

**ITEM No. 4**

**THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL**

**MEETING 2**

**2 JUNE 2005**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**QUESTION NO 1**

**By Councillor Mackintosh to  
be answered by the Executive  
Member for Children and  
Families at a meeting of the  
Council on 2 June 2005**

**Question** (1) By secondary school how many pupils in Edinburgh are entitled to receive the educational maintenance allowance?

**Answer** (1) There are 2379 pupils resident within the City of Edinburgh Council area who are of age to apply for an EMA (those born between March 1988 and February 1989) who attend Local Authority Schools – each individual's eligibility can only be determined by household income. See Appendix 1 "EMA Age Eligibility".

(The number of pupils at Independent Schools is not known to the Department)

**Question** (2) By secondary school how many pupils have received or have applied for the educational maintenance allowance in financial year 2004/5?

**Answer** (2) See Appendix 2 "EMA Applications and Awards".

**Question** (3) What publicity has been employed to inform young people and parents at secondary schools in the City of Edinburgh Council area of the possibility that they might be eligible for the educational maintenance allowance?

**Answer**

- (3) This is a Scottish Executive Scheme which has been advertised nationally. In addition there has been a seminar at Murrayfield for all school staff to raise awareness prior to the issue of application forms. Leaflets (for both staff and pupils), posters and application forms were issued to all schools (Local Authority and Independent) for distribution to all eligible pupils by age.

**Note**

In session 2005/06 numbers will increase as year groups S5 & S6 will be eligible to apply.

## Appendix 1

### EMA Age Eligibility

School name	Female	Male	Grand Total
Balerno High School	67	53	120
Boroughmuir High School	85	72	157
Broughton High School	73	50	123
Canonmills School	1	0	1
Castlebrae Community High School	14	5	19
Craigmount High School	95	86	181
Craigroyston Community High School	15	13	28
Currie Community High School	67	72	139
Drummond Community High School	20	18	38
Firrhill High School	74	75	149
Forrester High School	36	32	68
Gracemount High School	22	12	34
Graysmill School	1	4	5
Holy Rood High School	29	40	69
James Gillespie's High School	75	93	168
Kaimes School	1	7	8
Kingsinch School	0	1	1
Leith Academy	67	42	109
Liberton High School	44	36	80
Oaklands School	1	2	3
Pilrig Park School	5	7	12
Portobello High School	93	81	174
Queensferry High School	52	55	107
St Augustine's RC High School	44	45	89
St Nicholas School	3	2	5
St Thomas of Aquin's RC High School	48	42	90
St. Crispin's School	2	4	6
The Royal High School	73	84	157
Trinity Academy	51	76	127
Tynecastle High School	37	39	76
Wester Hailes Education Centre	21	11	32
Willowpark School	1	3	4
Grand Total	1217	1162	2379

This is age eligibility only - actual eligibility of individuals is based on household income.

## Appendix 2

### EMA Applications Awards

School Name	EAP Status					
	Pending	Query	Active	Refused	Archived	Grand Total
Balerno High School		1	27	3	1	32
Boroughmuir High School			30	3	1	34
Broughton High School			56	7	6	69
Castlebrae Community High School			11	1	4	16
Craigmount High School		1	41	6	6	54
Craigroyston Community High School	2		17		9	28
Currie Community High School			32	4	1	37
Drummond Community High School			24	4	5	33
EMA Edinburgh*			72	13	5	90
Firrhill High School			40	8	4	52
Forrester High School			32	3	8	43
Gracemount High School			17	2	3	22
Graysmill School			1			1
Holy Rood High School			40	4	21	65
James Gillespie's High School	2	1	48	6	3	60
Kaimes School			6	1	1	8
Kingsinch School			1			1
Leith Academy	1		67	6	7	81
Liberton High School	1		34	5	7	47
Pilrig Park School			2			2
Portobello High School		2	51	7	12	72
Queensferry High School			25	2	4	31
St Augustine's RC High School		1	25	6	7	39
St Nicholas School			2			2
St Thomas of Aquin's RC High School			34	14	2	50
St. Crispin's School			3			3
The Royal High School			24	5	4	33
Trinity Academy			42	3	4	49
Tynecastle High School	1		35	3	13	52
Wester Hailes Education Centre	2		23	2	4	31
Willowpark School			1			1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>1138</b>

\* EMA Edinburgh = pupils from Independent Schools.

KEY - Pending and Query = Further information requested following application  
Active = Those currently in receipt of an award.  
Refused = Those refused awards.  
Archived = Those who have now left school, and received an award for part of the year.  
Grand Total = Total number of applicants.

**QUESTION NO 2**

**By Councillor Longstaff to be answered by the Executive Member for Sport, Culture and Leisure at a meeting of the Council on 2 June 2005**

**Question**

What progress has been made in preparing the report on curling facilities required by the motion to Council submitted by me and agreed by Council at its meeting on 10 April 2003 and when is the report expected to be published?

**Answer**

Work on the preparation of the report was suspended while the bid to **sportscotland** for the National Curling Academy was being progressed but the bid was unsuccessful. Following **sportscotland's** decision, several meetings have been held with Gogarburn Curling Club to ascertain if the City Council can assist in the provision of a new centre for the Club. At this time, these discussions are ongoing and once a solution to the problem is found, the report will be completed and submitted to the Council.

**QUESTION NO 3**

**By Councillor Longstaff to be answered by the Executive Member for Sustainability and Finance at a meeting of the Council on 2 June 2005**

**Question**

What progress has been made since 30 May 2002 on my motion to council on school meals?

"To ask for an annual report indicating the percentage of foodstuff in meals provided in City of Edinburgh schools which is:

- a) produced locally;
- b) grown organically;
- c) produced locally and grown organically;

and which will detail measures which might increase these percentages," which was remitted to the Executive of 18 June 2002, whose decision was:

- "1) To approve the motion and to widen its terms to include how the Council used organic foodstuffs and supported organic farming.
- 2) To note that the Director of Finance would prepare the report on this matter."

**Answer**

At the Council meeting of 13 November 2003, Councillor Longstaff asked what progress is being made on the school meals report prompted by the motion to Council on 30 May 2002 and when can it be expected to be published?

The Council approved the following answer:

"Information will not be available in sufficient detail until e-procurement is in place. Developing Edinburgh into a Fairtrade City is intended partly to help promote the procurement and promotion of locally-sourced and organic products throughout the city. A report on progress is due to come to the December meeting of the Council."



The Council on 11 December 2003 approved the Fairtrade city report and the Council Executive on 4 May 2004 discharged the outstanding motion.

The main suppliers have assured the Council that, wherever possible, they buy from local sources, though not specifically organically-grown produce and the Council buys British meat exclusively. There are now Fairtrade apples, bananas, grapes and other fruits available on the CPU contract CT0101 (food) which were not available when the Councillor first asked his question.

With the introduction in 1 April 2005 of the new Oracle system for procurement – ordering requires to be improved before the management information relating to uptake of Fairtrade products etc will be meaningful.