

## LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

### COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

#### EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY 2018

Please let the Committee Officer know as soon as possible if you do not agree with any action proposed in this decision sheet. These are decisions of the Committee and there is an expectation that action will be taken. If for any reason it is apparent that you will not be able to act on these instructions in full or in part or that there will be a delay, please let the Committee Officer know as it may be necessary to advise the Committee or seek further instructions from the Committee.

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| 1.1 | <u><b>Urgent Business</b></u>   | <b>The Committee resolved:</b><br>to note that the Convener had accepted item 7.1 onto the agenda as a matter of urgency in terms of Section 50(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to agree that the matter was urgent and to consider it as the next item of business.  | N/A                              |                   |
| 7.1 | <u><b>Motion by Councillor Cameron</b></u><br><br>That the Committee:<br>1. Notes concern that a recent feature to the mobile phone app, Snapchat, allows users to search for and view posts uploaded from schools<br><br>2. Further notes that a number of primary and secondary schools in the city are listed using this feature and that the posts available include pictures of young children, some appearing with what appears to be contact details. 3. Believes that this poses a risk to children | <b>The Committee resolved:</b><br>(i) to note concern that a recent feature to the mobile phone app, Snapchat, allows users to search for and view posts uploaded from schools;<br>(ii) to further note that a number of primary and secondary schools in the city were listed using this feature and that the posts available include pictures of young children, some appearing with what appeared to be contact details;<br>(iii) to believe that this posed a risk to children;<br>(iv) to instruct the Chief Executive to write to the app developers, Snap Inc, | OCE                              | Martin Murchie    |

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|     | <p>4.Instructs the Chief Executive to write to the app developers, Snap Inc, outlining this council's concerns and requesting all schools within the city to be removed from searchable locations within the app.</p> <p>5.Backes the campaign to have all schools removed from searchable locations on Snapchat and that Snapchat introduce urgent safeguards to protect children from the recently added features to the Snapchat app. The notice of motion should be considered as a matter of urgency because of serious child safe</p> | <p>outlining the Council's concerns and requesting all schools within the city to be removed from searchable locations within the app;</p> <p>(v) to back the campaign to have all schools removed from searchable locations on Snapchat and that Snapchat introduce urgent safeguards to protect children from the recently added features to the Snapchat app;</p> <p>(vi) to instruct the Head of Education and Inclusion to report to the appropriate Committee on any future apps with features which they believe could pose a risk to children to ensure that the Committees awareness and that appropriate action was considered; and</p> <p>(vii) to instruct the Chief Executive to provide a copy of the Committee's decision to COSLA and invite COSLA to support the campaign.</p> | <p>E&amp;CS</p> <p>OCE</p>       | <p>Helen Shanks</p> <p>Martin Murchie</p> |
| 2.1 | <b><u>Members are requested to determine that any exempt business be considered with the press and public excluded</u></b>  | There were no items of exempt business.   |                                  |   |
| 3.1 | <b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b>  | There were no declarations of interest intimated.   |                                  |   |
| 4.1 | <b><u>Requests for Deputation</u></b>   | There were no requests for deputation.  |                                  |   |
| 5.1 | <b><u>Minute of the Meeting of 16 November 2017 - for approval</u></b>  | <b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b><br>to approve the minute as a correct record,   | Committee Services               | A Swanson                                 |

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|     |   | subject adding Councillor Duncan to the sederunt and replacing Councillor Greig as voting for the motion with Councillor Duncan at article 11.  |   |   |
| 6.1 | <b><u>Committee Business Statement</u></b>                          | <p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to delete items 2 (Future Plans For Pupil Support Services and Cordyce School), 3 (Allocation of Work in Children’s Social Work), and 7(ii) (Subsidised Transport and Safe Walking Routes to Lochside Academy) subject to the decisions taken later on the agenda;</p> <p>(ii) in relation to item 1 (Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014), to request the Head of Children’s Services to send a reminder letter to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills regarding the provision of funding for the implementation of delivery of the new statutory duties imposed by the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014; and</p> <p>(iii) to otherwise note the updates provided.</p> | <p>Committee Services</p> <p>E&amp;CS</p> | <p>A Swanson</p> <p>B Oxley/G Simpson</p> |
| 6.2 | <b><u>Committee Report Tracker</u></b>                              | <p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>to note the information contained in the committee report tracker.</p>  | N/A                                       |   |
| 8.1 | <b><u>Referrals from Council, Committees and Sub Committees</u></b> | There were no reports under this heading.   |   |   |

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| 9.1  | <b><u>Education and Children's Services Performance Report - ECS/18/004</u></b> | <b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b><br>to note the content of the report.  | E&CS                             | H Shanks/B Oxley/A Paterson/R Stewart |
| 9.2  | <b><u>E&amp;CS Financial Performance - Quarter 2, 2017/18 - ECS/18/009</u></b>  | <b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b><br>(i) to note the projected revenue and capital position for Education and Children's Services as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;<br>(ii) to instruct the Head of Policy, Performance and Resources to advise the Committee, by way of email, of initial and current expenditure and forecast figures for Brimmond School; and<br>(iii) to instruct the Head of Policy, Performance and Resources to advise the Committee, by way of email, of when the increase in the approved budget for Stoneywood School was approved. | Finance                          | B Dow                                 |
| 10.1 | <b><u>Parental Involvement Strategy - ECS/18/001</u></b>                        | <b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b><br>(i) to approve the content of the Strategy;<br>(ii) to endorse the actions for improving parental engagement contained in the Strategy;<br>(iii) to instruct the Director of Education to develop an action plan to deliver the outcomes of the Strategy, and to report annually, by way of a service update, on progress with this plan; and<br>(iv) to instruct the Head of Education and Inclusion Services to reflect within the Strategy that it covered all pupils.   | E&CS                             | H Shanks/M Jolly/D Cuthill            |

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| 10.2 | <b><u>Aberdeen City Play Policy and Strategy 2018 - ECS/18/003</u></b> | <p><b>The Committee resolved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to note the contents of the report and the achievements since 2013;</li> <li>(ii) to approve the new Aberdeen City Play Policy and Strategy 2018; and</li> <li>(iii) to instruct officers to work with Aberdeen Play Forum and key stakeholders to launch the Aberdeen Play Policy and Strategy at an event in Spring 2018 as part of the Year of Young People celebrations in the city.</li> </ul>  | E&CS                             | H Shanks/L Beaton     |
| 10.3 | <b><u>Northern Alliance Regional Improvement Plan</u></b>              | <p><b>The Committee resolved:</b></p> <p>The Committee was advised that the report had been withdrawn from the agenda.</p>  | N/A                              |                       |
| 10.4 | <b><u>Cordyce School Closure Consultation - ECS/18/002</u></b>         | <p><b>The Committee resolved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to implement the proposal to permanently close Cordyce School in Aberdeen, with effect from 1 April 2018;</li> <li>(ii) to instruct the Head of Policy, Performance and Resources to notify Scottish Ministers of the Council's intention to implement the closure proposal, in accordance with the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 as amended; and</li> <li>(iii) subject to any call-in by Scottish Ministers, to agree that the Cordyce school site should be declared surplus to Education and Children's Services requirements, and to instruct the Head of Policy, Performance and Resources</li> </ul> | E&CS                             | E Couperwhite/A Jones |

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|      |   | to make arrangements to transfer the site to the Head of Land and Property Assets.  |                                  |                       |
| 10.5 | <b><u>Removal of Sites from Education and Children's Services Property Portfolio - ECS/18/013</u></b> | <p><b>The Committee resolved:</b><br/>to declare the following sites as surplus to Education and Children's Services requirements, and instruct the Head of Policy, Performance and Resources to make the necessary arrangements for them to be removed from the Education and Children's Services property portfolio, and for responsibility for the sites to be transferred the Head of Land and Property Assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the former Hazlewood School building;</li> <li>• the former Bucksburn School and Nursery building;</li> <li>• the existing Stoneywood School building (to take effect following the</li> <li>• opening of the replacement Stoneywood School building scheduled to open in August 2018); and:</li> <li>• the existing Kincorth Academy building (to take effect following the opening of the new Lochside Academy building, scheduled to open in August 2018).</li> </ul> | E&CS                             | E Couperwhite/A Jones |

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| 10.6 | <b><u>Lochside Academy Transport Arrangements: Hours of Operation of Free School Transport</u></b> | <b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b><br>to note the outcome of discussion and that the Head of Policy, Performance and Resources would proceed with plans for the agreed free transport arrangements for the applicable pupils for Lochside Academy to operate between the hours of 07:00 and 18:00, Monday to Friday during school term time, subject to the appropriate budget provision being confirmed through the annual budget setting process. | E&CS                             | E Couperwhite/A Jones |
| 11.1 | <b><u>Carers Strategy Consultation - ECS/18/006</u></b>  | <b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b><br>(i) to note the current version of the draft Carers Strategy; and<br>(ii) to instruct the Head of Children's Services to submit the final version, following consultation, for approval at the appropriate subsequent Committee.  | E&CS                             | B Oxley/D Bliss       |
| 11.2 | <b><u>Update on the Implementation of Reclaiming Social Work - ECS/18/011</u></b>                  | <b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b><br>(i) to note the progress made in implementation of the Reclaiming Social Work model; and<br>(ii) to note the identified changes to the initial Reclaiming Social Work model as detailed at section 3.12 and 3.13 of the report to enable the Service to deliver full implementation of the model.   | E&CS                             | B Oxley/G Simpson     |
| 12.1 | <b><u>Exempt/Confidential Business</u></b>   | There were no reports under this heading.  |                                  |                       |

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