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To: Councillor Greig, Convener; Councillor Mennie, Vice Convener; Councillors Allard, Blake, Bouse, Brooks, Hazel Cameron, Fairfull, Grant, MacGregor, McLeod, Radley and Mrs Stewart and Ms Danielle Barclay (Parent Representative - Nursery / Primary), Mr Doug Haywood (Teacher Representative - Primary Schools), Ms Jacqueline Munro (Teacher Representative - Secondary Schools), Dr Alison Murray (Parent Representative - Secondary), Mr John Murray (Roman Catholic Religious Representative), Mr Madhav Regmi (Third Religious Representative) and Mrs Hilda Smith (Church of Scotland representative).

Town House, ABERDEEN, 28 April 2025

## **EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE**

The undernoted item is circulated in connection with the EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE to be held in the Council Chamber - Town House on TUESDAY, 29 APRIL 2025 at 10.00am. This is a hybrid meeting and Members may also attend remotely.

The meeting will be webcast and a live stream can be viewed on the Council's website. <a href="https://aberdeen.public-i.tv/core/portal/home">https://aberdeen.public-i.tv/core/portal/home</a>

ALAN THOMSON INTERIM CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

### BUSINESS

#### **NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS**

1.2 Urgent Notice of Motion - Councillor Blake, Mrs Barclay, Dr Murray

#### This Committee:

- Notes that the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 came into force on 1 April 2025 and made the PVG scheme mandatory for everyone carrying out a regulated role with children and vulnerable adults
- 2. Notes the importance of PVGs to safeguarding our young people
- 3. Notes that Connect and Volunteer Scotland have provided guidance to parent councils and this has raised more question and concerns
- 4. Notes that Aberdeen parent councils and PTAs who already struggle to get parental engagement are concerned by the ramifications of the changes on their operations including volunteer recruitment for school events, the additional administrative burden, and cost.
- Instructs the Executive Director of Families and Communities to write to the Cabinet Secretary of Education and Skills to ask for an extension of the grace deadline for parent groups and provide additional guidance including scenario planning to parent councils.
- 6. Instructs the Chief Officer Education and Lifelong Learning after consultation with the Interim Chief Officer Governance to write to parent councils to confirm the date of requirement to have PVG checks in place.

Impact Assessments for this Committee can be viewed here:- Impact Assessments | Aberdeen City Council

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