

13/12 Minute

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H Vernal indicated that this would give flexibility for management and when this has been approved there would be no requirement for additionalities.

D McGinty asked if it was the Authority's intention to increase primary staffing.

H Vernal stated that there was a Primary Staffing Working Group working on this which was headed by A McArthur.

ACTION (CB) – C Boylan to check whether there is a Union Representative on the Primary Staffing Working Group.

9. INSET Days: Non-compliance with the agreement on starting and finishing times

D McGinty stated that no account was taken of where teachers live, weather and time of year when training is being set up and that the Authority is not complying with the agreed starting and finishing times.

H Vernal indicated that the starting and finishing times were noted on a 'SCID' minute and were 09.30 – 15.00 hours. Consideration would be given to travel for staff. The Authority are currently trying to find bases for training throughout Aberdeenshire which would help resolve this matter.

B Farren and V Hutcheon indicated that public transport to training bases should also be considered.

H Vernal noted this and also explained that there is currently a lack of personnel available to provide training.

D McGinty indicated that he was aware that a letter had been sent to Head Teachers from S Carson inviting them to give their suggestions on next years in service days without a copy being sent to the Unions. He requested that an assurance be given that any proposals to change established patterns be passed through the DSLG.

H Vernal agreed that nothing would be changed without going through the usual channels.

It was agreed that Authority inset days would be from 09.30 – 15.00 hours with consideration being given to reasonable travelling distance and reasonable access to public transport.

ACTION (HV) – H Vernal to give guidance to Staff Development Team.