

THE MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MORAY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL 2010

COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillors G McIntyre (Convener), L Bell, G Coull, S Cree, J Divers, J Hamilton, J Hogg, G Leadbitter, J MacKay, A McDonald, E McGillivray, A McKay, F Murdoch, I Ogilvie, P Paul, D Ross, J Russell, M Shand and R Shepherd.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Director of Educational Services, the Head of Financial Services, Mr A McEachan, Principal Solicitor (Commercial & Conveyancing) the Chief Legal Officer, Mr A Oliver, PPP Project Manager and the Committee Services Officer, Clerk to the Meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors A Wright (Depute Convener), B Jarvis, M McConachie, G McDonald, J Sharp, D Stewart and I Young.

1. DECLARATION OF GROUP DECISIONS

In terms of Standing Order 20 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct the meeting noted 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 nor any declarations of Members Interest in respect of any Item on the Agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF PPP FINAL BUSINESS CASE AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO FINALISE CONTRACT

There was submitted a report by the Director of Educational Services inviting the Council to approve the Pre-Financial Close Key Stage Review and Final Business Case for the Council's Schools PPP Project and to grant delegated authority to Officers of the Council to complete negotiations and finalise the contract

Following discussion the Committee agreed to accept the recommendations of the PPP Project Board and agreed to:

- (i) approve the Pre-Financial Close Key Stage Review and Final Business Case documents and agrees that these documents be submitted to the Scottish Government to seek approval to proceed with the Schools PPP Project; and
- (ii) grant delegated authority to the Chief Legal Officer, Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Educational Services or their representative to conclude the arrangements with the Contractor (the Preferred Bidder), and to proceed to financial closure of the project.