

LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY 2016

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1	<u>REQUESTS FOR DEPUTATION</u>	<u>None received</u>		
2.1	<u>DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to consider item 10.1 (Contracting Arrangements for Care Home and Supported Accommodation Services for People with Mental Illness) with the press and public excluded.		
3.1	<u>Minute of Previous Meeting of 3 September 2015</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the minute as a correct record.		
4.1	<u>Committee Business Statement</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to remove items 4 (Organisational Review – Phase 3 (Sport Aberdeen), 7 (SQA Briefing) and 9 (Adult Services – Sickness Absence); and (ii) to otherwise note the updates contained therein.	Committee Services	A Swanson
6.1	<u>2014/15 Annual Performance Report</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to note the content of the report; (ii) to note Education and Children's Services, 2014-15 annual performance (Statutory	Education and Children's	E Couperwhite/A Paterson

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		<p>Performance Indicator) outcomes contained within Appendix A;</p> <p>(iii) to acknowledge the improved educational outcomes for children and young people in Aberdeen;</p> <p>(iv) to request officers to email trend analysis on library visits to Councillor Hutchison; and</p> <p>(v) to note that officers would sync the content of the main report with the layout of the performance measures contained in the appendix.</p>		
6.2	<u>2015/16 Revenue Budget Monitoring</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the projected variance of £510,000 greater than under budget;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct that officers continue to review budget performance and report on service strategies;</p> <p>(iii) in relation to the additional PVG costs of £50,000 to request officers to clarify to all Members, by way of email, whether (1) the additional costs had also been offset by the change in the PVG system; and (2) Councillors were required to undertake a further PVG check when, within their role as a Councillor, they were appointed to a new position, such as membership of this Committee.</p>	Education and Children's/Finance	E Couperwhite/B Dow
7.1	<u>Insight Briefing Aberdeen City 2015</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the information provided in the report;</p> <p>(ii) to note the change in the way the Service analysed and evaluated levels of attainment and achievement in the senior phase in secondary schools using Insight and the new local and national benchmarking measures; and</p>	Education and Children's	A Griffiths/J Martin

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		(iii) to note the progress made in relation to the four national benchmark measures.		
7.2	<u>Review of Let Charges for Language Schools</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to approve the proposed Option 4, to remove all charges for lets for all voluntary language schools operating in Aberdeen City educational establishments, and</p> <p>(ii) to approve the proposal that free lets would apply only to language schools which can demonstrate the following characteristics: <i>A not for profit organisation which provides extra-curricular, education based activities for children living in Aberdeen City, and where those activities focus primarily on learning about and through a specific foreign language and culture.</i></p>	Education and Children's	E Couperwhite/A Jones
7.3	<u>Early Learning and Nursery Admissions Policy</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the administrative changes agreed to improve the customer experience and approve the proposed changes to the Local Authority nursery admissions criteria; and</p> <p>(ii) to request officers to investigate potential procedures for a right of appeal for nursery requests and that this be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration.</p>	Education and Children's	A Griffiths/S Sansbury
8.1	<u>Review of Residential Child Care</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>to defer consideration of the report to its next meeting on 24 March 2016.</p>	Education and Children's	B Oxley/A Donaldson
8.2	<u>Joint Inspection of Children's Services - Update</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the update on the multi-agency Action Plan (appendix 1) in response to the areas of improvement identified within</p>	Education and Children's	B Oxley/G Simpson

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		(ii) the inspection report; and to request a report back on progress against actions in the Action Plan as appropriate, noting that a report would be submitted to the Committee at its meeting on 24 March 2016 and that officers would endeavour to present the Action Plan in a more simplified manner.		
9.1	<u>2015/16 Revenue Budget Monitoring - Adult Social Care</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to note the report on the forecast outturn on the revenue budget and the information on areas of risk and management action that was contained herein; (ii) to instruct officers to continue to review budget performance and report on service strategies; and (iii) to approve the virements outlined in section 5.3.1 of the report.	Adult Services	J Proctor/T Cowan/J Dickie
9.2	<u>Adult Services Performance Report</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to approve the Adult Social Work performance report; and (ii) to note that work was ongoing to develop a suite of performance indicators, aligned to the national outcomes for integration which would be overseen by the Integrated Joint Board following its establishment in April 2016.	Adult Services	J Proctor/T Cowan/T Gillespie
10.1	<u>Contracting Arrangements for Care Home and Supported Accommodation Services for People with Mental Illness</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to approve the expenditure proposed by Health and Social Care Partnership as detailed in Appendix 1; (ii) to approve the invoking of Standing Order 1(6)(a) and thereby waiving the need for a competitive procurement for all contracts specified in Appendix 1 on the grounds that the exemption was justified by special circumstances detailed in the	Adults Services	J Proctor/T Cowan/C Wilkie

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		<p>report;</p> <p>(iii) to approve the contract extensions for two years for all the services listed in Appendix 1;</p> <p>(iv) to agree that a report and commissioning plan for these services would be submitted to the Integrated Joint Board in line with the Health and Social Care Partnership's Strategic Plan and Joint Commissioning Plan during the two year extension time period; and</p> <p>(v) to agree that all extended contracts could be considered in the future by the Integrated Joint Board for determination of the appropriate tendering process.</p>		

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