

LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2017

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1.1	<u>Urgent Business</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> There were no items of urgent business.	N/A	
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 paragraphs 6 and 8 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.	N/A	
3.1	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> The following declarations of interest were intimated: (i) Councillor Nicoll declared an interest in relation to item 10.5 (Cordyce School Consultation Timetable) by virtue of his previous appointment to the Scottish Government's School Closure Review Panel. Councillor Nicoll considered that the nature of his interest did not require him to leave the meeting and	N/A	

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		<p>therefore chose to remain in the meeting for consideration of this item;</p> <p>(ii) Councillor Nicoll declared an interest in relation to item 11.1 (Aberdeen Performing Arts Business Plan 2018-2021) by virtue of his previous appointment as a Council appointed Director to the Board of Aberdeen Performing Arts to the Scottish Government's School Closure Review Panel. Councillor Nicoll considered that the nature of his interest did not require him to leave the meeting and therefore chose to remain in the meeting for consideration of this item;</p> <p>(iii) Councillors Boulton, Duncan and Imrie declared an interest in relation to item 11.1 (Aberdeen Performing Arts Business Plan 2018-2021) 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; and</p> <p>(iv) The Convener declared an interest in relation to item 12.1 (Review of Residential Childcare) by virtue of his</p>		

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		<p>previous employment with Action for Children. The Convener considered that the nature of his interest did not require him to leave the meeting and therefore chose to remain in the meeting for consideration of this item.</p>		
4.1	<u>Requests for Deputation</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u> There were no requests for deputation.</p>	N/A	
5.1	<u>Minute of the Meeting of 1 June 2017 - for approval</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the minute of the meeting as a correct record.</p>	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) in relation item 1 (Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014)), to request that the date on which the letter was sent to the Scottish Government be added to the business statement and to request the Head of Children's Services to advise Councillor Nicoll, by way of email, of the reason for the delay in the letter being sent to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education; (ii) to delete items 3 (Review of Residential Childcare), 4 (Attainment Fund and Pupil Support Assistant), and 6 (Future Plans for Pupil Support Services and Cordyce School) subject to the decisions taken later on the agenda; and (iii) to otherwise note the updates provided. 	<p>Education and Children's</p> <p>Committee Services</p>	<p>B Oxley/G Simpson</p> <p>A Swanson</p>

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6.2	<u>Committee Report Tracker</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the information provided.	Committee Services	A Swanson
7.1	<u>Notices of Motion</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> There were no reports under this heading.	N/A	
8.1	<u>Referrals from Council, Committees and Sub Committee</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> There were no reports under this heading.	N/A	
9.1	<u>Education and Children's Services - 2016-17 Annual Performance (Statutory Performance Indicator) Report</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to note the content of the report, and (ii) to note the detailed Education and Children's Services 2016-17 Annual Performance (Statutory Performance Indicator) outcomes contained within Appendices A and B.	Education and Children's	G Gorman/A Paterson/R Stewart
9.2	<u>E&CS Financial Performance - Quarter 1, 2017/18</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to note the projected revenue and capital position for Education and Children's Services as detailed in Appendix 1; (ii) to instruct the Director of Education and Children's Services to advise Councillor Cameron, by way of email, of the current fundraising figure for the Art Gallery redevelopment; (iii) to instruct the Head of Finance to advise all members of the Committee, by way of email, which budget the spend on the Music Hall refurbishment was reported through.	Finance Education and Children's Finance	S Whyte/B Dow G Gorman/E Couperwhite S Whyte/B Dow

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10.1	<u>Education and Children's Services Anti-Weapon / Knife Crime Policy</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the Anti-Weapon/Knife Crime Policy to be implemented immediately.	Education and Children's	H Shanks/C Walker
10.2	<u>Early Learning and Childcare Delivery Plan</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to approve the Draft Early Learning and Childcare Delivery Plan attached as Appendix A to the report; (ii) to delegate authority to the Director of Education and Children's Services, in consultation with the Conveners of the Education and Children's Services Committee and the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee, to submit the proposed Draft Early Learning and Childcare Delivery Plan to the Scottish Government by 29 September 2017, along with a covering letter seeking confirmation that the financial costs of implementation of the Plan would be fully covered by the Scottish Government and highlighting that the figures contained in this version of the Plan were provisional; (iii) to instruct the Director of Education and Children's Services to present the updated Early Learning and Childcare Delivery Plan to the Education and Children's Services Committee at its meeting 16 November 2017 for consideration of the Plan at this time; (iv) to note that the Director of Education and Children's Services will submit a further version of the Early Learning and Childcare Delivery Plan to	Education and Children's	H Shanks/E Sheppard

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		<p>Committee in 2018 following the period of scrutiny by the Scottish Government; and</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Director of Education and Children's Services to submit a report to the Committee in 2018 providing an update on progress and plans for workforce planning for early learning and childcare.</p>		
10.3	<u>Policy Refresh</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the refreshed Children Missing from Education Policy contained at Appendix A to the report and that this be implemented immediately.</p>	Education and Children's	H Shanks/E Sheppard
10.4	<u>Allocation of Additional Pupil Support Assistants</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note how the resource of £976,000 had been allocated, as detailed at section 4 of the report, in order to raise attainment by meeting the needs of children and young people.</p>	Education and Children's	H Shanks/L Stopani
10.5	<u>Cordyce School Consultation Timetable</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u> to agree to the amended timetable for the statutory public consultation on the proposal to close Cordyce School, and instruct the Head of Education to report to the Committee on the outcome of the consultation at its meeting in January 2018.</p>	Education and Children's	E Couperwhite/A Shanks
11.1	<u>Aberdeen Performing Arts Business Plan 2018-2021</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to approve the Aberdeen Performing Arts Three Year Business Plan for the Council's interest; and</p> <p>(ii) to note the contribution that APA makes to the delivery of the 365 Events Programme including Granite</p>	Education and Children's	H Shanks/M Bremner

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		Noir and True North.		
11.2	<u>Tender for SPECTRA - Light Festival</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to delegate authority to the Cultural Policy and Partnerships Officer following consultation with the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services, to undertake a tender process for the procurement and thereafter award of a contract for the delivery and programming of SPECTRA, the festival of the light, in 2019 with the option to extend for 4 further periods of 1 year depending on available budget;</p> <p>(ii) to delegate authority to the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services, to conclude a contract with the successful bidder;</p> <p>(iii) to approve the total estimated expenditure of up to the sum detailed in the report per annum for a maximum period of 5; and</p> <p>(iv) to note the proven benefits of the festival as outlined in the body of the report.</p>	Education and Children's	H Shanks/M Bremner
12.1	<u>Review of Residential Childcare</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the progress in relation to progressing the staffing restructure within the Children's Residential Service;</p> <p>(ii) to note the impact of change on work practices and implications for improved outcomes; and</p> <p>(iii) to note that the Head of Children's</p>	Education and Children's	B Oxley/A McGill

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		Services would provide a service update on the review would be provided if necessary.		
12.2	<u>Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to note the resource required to support Aberdeen City's response to the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry; and (ii) to note the financial and legal implications for the Council arising from the Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Act 2017.	Education and Children's	B Oxley/G Clarke
13.1	<u>Exempt Business - Children's</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> There were no reports under this heading.		

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