

# CLYDE VALLEY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT JOINT COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 13 June 2011

## **Convener:**

Councillor Denis McKenna, South Lanarkshire Council

## **Councillors Present:**

East Renfrewshire: Alan Lafferty

Glasgow City: Paul Rooney

## **Councillors' Apologies:**

East Dunbartonshire: Jim Gibbons and Rhondda Geekie (Substitute)

Inverclyde: Iain McKenzie and Gerry Dorrian (Substitute)

North Lanarkshire: Jean Jones and Bob Chadha (Substitute)

Renfrewshire: Lorraine Cameron and James McQuade (Substitute)

West Dunbartonshire: Jonathan McColl and Patrick McGlinchey (Substitute)

## **Attending:**

### **Clerk's Office**

Robert McIlwain, Clerk; Stuart McLeod, Administration Officer, South Lanarkshire Council

### **Treasurer's Office**

Amanda Murray, Finance Adviser, South Lanarkshire Council

## **Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project**

Gerry Farrell, Project Manager

Margaret Quinn, Project Development Officer

## **Project Implementation Steering Group**

Leeanne Galasso, East Dunbartonshire Council

Pauline Cameron, East Renfrewshire Council

Sharon McKechnie, Glasgow City Council

Heather Liddle, North Lanarkshire Council

Michael Moran, Renfrewshire Council

Gill Bhatti (Chair), South Lanarkshire Council

## **Also Attending:**

Felix Haggerty, Social Work Training and Development Manager, Renfrewshire Council

Tony Mackie, Social Work Training Manager, Glasgow City Council

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## **1 Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

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## **2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee held on 13 March 2011 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

**The Joint Committee decided:** that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

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### **3 Revenue Budget Monitoring 2011/2012 - Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee**

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A report dated 25 May 2011 by the Treasurer to the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee was submitted comparing actual expenditure at 13 May 2011 against budgeted expenditure for the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee's revenue budget, together with a forecast for the year to 31 March 2012.

**The Joint Committee decided:**

- (1) that the breakeven position on the Revenue Budget be noted; and
- (2) that the forecast of a breakeven position at 31 March 2012 be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 14 March 2011 (Paragraph 3)]*

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### **4 2010/2011 Annual Report and Accounts - Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee**

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A report dated 25 May 2011 by the Treasurer to the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee was submitted on the final Accounts of the Joint Committee for the year ending 31 March 2011.

The Annual Report and Accounts, attached as an appendix to the report, detailed the revenue account and balance sheet to 31 March 2011 for the Joint Committee. The Accounts showed that the Joint Committee's total revenue expenditure had amounted to £0.325 million in 2010/2011 and had been met by other income of £0.325 million resulting in a breakeven position.

The Accounts had been passed to the external auditor for consideration.

**The Joint Committee decided:** that the Annual Report and Accounts for the Joint Committee for year ended 31 March 2011 be approved.

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### **5 Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project - Shared Services in Social Care**

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A report dated 2 June 2011 by the Chair of the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project Implementation Steering Group was submitted on progress in relation to the provision of Behaviour Management training identified in Phase 2 of the Project.

The Social Care Sub-group had reviewed the Behaviour Management training that partners currently used and was developing, in partnership with the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), a Professional Development Award (PDA) in Behaviour Management. This would be a national qualification and would be incorporated into the SQA operating plan.

A Quality Development Team (QDT) had been established to:-

- ◆ evaluate the number of units required
- ◆ identify existing relevant units
- ◆ develop new units and supporting materials

It was projected that the PDA in Behaviour Management would be launched during the first quarter of 2012 and a plan would be developed to facilitate the transition from existing training methods.

The cost of obtaining the PDA qualification would be approximately £100 per candidate.

In response to a member's question, the Social Work Training Manager advised that he hoped the PDA in Behaviour Management would incorporate a unit that would replace Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI) training.

**The Joint Committee decided:** that the progress to date in relation to Behavioural Management training be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 14 March 2011 (Paragraph 5)]*

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## **6 Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project – Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) West of Scotland Learning Network - Proposal for the Replacement of Core Functions**

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A report dated 2 June 2011 by the Chair of the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project Implementation Steering Group was submitted on proposals for the replacement of the core functions carried out by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) West of Scotland Social Care Learning Network.

The Learning Network would cease to exist in its current format from September 2011 and would no longer deliver the following core functions funded by local authorities:-

- ◆ practice placement co-ordination
- ◆ practice learning qualifications
- ◆ mental health officer programme
- ◆ business support

The Social Care Sub-group had developed a proposal to enable the innovative work of the Learning Network to be continued and built upon within a revised Network. The proposals would be considered at the West of Scotland Social Care Learning Network's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 24 June 2011.

Details of the proposal, including the revised structure, staffing arrangements, funding contributions and the savings that each local authority would achieve, were detailed in the report.

**The Joint Committee decided:**

- (1) that the proposals for the continuation of the West of Scotland Social Care Learning Network be noted; and
- (2) that an update on the outcome of the West of Scotland Social Care Learning Network's AGM on 24 June 2011 be submitted to the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

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## **7 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.