

CLYDE VALLEY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT JOINT COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, South Lanarkshire Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 12 December 2011

Chair:

Councillor Denis McKenna, South Lanarkshire Council

Councillors Present:

East Dunbartonshire: Rhondda Geekie (Substitute)
East Renfrewshire: Alan Lafferty
Inverclyde: Terry Loughran

Councillors' Apologies:

East Dunbartonshire: Jim Gibbons
Glasgow City: Paul Rooney and George Ryan (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

Rosemary Lake, Head of Administration Services, 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

Pauline Cameron, East Renfrewshire Council
Sharon McKechnie, Glasgow City Council
Carol Reid, Inverclyde Council
Heather Liddle, North Lanarkshire Council
Angela Terry, West Dunbartonshire Council
Gill Bhatti (Chair), South Lanarkshire Council

Also Attending:

Tony Mackie, Principal Officer, Learning and Development, Glasgow City Council
Keith Quinn, Senior Education and Workforce Development Officer, Scottish Social Services Council

Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair, on behalf of the members of the Joint Committee, extended a welcome to Councillor Terry Loughran who was attending his first meeting of the Joint Committee.

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee held on 3 October 2011 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

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

A report dated 16 November 2011 by the Treasurer to the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee was submitted comparing actual expenditure at 28 October 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 3 October 2011 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Certified Annual Accounts 2010/2011 and External Auditor's Report to the Joint Committee

A report dated 16 November 2011 by the Treasurer to the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee was submitted on the:-

- ◆ Joint Committee's certified annual accounts for 2010/2011 which had received a clear audit certificate from the External Auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) by the statutory timescale of 30 September 2011
- ◆ External Auditor's Annual Report to Members and the Controller of Audit for the year ended 31 March 2011

The Annual Accounts would be advertised as being available for public inspection in Finance Services, Floor 4, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton.

The Joint Committee decided:

- (1) that the certified annual accounts for 2010/2011 be formally adopted; and
- (2) that the External Auditor's report, attached as an appendix to the report, be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 3 October 2011 (Paragraph 3) and 13 June 2011 (Paragraph 4)]

5 Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project - Associate Membership

A report dated 21 November 2011 by the Chair of the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project Implementation Steering Group was submitted on action taken by her, in consultation with the Convener, in terms of the Scheme of Delegation, to introduce Orkney Council as an Associate Member of the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project.

Orkney Council had requested that they be considered for Associate Membership of the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project as the work being carried out by the e-Learning Sub-group was closely aligned to their current priorities for learning and development.

In view of the fact that the Council wanted to be involved as soon as possible and gain access to the Clyde Valley e-learning contract, the Chair of the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project Implementation Steering Group, in consultation with the Convener, had granted Associate Membership under the Scheme of Delegation.

Based on the number of participants at 1 August 2011, the annual discount for the third year of the project would not now reach beyond 27.5%.

The Joint Committee decided: that the action taken, in terms of the Scheme of Delegation, by the Chair of the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project Implementation Steering Group, in consultation with the Convener, in accepting Orkney Council as an Associate Member of the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project, be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 14 March 2011 (Paragraph 4)]

6 Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project - Individual Council Key Benefits and Successes Achieved

A report dated 28 November 2011 by the Chair of the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project Implementation Steering Group was submitted on the key benefits and successes achieved within each Member Council through the Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project.

Representatives from those Councils present provided feedback from their Council's perspective on progress, outcomes, benefits and success stories.

The Joint Committee decided: that the key benefits, outcomes and successes achieved to date by individual Member Councils be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 3 October 2011 (Paragraph 4)]

7 Demonstration of Pilot Programme to Deliver e-Learning Through Innovative Use of Gaming Technology

T Mackie, Social Work Training Manager and K Quinn, Scottish Social Services Council provided an overview of a pilot programme to deliver e-learning through innovative use of gaming technology and highlighted the advantages to be derived from this learning medium.

The Scottish Social Services Council had won the award sponsored by CIPFA at The Guardian Public Services Awards 2011 for its e-learning model which used Sony PlayStation portable consoles to give on-the-spot training to a social care workforce and improve their learning retention.

A demonstration on the use of the technology was provided and members of the Joint Committee had the opportunity to gain hands-on experience of the e-learning platform using the portable consoles.

The Joint Committee decided: that the overview of the e-learning model using gaming technology be noted.

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Convener's Closing Remarks

The Convener thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting and, in closing the meeting, wished all present the compliments of the season.