

LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 2017

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1.1	<u>Determination of Urgent Business</u>	There were no items of urgent business.		
2.1	<u>Determination of Exempt Business</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of items 11.1 and 11.2 so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in paragraph 8 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.	N/A	
3.1	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) Mrs Stephanie Brock, third religious representative, declared an interest in relation to items 10.4 and 11.1 (St Peter's School – Plans to Address Capacity Pressures) by virtue of having children who attend St Peter's RC School and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of these items; (ii) Councillors Boulton, Donnelly and Nicoll declared an interest in relation to	N/A	

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		<p>item 11.2 (ALEO Funding 2017/2018), to by virtue of their positions as Council appointed Directors to the Board of Aberdeen Performing Arts but all chose to remain in the meeting as Aberdeen Performing Arts was a body being a company established wholly or mainly for the purpose of providing services to the local authority, and which had entered into a contractual arrangement with the local authority for the supply of goods and/or services to the local authority, as set out in paragraph 5.18(2)(d)(i) and (ii) of the Councillors' Code of Conduct;</p> <p>(iii) Councillors Donnelly declared an interest in relation to item 11.2 (ALEO Funding 2017/2018), to by virtue of his position as a Council appointed Director to the Board of Sport Aberdeen but chose to remain in the meeting as Sport Aberdeen was a body being a company established wholly or mainly for the purpose of providing services to the local authority, and which had entered into a contractual arrangement with the local authority for the supply of goods and/or services to the local authority, as set out in paragraph 5.18(2)(d)(i) and (ii) of the Councillors' Code of Conduct; and</p> <p>(iv) Councillor Cameron declared an interest in the subject matter of the following article by virtue of their positions as Board members of</p>		

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		Aberdeen Sports Village. Councillor Cameron considered that the nature of his interest required him to leave the meeting and took no part in the Committee's deliberation of this item.		
4.1	<u>Requests for Deputation</u>	There were no requests for deputation.		
5.1	<u>Minutes of the meetings of the Committee of 26 January and 1 March 2017 - for approval</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to approve the minute of the meeting of 1 March 2017, as a correct record; (ii) to approve the minute of the meeting of 26 January 2017, as a correct record, subject to adding the declaration of interest by Councillors Boulton in respect of article 4 by virtue of her position as a Board member of Aberdeen International Youth Festival and that she withdrew from the meeting during consideration of that item. 	Committee Services	A Swanson
6.1	<u>Committee Business Statement</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to delete items 1 (Transformation of Pupil Support Services) and 2 resolution (i) (Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014), 3 (Escort Costs), 5 (Payment Controls within Children's Social Work) 7 (Children's Services - Social Worker Allocation), 8 resolution (i), (Attainment Fund and Pupil Support Assistant) and 9 resolution (i) (New Primary School Provision with Early Years Education and Childcare Facilities in Tillydrone) subject to the decisions taken later on 	Committee Services	A Swanson

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		<p>the agenda;</p> <p>(ii) in relation to item 6 (Review of Residential Childcare), to note that a service update was available and to agree that a report on this matter be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on 14 September 2017; and</p> <p>(iii) to otherwise note the updates provided.</p>	Education and Children's Service	B Oxley /A Donaldson/G Simpson
6.2	<u>Committee Report Tracker</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the information provided.		
7.1	<u>Notices of Motion</u>	There were no reports under this heading.		
8.1	<u>Referrals from Council, Committees and Sub Committees</u>	There were no reports under this heading.		
9.1	<u>Budget Monitoring Report</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to consider and note the report and the information on management action and risks that were contained therein;</p> <p>(ii) to note that the figures were still subject to audit;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Head of Policy, Performance and Resources to advise the Committee, by way of email, of the number of additional modular accommodation leased;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Head of Policy, Performance and Resources to advise the Committee, by way of email, what the £18,000 art work expenditure in</p>	<p>Education and Children's Service/Finance</p> <p>Education and Children's Service</p> <p>Education and Children's Service</p>	<p>G Gorman/B Dow</p> <p>E Couperwhite</p> <p>E Couperwhite</p>

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		<p>the 2016/17 capital programme was allocated to;</p> <p>(v) to request the Director to email the promotional recruitment video used by Service to the Committee; and</p> <p>(vi) to request the Director to email Councillor Hutchison information regarding the recruitment of teachers from overseas.</p>	<p>Education and Children's Service</p> <p>Education and Children's Service</p>	<p>G Gorman</p> <p>G Gorman</p>
9.2	<u>Education and Children's Services Improvement Plan 2017-18</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the content of the Education and Children's Services Directorate Improvement Plan 2017/2018.	Education and Children's Service	G Gorman/R Stewart
10.1	<u>Education and Children's Services Anti-bullying Policy</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to approve the Anti-bullying Policy appended to the report and agree that this replace the 2009 Policy on Positive Relationships and Anti-bullying approaches in school and come into effect immediately; and (ii) to agree that schools, youth teams and children's homes would develop their own local policies, with guidance from the service and in reference to the Education and Children's Services Anti-bullying Policy.	Education and Children's Service	H Shanks/C Hastings
10.2	<u>The Provision of Children's Escorts and Associated Costs</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to note the content of the report for reassurance; (ii) to note that escort costs would continue to be monitored as part of the service financial monitoring arrangements; and	Education and Children's Service	H Shanks/E Sheppard

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		(iii) to instruct the Head of Inclusion to advise the Committee, by way of email, of the number of children who would not be able to use joint transport due to their needs.		
10.3	<u>North Deeside Road Rezoning Consultation Report</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u> to agree to implement the proposals to:</p> <p>(1) rezone the area of ground which lies south of North Deeside Road and east of Pitfodels Station Road, from the Airyhall School zone to the Broomhill School zone, and from the Hazlehead Academy zone to the Harlaw Academy zone, with effect from 1 August 2017; and</p> <p>(2) rezone the area of ground which lies south of North Deeside Road and west of Pitfodels Station Road, from the Airyhall School zone to the Cults School zone, with effect from 1 August 2017.</p>	Education and Children's Service	E Couperwhite/A Jones
10.4	<u>St Peter's School - Plans to Address Capacity Pressures</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the content of the report;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Head of Policy, Performance and Resources to advise the Committee, by way of email, of the outcome of tender exercise undertaken for the planned works at St Peter's RC School;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Head of Policy, Performance and Resources to include information on the capacity and condition of St Peter's RC School in the report to be submitted to the Committee at its meeting on 16 November 2017, on the outcome of</p>	Education and Children's Service	E Couperwhite/A Jones

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		<p>the options appraisal on the long terms future of education provision at the existing St Peter's site; and</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Head of Policy, Performance and Resources to ensure that the local Community Council was updated as appropriate.</p>		
10.5	<u>Revised Policy on Exclusions in Schools</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the extensive and varied consultation on the Exclusion Policy involving children, young people, parents, staff and unions;</p> <p>(ii) to note the work undertaken to review the current Exclusion Policy; and</p> <p>(iii) to approve the refreshed Exclusion Policy and Guidance effective immediately.</p>	Education and Children's Service	H Shanks/E Sheppard
10.6	<u>Future Plans for Pupil Support Services and Cordyce School</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the content of the report, which outlined the further transformation of the service to ensure the needs of all Aberdeen city's children were being met;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Head of Inclusion to continue to work with partners to develop the city's continuum of provision, thereby improving the likelihood of children and young people maintaining their mainstream place and securing a positive destination beyond school as set out in Appendix 1;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Head of Inclusion to oversee the preparation of a proposal</p>	Education and Children's Service	H Shanks/L Stopani

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		<p>document for public consultation on the proposal to close the school specified in section 3 of the report in accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 as amended; and</p> <p>(iv) to report to the Committee on the outcome of the statutory consultation at the November Committee meeting to enable a decision on the future of close the school specified in section 3 of the report to be made.</p>		
10.7	<u>Excellence and Equity</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the revised national expectations summarised in the report;</p> <p>(ii) to endorse the actions for improvement contained in the draft National Improvement Framework Plan;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Director of Education and Children’s Service to undertake further consultation on the National Improvement Framework (NIF) Plan and to delegate authority to the Director, in consultation with the Convener, to submit the final NIF Plan to the Scottish Government as required by the end of August.</p>	Education and Children’s Service	H Shanks/E Sheppard/L Scanlon
10.8	<u>Appointment of Members to the Fishing Industry Memorial Working Group</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to agree to re-establish the Fishing Industry Memorial Working Group; and</p> <p>(ii) to appoint the Lord Provost, the Cultural Policy and Partnership Manager and two industry experts to</p>	Committee Services Education and Children’s Service	A Swanson L Thomson

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		the Working Group.		
11.1	<u>St Peter's School - Plans to Address Capacity Pressures - Exempt appendix in relation to item 10.4 on the agenda</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the information contained in the exempt appendix.	Education and Children's Service	E Couperwhite/A Jones
11.2	<u>ALEO Funding 2017/18</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to approve the funding to be paid to the four Arm's Length External Organisations in financial year 2017/18 as set out in Section 3 of the report; (ii) to otherwise note the content of the report; and (iii) to instruct the Head of Policy and Performance to submit the internal audit report regarding Garthdee Alpine Sports to the Committee following its consideration by the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee.	Education and Children's Service	E Couperwhite
12.1	<u>Integrated Children's Services Plan 2017 - 2020</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to note the content of the Integrated Children's Services Plan 2017- 2020; (ii) to note the work undertaken to produce the final draft of the Aberdeen City Integrated Children's Services Plan 2017-2020; and (iii) to endorse the work of the Aberdeen City Integrated Children's Services Plan 2017-2020.	Education and Children's Service	G Gorman/J Simpson
12.2	<u>Payment Controls within Children's Social Work - Update</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to note the progress made in the implementation of Phases One and Two of the Public Social Partnership	Education and Children's Service	B Oxley/D Bliss

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		(ii) (PSP); and to request the Head of Children's Social Work to submit a service update to the Committee in early 2018, to provide assurance about the development of Phases Three and Four and the consideration of a Phase Five.		
12.3	<u>Allocation of Work in Children's Social Work</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note how the allocation of work was being managed by the social work service;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Head of Children's Services to submit a report on the implementation of Reclaiming Social Work to the Committee by the end of 2017; and</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Head of Children's Services to circulate the three external evaluation reports on Reclaiming Social Work to the Committee, by way of email, and that the final year 4 external evaluation report be circulated to the Committee in the same manner next year.</p>	Education and Children's Service	B Oxley/G Simpson
12.4	<u>Continuing Care</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the steps taken to implement continuing care for young people who are looked after and accommodated on their 16th birthday should they request to remain in their placement; and</p> <p>(ii) to request the Head of Children's Services to submit a report to the</p>	Education and Children's Service	B Oxley/A Donaldson

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		Committee in March 2018 detailing the costs of continuing care during the first full year of implementation of Part 11 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.		
13.1	<u>Exempt Business – Children’s</u>	There were no reports under this heading.		

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