The Chairman ruled, and the Committee agreed, that the business dealt with at items 2 and 4 of this minute be taken as a matter of urgency by reason of the need to take a decision on the Gaelic Provision at a Joint Campus in Oban and on the NPDO Project Scope.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Special Committee on Education NPDO of 13 October 2004 were approved as a correct record.

2. PROVISION OF GAELIC AT THE PROPOSED JOINT CAMPUS IN OBAN

The Committee considered a report which advised of a situation that had arisen recently with regard to the provision for Gaelic Education at the proposed joint campus in Oban.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report and agreed that the additional provision should be incorporated immediately.

(Ref: Report by Project Director dated October 2004, tabled)

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following two items of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 and 9 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
3. **LOCHGILPHEAD HIGH SCHOOL - SPORTS PROVISION**

The Committee considered a report which outlined the options and cost implications with regard to the Mid-Argyll Sports Centre.

**Decision**

Agreed:-

1. That the facilities to be provided at the Lochgilphead Joint Campus be extended to include the additional facilities as detailed at Appendix 2 of the submitted report.

2. To recommend to the Strategic Policy Committee (Education) that, at the appropriate time, the buildings/site of the existing sports centre and school be disposed of.

(Ref: Joint report by the Director of Community Services and the Head of Strategic Finance dated 11 November 2004, tabled)

4. **NPDO PROJECT SCOPE**

The Committee considered the question of expected slippage in the project beyond end 2004.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the slippage in the project to allow completion of all costings and value for money calculations and agreed the project scope now identified and additional requirements anticipated.

(Ref: Oral update by the Chairman)