

FC1. MOTIONS

(c) Education in Secondary Schools

Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Hughes moved that:-

“Council notes with concern the news that S3 pupils at St Mungo’s High School are not to be offered a Standard Grade course in History.

Council further notes that S3 pupils in Graeme High are no longer being offered Standard Grade Courses in Accounting either.

Council agrees to the following:-

1. ensure that all core subjects are offered to pupils in all schools;
2. immediately reinstate subjects removed from the syllabus for consideration by pupils;
3. ensure courses that are important in preparing better access to higher professional or vocational education, such as Accounting, continue to be offered to pupils on an inter-school or college link basis when it is not practical to offer them in an individual school; and
4. any deviation of this or change to the subjects and courses available are in future agreed by Members of the Education Committee in open chamber”.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Waddell, seconded by Councillor Patrick moved that:-

“Council recognises and supports the work undertaken by the Scottish Government in partnership with the teaching profession and supports the proposals for implementation contained in their document entitled “Curriculum for Excellence – Building the Curriculum 3” - published in June 2008. All secondary schools are now in preparation for delivering Curriculum for Excellence in S1 for 2010 which will involve substantial changes to teaching, preparation for new national qualifications and the way subject areas are delivered. Council is urged unreservedly to support all our Head Teachers and their management teams in implementing Curriculum for Excellence.”

On a division, 12 Members voted for the Motion and 16 for the Amendment.

Accordingly, **RESOLVED** in terms of the Amendment.