

This document is an abbreviated version of the Minutes of the Executive of the City of Edinburgh Council meeting held on 12 December 2006. It contains only the FIRST page of the Minutes and the relevant page minuting the decision in Item 19 on the Common Good Review.

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Committee Minutes

Executive of the Council

Edinburgh, 12 December 2006

Present: - Councillors Ewan Aitken (Leader), Anderson, Burns, Cairns, Child, Fallon, Gilmore, Henderson, Russell, Kingsley Thomas and Wilson.

Present for Education Items Only (items 2 to 25): - Councillors Balfour, Dawe, Lowrie and O'Malley; Cathy Clark, Anne Davies, A Craig Duncan and George Rubiński.

1 Minute

To approve the minute of meeting of the Executive of 14 November 2006 as a correct record.

2 Edinburgh-Meru South Education District Friendship and Co-operation Agreement (Agenda item number 4)

(a) Presentation – Mr J Owino, Meru South District Education Office

John Owino, Meru South District Education Office gave a presentation on the proposed partnership between the Children and Families Department and Meru South Education Office in Kenya.

Economic growth following the elections in 2003 had contributed to improvements in education. Free primary school education was now available to an additional 2.5 million children in Kenya who otherwise would not have had the opportunity to attend school.

Mr Owino felt the main benefits of the partnership to children in Edinburgh and Meru South would be greater understanding and appreciation of issues such as conservation, globalisation, interdependence, global warming, HIV/AIDS and human rights.

The Leader thanked Mr Owino for his presentation.

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- 3) To consider the revenue implications as part of the revenue budget process 2007-2010.
- 4) To note that the Capital Investment Programme would be considered further when the Council approves the budget for 2007-2010.
- 5) To refer the report to the Resource Management and Audit Scrutiny Panel.

(References – Executive 14 November 2006 (item 8); report no E/408/06-07/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted)

19 Review of Common Good in Edinburgh (Agenda item number 22)

The Resource Management and Audit Scrutiny Panel had called for a report on the development, stewardship and record keeping of the Common Good Fund.

Details were given on the review of the Common Good Fund together with an action plan to take the review to a conclusion.

Decision

- 1) To note the action plan detailed in paragraph 3.3 of the report by the Director of Finance.
- 2) To agree that the funding of up to £30,000 required to take forward the review be met from the Council's reserves in the first instance.
- 3) To approach COSLA regarding a contribution to the costs as issues raised would have implications for other Scottish local authorities.

(References – Executive 28 February 2006 (item 24); Resource Management and Audit Scrutiny Panel 27 April 2006 (item 3); report no E/391/06-07/F by the Director of Finance, submitted)

20 Revenue Monitoring 2006-2007 – Half Year Position (Agenda item number 23)

The Executive had made various decisions relating to the Council's overall revenue budget for 2006-2007 at the half year stage (based on period 5 data) and the projected outturn for the 2006-2006 financial year.

The Executive had also considered reports by the Directors of Children and Families, Corporate Services, Culture and Leisure and Health and Social Care on measures to contain projected overspends within their respective revenue budgets.