

LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 24 MARCH 2016

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1	<u>REQUESTS FOR DEPUTATION</u>	None received.		
2.1	<u>DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to consider item 10.1 (Procurement of Furniture for the Extension of Greenbrae Primary School) with the press and public excluded.		
3.1	<u>Minute of Meeting of 28 January 2016 - for approval</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 5 (GIRFEC/Children and Young People Act - Update), and 7 (Early Learning and Nursery Admissions Policy); and (ii) to remove items 1 (Knowledge Transfer Partnership), 3 (System of Risk Management), 6 (Joint Inspection of Children's Services Action Plan) subject to the decision taken; and (iii) to otherwise note the updates contained therein.	Committee Services	A Swanson

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4.2	<u>Motions List</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the list.	Committee Services	A Swanson
5	<u>REFERRALS</u>	N/A		
6.1	<u>2015/16 Revenue Budget Monitoring</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the projected variance of £349K less than budget;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct officers to continue to review budget performance and report on service strategies;</p> <p>(iii) to approve the virements outlined in section 5.3.1 of the report;</p> <p>(iv) to support the ring fencing of the Developing Young Workforce monies from Council underspends and to refer this matter to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee for approval;</p> <p>(v) in relation to out of authority placements, to request officers to submit a report detailing (a) the Council's current position in respect of such placements; (b) what actions the service was taking to address such placements and mitigate the impacts; (c) the cost per child, regardless of location, and how this was calculated; and (d) what improvements were envisaged from the development of the Centre for Excellence and inclusion review, to a future meeting of the Committee; and</p> <p>(vi) to request officers to supply the energy management usage figures across the service to Councillor Yuill.</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>Committee Services (M Masson for information)</p> <p>Education and Children's</p> <p>Education and Children's</p>	<p>B Dow</p> <p>A Swanson</p> <p>B Oxley</p> <p>E Couperwhite</p>

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6.2	<u>Education and Children's Services Directorate Performance Report / Children and Young People (Scotland) 2014 Act Update</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to request officers to include baseline figures for performance indicators in future Directorate performance reports; (ii) in relation to table 15 (Total Number of Library Visits – Person/Virtual), to request that the figures on the number of visits by person or virtual be reported separately for future performance reports; (iii) to request officers to provide details of the impact of the change in library opening hours on visitor numbers to Councillor Hutchison by email; (iv) in relation to table 8 (The Number of Referrals of Children's Cases in a Quarter), to request officers to detail the actual number of referrals which proceed to being processed as a children's case in future performance reports; (v) in relation to table 24 (Average Number of Days Lost Through Sickness Absence), to request officers to review the longer trend for this performance indicator and include this in the narrative of the next performance report; and (vi) to note the Education and Children's Service Directorate performance report for the quarterly period to 31 December 2015.	Education and Children's Education and Children's Education and Children's Education and Children's Education and Children's	E Couperwhite/A Paterson E Couperwhite/A Paterson E Couperwhite/N Bruce E Couperwhite/A Paterson/B Oxley E Couperwhite/A Paterson
6.3	<u>Risk Management - Review of Business Continuity Arrangements</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the information provided in the report.	Education and Children's	E Couperwhite/K Mackay/L Kirk
7.1	<u>ALEO Governance (Sport Aberdeen)</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to request officers to clarify with Sport Aberdeen the actual posts created and the resulting 8% increase in payroll costs and that this information be emailed to	Education and Children's	E Couperwhite

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		<p>(ii) Councillor Sandy Stuart; to request officers to clarify with Sport Aberdeen the position in relation to procurement arrangements, including the rationale for the approach taken, and that this information be emailed to Councillor Hutchison; and</p> <p>(iii) to note the contents of the minute of the ALEO Governance Hub Committee meeting of 14 December 2015 in relation to Sport Aberdeen.</p>	<p>Education and Children's</p> <p>Education and Children's</p>	<p>E Couperwhite</p> <p>E Couperwhite</p>
7.2	<u>ALEO Governance (Aberdeen Sports Village)</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to request officers to clarify with Aberdeen Sports Village where it was at in respect of the action proposed that it scale back or terminate services currently delivered as a risk to be into their risk register and risk management strategy and that this information be emailed to Councillor Hutchison;</p> <p>(ii) to request officers to clarify with Aberdeen Sports Village the position with Sport Scotland funding provided to the Aberdeen Sports Village for the development of football pitches and that this information be emailed to Councillor Noble; and</p> <p>(iii) to note the contents of the minute of the ALEO Governance Hub Committee meeting of 14 December 2015 in relation to Aberdeen Sports Village.</p>	<p>Education and Children's</p> <p>Education and Children's</p> <p>Education and Children's</p>	<p>E Couperwhite</p> <p>E Couperwhite</p> <p>E Couperwhite</p>
7.3	<u>Evaluation of Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) between University of Aberdeen and Aberdeen City Council.(Data Observatory Project)</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) note progress and evaluation of the KTP project to date; and</p> <p>(ii) approve the continued partnership arrangements with the University of Aberdeen to develop the Aberdeen City</p>	<p>Education and Children's</p>	<p>E Couperwhite</p>

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		Council Data Observatory and continuing the employment of the KTP Research Associate post, graded at G13.		
7.4	<p><u>Statutory Consultation - Consultation Reports on the proposals to create new primary and secondary school zones in the area of the planned new housing development at Countesswells, and to create a new primary school zone in the area of the planned new housing development in Loirston and Cove</u></p>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) to agree to implement the following proposals:</p> <p>1. For the Countesswells rezoning proposal:</p> <p>(a) to create a new primary school zone to serve primary education provision in the Countesswells development, with effect from August 2016;</p> <p>(b) to create a new secondary school zone to serve secondary education provision in the Countesswells development, with effect from August 2016, and to include the zone of Kingswells School within the zone of the new secondary school, with effect from the time of opening of the new school; and</p> <p>(c) to put in place arrangements for interim education provision until a primary school and a secondary school were constructed within the Countesswells development. For secondary pupils from Countesswells this would involve the use of Hazlehead Academy until a new secondary school had been constructed. For primary school pupils from Countesswells the arrangements would be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils living in the new Countesswells primary school zone would be registered at a new 	Education and Children's	E Couperwhite/ A Jones

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		<p>school from the outset.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whilst the number of pupils registered to the new school remains at 25 or below, the new school would operate from a separate classroom within the Airyhall School building. • When the number of pupils registered to the new school exceeds 25, all of these pupils and any new pupils subsequently moving into the new Countesswells primary school zone would be educated from the Braeside School building, until a new school building at Countesswells has opened. • Whilst the new school was operating from the Airyhall building and subsequently from the Braeside building, places at the new school would be reserved entirely for children living within the new Countesswells school zone. <p>(d) In the unlikely event that the Countesswells housing development did not go ahead, then the existing school zone arrangements would prevail; and</p> <p>(e) to request officers to submit a report detailing the costs of opening the Braeside building to a future meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>2. For the Loirston / Cove rezoning proposal:</p> <p>(a) to create a new primary school zone to serve primary education provision in the South-East of the City, including the new housing development in the Loirston / Cove</p>	<p>Education and Children's</p>	<p>A Griffiths/A Jones</p>

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		<p>area, with effect from August 2016;</p> <p>(b) to amend the existing Charleston School, Kirkhill School, and Abbotswell School zones to contribute to the proposed new school zone;</p> <p>(c) to rezone an area of the existing Kirkhill School zone, east of the A956 trunk road, to the Loirston School zone;</p> <p>(d) In the unlikely event that the Loirston / Cove housing development does not go ahead, then the existing school zone arrangements would prevail.</p> <p>(ii) to instruct officers to make the necessary arrangements to ensure successful implementation of the above recommendations by the indicated times.</p>		
8.1	<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; and</p> <p>(ii) to request a final report back on progress against actions in the Action Plan in June 2016 and that officers again review the information contained in the Action Plan to ensure that sufficient detail was provided.</p>	Education and Children's	B Oxley/G Simpson
8.2	<u>Reclaiming Social Work Update</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to agree to continue to support the implementation of Reclaiming Social Work with no substantive changes to the plans originally submitted;</p> <p>(ii) to agree to be updated by information bulletin reports on a regular basis on the implementation of Reclaiming Social work;</p> <p>(iii) to agree to extend the review of Residential Children's Services until the</p>	<p>Education and Children's</p> <p>Education and Children's</p> <p>Education and Children's</p>	<p>B Oxley/A Donaldson</p> <p>B Oxley/A Donaldson</p> <p>B Oxley/A Donaldson</p>

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		<p>Committee's meeting on 17 November 2016 in order to provide Members with progress on how the service had implemented the recommendations within the Audit Risk and Scrutiny Report.</p>		
9.1	<u>Adult Services Performance Report</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to approve the Adult Social Work performance report; and (ii) to note that a Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Performance workstream was in place developing a suite of indicators (including social work performance indicators) which would be reported through Audit and Systems Performance Committee from 1 May 2016. 	Adult	J Proctor/T Cowan
9.2	<u>2015/16 Revenue Budget Monitoring (Adult Social Care)</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 therein; (ii) to instruct officers continue to review budget performance and report on service strategies; (iii) to approve the virements outlined in section 5.3.1 of the report. 	Adult	J Proctor/T Cowan
9.3	<u>Removal of Torry Youth Café, 258 North Balnagask Road Aberdeen from Adult Social Work Services Portfolio</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the content of the report; (ii) to declare 258 North Balnagask Road, Aberdeen surplus to Adult Social Work Services' requirements and confirm its removal from the Adult Social Work Services account portfolio; and (iii) to instruct the Head of Land and Property Assets to review the property and in conjunction with the SIP and Capital Review Group to determine its future use. 	Adult	J Proctor/T Cowan

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9.4	<u>ALEO Governance (Bon Accord Care)</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the contents of the minute of the ALEO Governance Hub committee meeting of 8 December 2015 in relation to Bon-Accord Care.	Adults	J Proctor/T Cowan
10.1	<u>Procurement of Furniture for the Extension of Greenbrae Primary School</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the recommendation contained in the report.	Education and Children's	A Griffiths/A Jones

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