

THE MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES GENERAL PURPOSES SUB-COMMITTEE

FRIDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2008

COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillors J Hamilton (Chairman), A McKay, I Young, B Jarvis, and Councillor D Stewart (Substituting for Councillor G McDonald).

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Educational Support Services, Ms J Goodbrand, Administrative Officer, Mrs D Brands, Principal Accountant, Mrs R Gunn, Senior Solicitor (Litigation & Licensing and Mrs S Kennedy, Committee Services Officer who acted as Clerk to the Meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors J Russell, M Shand, G McDonald, Ms F Wardhaugh and Mrs A MacLennan.

1. DECLARATION OF GROUP DECISIONS

In terms of the relevant Standing Order 20 and the Councillor's Code of Conduct the meeting noted that there were no declarations from Group Leaders or spokespersons in regard to any prior decisions taken on how members will vote on any item on the agenda.

2. EXEMPT INFORMATION

The Meeting agreed, in terms of Section 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, that the public and media representatives be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the item of business appearing at the relevant paragraph of this Minute as specified below so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the appropriate paragraph of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Para No. of Minute

Para No. of Schedule 7A

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3. MORAY AND NAIRN EDUCATIONAL TRUST: PREFERENCES

There was submitted a report by the Director of Educational Services providing the Sub-Committee with details of Preference Grant requests for the current year.

Following consideration the Sub-Committee, in its capacity as Governors of the Trust, approved the requests for Preference Grants as outlined in Appendix 1 & 2 of the report.

4. MORAY AND NAIRN EDUCATIONAL TRUST: APPLICATIONS (PARA 4)

There was submitted a report by the Director of Educational Services providing the Sub-Committee with information and seeking decisions on applications to the Moray & Nairn Educational Trust for the current year, details of which were set out in Appendix 3 to the report. There was also appended to

the report as Appendices 1 and 2 respectively details of the criteria and estimated accounts for the financial year 2007/08.

The meeting noted an anomaly in Appendix 3 relating to Application MN07-40 and that the correct figure should be £2000.

The Administrative Officer drew Members attention to paragraph 3.6 of the report where grant exceeds the funds available for the Trust and advised that there were no set guidelines for this and so in accepting the recommended grants Members would be exercising their discretion as trustees relative to the level of grant to be awarded. She advised that the restrictions recommended were necessary only because the conditions in Appendix 1 had not kept pace with inflation and that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of this Sub-Committee with recommended updated conditions. She also advised the meeting that the 'Simpson Bursary Degree, Diploma and Certificate' added in 1982 had been omitted from the report. She further advised that this bursary is for students resident in the former County Council of Moray, Duthil and Abernethy studying a degree or diploma with a preference for orphans or one parent families and permission to advertise this grant was sought on the basis that this bursary would be included in the next annual report to the Committee which was likely to be prepared in October or November 2008.

Thereafter the Sub-Committee, in its capacity as Governors of the Trust approved the awards for applications for the current year as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report subject to the amendment of figures in Appendix 3. The Sub-Committee further agreed that the 'Simpson' Bursary be advertised.