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## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Tuesday 2 July 2002 at 10.30 a.m.**  
**Council Hall, Council Offices, Dumfries**

### Members

<b>Tommy Sloan</b> (Chairman)	-	Stranraer North
<b>Fred Murray</b> (Vice Chairman)	-	Luce
<b>Helen Bell</b>	-	Dalbeattie - Milton
<b>Andrew O Bell-Irving</b>	-	Hoddom & Kinmount
<b>Ian Callander</b>	-	Lochvale
<b>Andrew R Campbell</b> (Convener)	-	Castle Douglas - Urr
<b>James H Dempster</b>	-	Sanquhar & District
<b>John W Forteach</b> (Leader of the Council)	-	Marchmount
<b>Allan Graham</b>	-	Solway Border
<b>Robert Higgins</b>	-	Stranraer East
<b>Ivor A Hyslop</b>	-	Nithsdale East
<b>William B Lockhart</b>	-	Moffat
<b>Jane S Maitland</b>	-	Kirkcudbright - Bengairn
<b>Joan Mitchell</b>	-	Cree
<b>Thomas A McAughtrie</b>	-	Troqueer
<b>George L McBurnie</b>	-	Palmerston
<b>Moira McCrossan</b>	-	Primary Teacher Representative
<b>Sandra McDowall</b>	-	Wigtown
<b>Neil McKay</b>	-	Mid Nithsdale
<b>John McMillan</b>	-	Secondary Teacher Representative
<b>Robert McQuistan</b>	-	Church Representative
<b>William G Nimmo</b>	-	Lochside
<b>Wilma Paterson</b>	-	Annan West
<b>George N Prentice</b>	-	Stewartry North
<b>Elizabeth J Smith</b>	-	Church Representative
<b>Canon John Walls</b>	-	Church Representative

**James M Smith**  
 Secretary to the Council

### Dates of Meetings 2002

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8 Jan      25 Jan      5 Feb      5 March      9 April      7 May      4 June      2 July

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### AGENDA

1. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS** of 4 June 2002 (previously circulated)

#### Items for Decision

2. **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2002/2003 AS AT 31 MAY 2002 REPORT 2002/2003** - Report dated 21 June 2002 by Director for Education  
*(Recommendation - Agree for 2002/2003 the budget adjustments detailed in Appendix 2 (section 6.1), referenced A008 to A011. Note that the projected out-turn detailed in this report shows a balanced budget after taking into account the adjustments at 9.1 (and 6.1). Agree to draw down £11,396 from the Service Reserve and enhance the 2002/2003 New Community Schools budget accordingly, leaving a balance in the reserve of £283,968 and to seek ratification from Finance Sub-Committee for this proposal (section 7.2). Note the indicative budgets for 2003/2004 and 2004/2005 as detailed in columns K and L of Appendix 1 (section 8.1))*
3. **EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2002/2003 - UPDATE AS AT 19 JUNE 2002** - Report dated 21 June 2002 by Director for Education  
*(Recommendation - Note the updated Programme for 2002/2003. Approve the changes to the detailed Capital Programme contained in Appendix 1. Note that the current projection for the S94 maintenance block represents an over-commitment of £15k compared to the available consent of £3.082m)*
4. **SCHOOL REVIEW - SMALL SCHOOLS** - Report dated 21 June 2002 by Director for Education  
*(Recommendation - Approve the attached paper for distribution to all relevant parties for comment)*
5. **SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND SESSION DATES 2003/2004** - Report dated 10 June 2002 by Director for Education  
*(Recommendation - Approve the holiday and session dates for 2003/2004 as set out in the Appendix. Agree that a full review of future holiday and session dates be undertaken, with a report on the findings being submitted to a future meeting)*

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6. **TEACHERS' PENSION REGULATIONS - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS -**  
Report dated 14 June 2002 by Director for Education  
*(Recommendation - Note that the Teachers' Pensions Regulations are to be amended to allow access to pensions on an actuarially reduced basis and the introduction of a Winding Down Scheme. Agree to Dumfries and Galloway Council introducing with effect from August 2002 a Winding Down Scheme in accordance with the amended Pension Regulations and subject to the conditions set out in Section 5.3)*
7. **PROBATIONER - NEW INDUCTION ARRANGEMENTS - UPDATE -** Report dated 21 June 2002 by Director for Education  
*(Recommendation - Note the position in respect of Probationers undertaking a training placement in a Dumfries and Galloway school. Agree that representation be made to Ministers and the Scottish Executive for changes as set out in section 6 to be made to the Probationer Induction Scheme for future years in order that rural authorities are not disadvantaged)*
8. **SCHOOL BUSES - DRIVERS AGE LIMIT -** Report dated 20 June 2002 by Director for Environment and Infrastructure  
*(Recommendation - Agree to allow private contractors to use drivers up to the age of 70 on school bus contracts, subject to no adverse reports through the passenger carrying vehicle driver licensing arrangements or the referral to Occupational Health Service. Note that a future report on the age limit of the Council's own Yellow Bus drivers will be forthcoming)*
9. **DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY ADULT LITERACY AND NUMERACY - ACTION PLAN -** Report dated 20 June 2002 by Director for Education  
*(Recommendation - Approve the establishment of a post of temporary Administrative Assistant for up to two years and request further reports as appropriate)*
10. **CHANGING CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND -** Report dated 21 June 2002 by Director for Education  
*(Recommendation - Note the successful outcome of the Council's bid against the Changing Children's Services Fund and that there will now be wide consultation with Members and service users to help inform the development and location of Children's Services Centres. Agree to receive further reports on the dispersal of this funding)*

#### Items for Noting

11. **DEVELOPING A NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS APPROACH IN DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY -** Report dated 19 June 2002 by Director for Education  
*(Recommendation - Note the positive response of the Scottish Executive to the proposal for adopting a New Community Schools approach across all schools in Dumfries and Galloway and request further reports as appropriate)*

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12. **STANDARDS IN SCOTLAND'S SCHOOLS ETC. ACT 2000 - GUIDANCE ON PRESUMPTION OF MAINSTREAM EDUCATION** - Report dated 21 June 2002 by Director for Education  
*(Recommendation - Note the guidance on Section 15 of the Standards in Scotland's School etc. Act 2000 provided by the Scottish Executive)*
  
  13. **APPLICATION TO LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP DRUGS INITIATIVE ON BEHALF OF DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY DRUG ACTION TEAM AND ABERLOUR CHILD CARE TRUST** - Report dated 21 June 2002 by Director for Education  
*(Recommendation - Note the successful outcome of the bid by the Aberlour Child Care Trust against the Lloyds TSB Foundation Partnership Drugs Initiative and that Members will be kept informed of the progress of the project throughout its two year duration)*
  
  14. **HMI REPORT ON STANDARDS AND QUALITY INSPECTION OF PALNACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL** - Report dated 17 June 2002 by Director for Education  
*(Recommendation - Note the very positive findings of the HM Inspection of Palnackie Primary School and that HMI will return between one and two years after the publication of the report in order to assess progress made in meeting the points raised under Main Points for Action)*
  
  15. **CHAMPIONING CULTURE IN SCOTTISH SCHOOLS** - Report dated 24 June 2002 by Director for Education  
*(Recommendation - Note the success of Dumfries and Galloway Council in securing funding to the value of £55,200 from the Scottish Arts Council to appoint 6 cultural co-ordinators to develop cultural education in schools over school sessions 2002/2003 and 2003/2004)*
  
  16. **INFORMATION ON SCHOOL SUCCESSES** - Report dated 20 June 2002 by Director for Education  
*(Recommendation - Note the success of Schools throughout the region)*
  
  17. **MINUTES OF MEETING OF LOCAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR TEACHERS (LNCT)** of 29 May 2002
  
  18. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN MAY DECIDE IS URGENT**