITTEN HOSTEL

The Committee considered a report which outlined the current position in relation to places at Glencruitten Hostel and outlined a plan to respond to the anticipated under capacity.

Decision

Noted the position in respect of the Hostel and agreed the proposal to build a modular building on the current site to cope with the under capacity.

(Ref: Report by Director of Community Services dated 13 September 2004, submitted)

3. STANDARDISATION OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Committee considered a report which advised of a request received from the Convention of Local Authorities (COSLA) for views on the standardisation of school holidays across Scotland.

Decision

Agreed to advise COSLA that Argyll and Bute Council does not favour a standardisation of school holidays, on the basis that individual Councils should continue to be able to determine school holiday dates in a manner which reflects local circumstances.

(Ref: Report by Director of Community Services dated 20 October 2004, submitted)