

LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 2 JUNE 2016

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1	<u>Requests for Deputation</u>	None received.		
	<u>Good News</u>	The Committee resolved: to request the Director to write to Dolly Parton, on behalf of the Committee, to thank her for bringing the Imagination Library to Aberdeen.	Education and Children's Service	Gayle Gorman/Bernadette Oxley
2.1	<u>Minute of Meeting of 24 March 2016 - for approval</u>	The Committee resolved: to approve the minute as a correct record.		
3.1	<u>Committee Business Statement</u>	The Committee resolved: (i) in relation to item 2 (Aberdeen International Youth Festival – Business Plan), to request the Director of Education and Children's Services to circulate a briefing note on progress with the governance review in advance of this year's festival and to note that a report would be submitted to the Committee's meeting on 8 September 2016 on this matter; (ii) to delete items 3 (GIRFEC/Children and Young People's Act – Update), 6 (Cross Service – Recruitment Procedures), 8	Education and Children's Service Committee Services	Gayle Gorman/Neil Bruce Allison Swanson

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		(Education and Children's Services Directorate Performance Report/Children and Young People (Scotland) 2014 Act Update) subject to the decision taken later on today's agenda; and (iii) to otherwise note the updates contained therein.		
3.2	<u>Motions List</u>	The Committee resolved: to note the list.		
5.1	<u>2015/16 Revenue Budget Monitoring</u>	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the projected variance of £1.3M less than budget; (ii) to note that this figure was still subject to the annual audit process and would be reported to Council upon completion of said audit process; and (iii) to note the Council Leader's letter to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills regarding the significant difficulties Aberdeen City Council had in attracting and retaining teaching staff for our schools and to endorse the letter; and (iv) to request the Director to investigate the possibility of the incentive payment for newly appointed teachers being provided as a single payment at the beginning of the contract and to advise the Committee accordingly.	Education and Children's Service/Finance Education and Children's Service	Gayle Gorman/Euan Couperwhite/Brian Dow Gayle Gorman/Euan Couperwhite
5.2	<u>Education and Children's Services Directorate Performance Report / Children and Young People (Scotland) 2014 Act Update</u>	The Committee resolved: to note the Education and Children's Services Directorate performance report for the quarterly period to 31 March 2016.	Education and Children's Service	Gayle Gorman/Euan Couperwhite

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5.3	<u>Education and Children's Services Directorate Business and Service Plans 2016-17</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the content of the Education and Children's Services Directorate Interim Service Business Plans, 2016-17.	Education and Children's Service	Gayle Gorman/Alex Paterson
5.4	<u>PVG Check - Cross Service Recruitment Procedures</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to agree to the on-going arrangement which would allow teachers who hold a General Teaching Council for Scotland (GTCS) registration and a clear PVG from the GTCS and former employer to teach in Aberdeen schools, subject to the following: (a) a risk assessment having been completed by the Head Teacher; (b) another member of staff who had been approved through the PVG process was located in the class to ensure that the individual concerned was not left in a position of being the only adult in front of children; and (c) that the Service and individual had completed and submitted the appropriate documentation to Disclosure Scotland for review prior to the individual taking up post with Aberdeen City Council; (ii) to agree that this arrangement would apply until teacher vacancy levels returned to manageable levels, following which the Service would fully comply with the Council's Recruitment and Selection policy; (iii) to agree that the arrangement in place be reviewed on a six monthly basis by Human Resources and Education and Children's Services; (iv) to instruct the Director of Education and Children's Services to write to all parents to	Education and Children's Service	Euan Couperwhite

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		<p>advise of the arrangement and the actions taken to mitigate risk; and</p> <p>(v) to otherwise note the contents of this report.</p>		
6.1	<p><u>Statutory Consultation - Consultation Reports on the Proposals to Make Changes to the School Zone Boundary for Airyhall School and Hazlehead School, and to Remove an Area of Dual Zoning Between Sunnybank School and Hanover Street School</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) for the Airyhall School and Hazlehead School rezoning proposal, to agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to rezone the area of housing known as the Macaulay Estate, from Hazlehead School to Airyhall School, and to adjust the Airyhall and Hazlehead school zone boundaries to accommodate the Pinewood / Hazledene housing development within the Hazlehead School zone, with effect from 1st August 2016; and • with Education Scotland that the proposal put forward was of clear educational benefits to children attending both schools, and that if implemented, it would help sustain viable pupil rolls in both schools and help to ensure the best value in the management of the Council's school estate; and <p>(ii) for the Sunnybank School and Hanover Street School rezoning proposal, to agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to remove an area of dual-school zoning for Sunnybank School and Hanover Street School, and to include this area within the zone for Sunnybank School only, with effect from 1st August 2016; and • with Education Scotland that the proposal put forward was of clear educational benefits to children attending both schools, and that if 	Education and Children's Service	Euan Couperwhite/Andre w Jones

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		<p>implemented, it would help sustain viable pupil rolls in both schools and help to ensure the best value in the management of the Council's school estate;</p> <p>(iii) to request the Director of Education and Children's Services to write to parents residing within the rezoned areas to advise of the decision in respect of the rezoning and of the sibling rule as detailed in the Guide to Education Services; and</p> <p>(iv) to request the Head of Policy, Performance and Resources to advise Councillor Noble, by way of email, of the % of children from the dual zone attending Sunnybank School.</p>		
6.2	<u>Interim Report on Review of Bookings and Lettings</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the content of the report, in respect of the progress of the current review of bookings and lettings procedures for school and community facilities; and</p> <p>(ii) to approve the proposal to adjust the charges for all sports facility bookings, so that it was made clear to customers that the charges for sports facilities were exclusive of VAT, and to provide clear guidance to customers on how to claim eligibility for exemption from VAT charges.</p>	Education and Children's Services	Euan Couperwhite/Andrew Jones
6.3	<u>Culture Programme 2016/17</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to agree, as detailed in the body of the report, the proposed themes, budget allocations and processes for Aberdeen's 2016/17 culture programme; and</p> <p>(ii) to note, as specified in the body of the report, the benefits of the programme to the city and how it supported the strategic priorities of the Council.</p>	Education and Children's Services	Euan Couperwhite/Neil Bruce

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6.4	<u>The Strategy for an Active Aberdeen, 2016-20</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the current draft Strategy for an Active Aberdeen and that the final Strategy would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee for information; and (ii) to note that members could submit individual comments on the draft Strategy to the Interim Sport and Physical Activity Director, Sport Aberdeen. 	Education and Children's Services	Euan Couperwhite
7.1	<u>Update on Readiness for Full Implementation of Parts 4, 5 and 18 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the content of the report, the Action Plan contained within appendix 1 and documentation within subsequent appendices; (ii) to instruct officers to continue to implement the Action Plan contained within appendix 1 and collaborate with partners to update the Plan for August 2016; and (iii) to instruct officers to use performance measures and national best practice to improve the wellbeing of children and young people. 	Education and Children's Services	Bernadette Oxley/Helen Shanks

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