

**MINUTES of MEETING of STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE (EDUCATION) held in the COUNCIL
CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on THURSDAY, 5 MAY 2005**

Present: Councillor Allan Macaskill (Chair)

Councillor Robin Banks	Councillor Robert Macintyre
Councillor George Freeman	Councillor James McQueen
Councillor Ian Gillies	Councillor Dick Walsh
Councillor Alison Hay	Margaret Anderson
Councillor Daniel Kelly	Jane Brown
Councillor Bruce Marshall	Charlotte Hanbury
Councillor Duncan MacIntyre	

Also Present: Councillor Rory Colville Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Donald MacMillan Councillor Elaine Robertson

Attending: James McLellan, Chief Executive
Douglas Hendry, Director of Community Services
David Logan, Governance and Risk Manager

Apologies: Councillor Alastair McKinlay Fiona Fisher
Maureen Arthur

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Strategic Policy Committee (Education) of 17 March 2005 were approved as a correct record and the following point was noted:

NPDO

A seminar on the NPDO project would be held for all Members and a report would be brought to the next Council meeting on 26 May 2005 prior to financial close.

2. POLICY FOR HEALTHY EATING AND NUTRITION IN EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS

A proposed policy for Healthy Eating and Nutrition in Educational Establishments was considered by the Committee.

Decision

To endorse the policy for Healthy Eating and Nutrition for Schools in Argyll and Bute subject to the following amendment:-

On page 12 of the Policy document under point 6.6 Support for developing good practice – add “Community Supported Agriculture” to the list.

(Ref: Report by Director of Community Services dated March 2005, submitted).

3. SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS: 2006/2007

The Committee was asked to agree a framework for the main school holiday periods in Argyll and Bute into which other related dates – in-service days and local holidays set by School Boards – will be incorporated. The framework had been prepared taking account of the arrangements outlined by other Authorities.

Decision

1. To agree to accept the proposals for school holiday arrangements in session 2006/07.
2. That the incorporation of in-service days be agreed by the Director and the additional holidays set by School Boards be intimated to Area Committees.
3. That the final patterns of school holiday and in-service days be circulated widely thereafter to all interested parties.

(Ref: Report by Director of Community Services dated 25 February 2005, submitted).

4. ALLOCATION OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT GRANT BUDGET FOR 2005-6

The Committee considered a report recommending the allocation of the Education Development Grant Budgets for 2005/06. A total of £14,147 had been distributed on the basis of a Service Level Agreement for 3 years from April 2004 leaving a balance of £98,743. This would allow an allocation of £23,642 to each of the 4 administrative areas of the Council with £4,175 being held centrally for allocation to National and Argyll and Bute wide organisations.

Decision

That the balance of £4,175 in the Central Education Development Grant Budget be allocated to YouthLink, the Prince's Trust and Childline on the following basis:-

Organisation	Grant Awarded
YouthLink	£1,175
The Prince's Trust	£2,600
Childline	£400
TOTAL	£4,175

(Ref: Report by Director of Community Services dated 18 March 2005, submitted).