

LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2017

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1.1	<u>Aberdeen Care Experienced Young People Presentation</u>	The Committee resolved: to thank the young people for the informative presentation.	N/A	
2.1	<u>Urgent Business</u>	There were no items of urgent business.	N/A	
3.1	<u>Exempt Business</u>	The Committee resolved: 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 12.1, 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4 so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in paragraphs 6 and 8 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.		
4.1	<u>Members are requested to intimate any declarations of interest</u>	The Committee resolved: The following declarations of interest were intimated: (i) Councillor Nicoll declared an interest in relation to item 12.3 (Garthdee Alpine Sports – Internal Audit Report) by	N/A	

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		<p>virtue of his positions as a Council appointed Director to the Board of Garthdee Alpine Sports but chose to remain in the meeting as Garthdee Alpine Sports 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>(ii) Councillor Lumsden declared an interest in relation to item 12.3 (Garthdee Alpine Sports – Internal Audit Report) by virtue of being proposed as a Director to the Board of Garthdee Alpine Sports but chose to remain in the meeting;</p> <p>(iii) Councillors Boulton, Donnelly, Duncan and Imrie declared interests in relation to item 12.4 (Aberdeen International Youth Festival Updated Business Plan 2017-2020) by virtue of their position as Council appointed members of the Aberdeen International Youth Festival Trust, and all chose to leave the meeting prior to consideration of the report; and</p> <p>(iv) Mrs Stephanie Brock declared an interest in relation to item 11.3 (St Peter's School – Long Term Educational Provision) by virtue of</p>		

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		being a member of the St Peter's School parent Council and having children attending the school but chose to remain in the meeting.		
5.1	<u>Item 11.2 - Request from Walker Road Parent Council</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to agree to hear the deputation immediately prior to consideration of the report on the agenda.	N/A	
5.2	<u>Item 11.2 - Request from Julie Pose</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to agree to hear the deputation immediately prior to consideration of the report on the agenda.	N/A	
5.3	<u>Item 11.2 - Request from Andy Finlayson</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to agree to hear the deputation immediately prior to consideration of the report on the agenda.	N/A	
5.4	<u>Item 11.3 - Request from St Peter's RC Primary School Parent Council</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note that the request had been withdrawn.	N/A	
6.1	<u>Minute of the Meeting of 14 September 2017 - for approval</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the minute as a correct record.	Committee Services	A Swanson
7.1	<u>Committee Business Statement</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to delete items 2 (Children and Young People (Scotland) Act), 3 (New Primary School Provision with Early Education and Childcare Facilities in Tillydrone), and 5 (ALEO Funding 2017/2018), 8 (Feasibility Study on a Safe Route to the New Lochside	Committee Services	A Swanson

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		Academy); 9(i) (Early Learning and Childcare Delivery Plan) subject to the decisions taken later on the agenda; and (ii) to otherwise note the updates provided.		
7.2	<u>Committee Report Tracker</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the information contained in the committee report tracker.		
8.1	<u>Notices of Motion</u>	There were no reports under this heading.	N/A	
9.1	<u>Referrals from Council, Committees and Sub Committees</u>	There were no reports under this heading.	N/A	
10.1	<u>Education and Children's Services Directorate Performance Improvement Report</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of pupils and staff which had resulted in continued progress and successes in 2017, as reflected in the report content; (ii) with regards to the percentage of looked after children with an allocated social worker to request that narrative on the wider context of the allocation be included in future performance reports; (iii) to request the Head of Children's Services to clarify to the Committee by way of email the figures for the number of looked after children over the year; and (iv) to otherwise note the content of the	E&CS Children's Children's	G Gorman/A Paterson/R Stewart B Oxley B Oxley

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		report.		
11.1	<u>Early Learning and Childcare Financial Template</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the content of the current version of the Early Learning and Childcare Delivery Plan including the indicative financial template contained at the exempt appendix to the report; (ii) to instruct the Head of Education and Inclusion to present a further updated Early Learning and Childcare Delivery Plan to the appropriate Committee once notification of capital and revenue grants were received from Scottish Government; (iii) to endorse the interim Memorandum of Understanding between Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Council in relation to the provision of Early Learning and Childcare for Cross Border Split Placements as detailed at section 3.8 of the report; and (iv) to delegate authority to the Head of Education and Inclusion to allocate the 17/18 early years expansion revenue and capital grants, and in utilising the grant to instruct the Head of Education and Inclusion to ensure that the many assumptions made in the financial template were rigorously tested to support more accurate financial planning. 	Education and Inclusion	H Shanks/E Sheppard
11.2	<u>Subsidised Transport and Safe Walking Routes to Lochside Academy</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to approve recommendation (i) and (iv) as contained in the report; 	E&CS	E Couperwhite/A Jones

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		<p>(ii) in order to support the transition to the new school, to approve Option 2a as detailed in the report with the addition of the provision of a supported bus service between Cove and Lochside Academy with pupils paying a fare to use the service to take effect from August 2018 and initially for a period of 3 years subject to approval of appropriate funding by the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee and to instruct the Interim Head of Planning and Sustainable Development to report to the appropriate Committee on the proposed fare to be paid by pupils from Cove for approval;</p> <p>(iii) to note the concerns of parents from Torry, Kincorth and Cove expressed at the consultation meetings about the safety of pupils leaving service buses at stops on Wellington Road rather than on the quieter Wellington Circle and therefore instructs the Interim Head of Planning and Sustainable Development to discuss such adjustments to the routes of service buses 3/3G, 18 and the new supported public services detailed in (iv) below as were necessary to ensure that Lochside Academy pupils were dropped off on Wellington Circle (or in the schools grounds if appropriate) at the start of the school day and picked up from Wellington Circle (or in the schools grounds if appropriate) at the</p>	<p>Planning and Sustainable Development</p> <p>M Masson – F,P&R CBS</p> <p>Planning and Sustainable Development</p> <p>A Swanson – E&CS CBS</p>	<p>E Owens/C Cormack</p> <p>E Owens/C Cormack</p>

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		<p>end of the normal school day and to report back on the outcome of those discussions to the appropriate Committee;</p> <p>(iv) subject to approval of the required funding of amended Option 2a as detailed in (ii) above by the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee to (1) approve the total estimated expenditure per annum (as detailed in the exempt appendix as amended to include the costs of the supported bus service between Cove and Lochside Academy) for a period of 3 years as detailed in the report (2) delegate authority to the Interim Head of Planning and Sustainable Development following consultation with the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services, to undertake a tender process for the procurement and thereafter award for the delivery of a supported bus service to operate between Deeside Brae, Leggart, Balnagask and Lochside Academy from August 2018 and (3) delegate authority to the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services to conclude a contract with the successful bidder;</p> <p>(v) to note the concerns expressed by Cove parents during the consultation meetings about the safety of the identified safe routes to school for the approximately 265 Cove Lochside Academy pupils;</p>	<p>Planning and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Commercial Procurement</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>E Owens/C Cormack</p> <p>C Innes</p>

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		<p>(vi) to instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to carry out a study and option appraisal and budget analysis for the following measures in respect of safe walking routes to school for pupils residing in Cove and to report the outcome to the appropriate Committee to ensure that these works, if approved, were implemented prior to the opening of Lochside Academy:</p> <p>(a) Puffin crossing at an estimated cost of £30-35k¹ on Cove Road to ensure the safety of pupils crossing this road with the location of the crossing determined in consultation with local Elected Members, Parent Councils and the Community Council;</p> <p>(b) Puffin crossing in the vicinity of Langdykes Road at an estimated cost of £30-35k¹ to ensure the safety of pupils crossing this road with the location of the crossing determined in consultation with local Elected Members, Parent Councils and the Community Council;</p> <p>(c) Investigate the adoption of the land between Charleston Drive and Charleston Crescent and the subsequent upgrading and lighting of the footpath at an estimated cost of £30-35k¹ (works only not</p>	<p>Public Infrastructure and Environment</p> <p>I Robertson – CH&I CBC</p>	<p>M Reilly/D Ritchie</p>

¹ All estimated costs advised by officers

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		<p>inclusive of the purchase of any land) as a route away from vehicular traffic for pupils to use travelling to and from the new Lochside Academy;</p> <p>(d) Resolve drainage issues, and delivery of upgraded lighting, on South Loirston Road as an identified safe route to the New Lochside Academy at an estimated cost of £25k¹ (street lighting only);</p> <p>(e) Consider the installation of barriers between the pavement and road on Wellington Road, between Souter-Head Roundabout and the junctions of both Charleston Road North and Wellington Circle.</p> <p>(vii) to note the concerns expressed by parents in Torry, Kincorth and Cove about speeding on roads identified as safe walking routes to Lochside Academy and further note that enforcement of speeding restrictions was the responsibility of Police Scotland;</p> <p>(viii) to instruct the Head of Education and Inclusion to facilitate a meeting between representatives of the parent councils in Kincorth, Torry and Cove with appropriate representatives from Police Scotland to provide a greater understanding of the community concerns about speeding on the safe</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Education and Inclusion</p> <p>I Robertson – CH&I CBC</p>	<p>H Shanks</p>

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		<p>routes to Lochside Academy and discuss the measures that could be taken to address those concerns and to report back to the appropriate Committee on the outcomes from that meeting;</p> <p>(ix) to instruct the Head of Education and Inclusion to provide support to Lochside Academy's six associated group primary schools to ensure appropriate road safety programmes were in place in those schools for P4-7 prior to Lochside Academy opening in August 2018 and to report back to the appropriate Committee on the need for additional road safety programmes in the associated group primaries thereafter;</p> <p>(xii) to agree that it was not the Committee's view that a suitable safe walking route had been identified for pupils from Torry;</p> <p>(xiii) to instruct the Interim Head of Planning and Sustainable Development to concurrently enter into discussions with bus providers with a view to re-routing services in Torry to ensure that pupils were picked up from safe locations and to report back on the outcome of the discussions to the appropriate Committee;</p>	<p>Education and Inclusion</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Planning and Sustainable Development</p> <p>I Robertson – CH&I CBC</p>	<p>H Shanks/A Jones</p> <p>E Owens/C Cormack</p>

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		<p>(xiv) to instruct the Interim Head of Planning and Sustainable Development and Head of Policy, Resources and Performance to enter into discussions with the school Senior Management Team to ascertain whether the bus pass should be valid beyond the current hours of 07:00 to 18:00 to ensure pupil access to school related extra-curricular activities – with a report to be submitted to the next meeting of Education and Children’s Services Committee;</p> <p>(xv) to instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to upgrade, as per planning conditions, the path which runs from the south end of Boyd Orr Avenue in a south east direction to Redmoss Road (noted as Core Path 82 on page 122 of the report) to improve the safe walking route from the southern end of Kincorth;</p> <p>(xvi) to request the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to report to the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee for approval to undertake the necessary legal process to implement a loading ban in Wellington Circle to ensure traffic restrictions were in place</p>	<p>Planning and Sustainable Development</p> <p>A Swanson – E&C CBS</p> <p>Public Infrastructure and Environment</p> <p>Public Infrastructure and Environment</p> <p>I Robertson – CH&I CBC</p>	<p>E Owens/C Cormack</p> <p>M Reilly/D Ritchie</p> <p>M Reilly/D Ritchie</p>

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		<p>between Lochside Academy and Wellington Road; and</p> <p>(i) to instruct the Interim Head of Planning and Sustainable Development and the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to undertake annual updates reviewing the success of the provision of the free bus travel and the safe routes to school, with the first review to be end undertaken in March 2019 and thereafter annually at the end of the third school term with the outcome of each review to be reported to the relevant Committee at the earliest possible opportunity prior to the end of the fourth school term each year.</p>	<p>Planning and Sustainable Development/ Public Infrastructure and Environment</p> <p>I Robertson – CH&I CBC</p>	<p>E Owens/C Cormack M Reilly/D Ritchie</p>
11.3	<p><u>St Peter's School - Long Term Educational Provision</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the outcome of the option appraisal work to date; and</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Head of Policy, Performance and Resources to undertake a feasibility study to identify improvements to Riverbank School and the associated costs, including the costs of bringing up to category A and to report to the Committee at its meeting in January 2018.</p>	<p>Policy, Performance and Resources</p>	<p>E Couperwhite/M Thies</p>
12.1	<p><u>Early Learning and Childcare Financial Template - Exempt Appendix</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>to note the indicative financial template contained in the exempt appendix.</p>	<p>Education and Inclusion</p>	<p>H Shanks/E Sheppard</p>

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12.2	<u>Subsidised Transport and Safe Walking Routes to Lochside Academy - Exempt Appendix</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the total estimated expenditure per annum (as detailed in the exempt motion appendix).	Policy, Performance and Resources	E Couperwhite/A Jones
12.3	<u>Garthdee Alpine Sports - Internal Audit Report</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to note the contents of the Internal Audit report which was attached as Appendix 1 of the report; (ii) to note that a report would be submitted to the 22 February 2018, meeting of the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee providing an update on the organisation's response to the Internal Audit findings; (iii) to note that a report would be submitted to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee meeting of 1 December 2017 which reviewed the future management arrangements of Garthdee Alpine Sports and other sports providers; and (iv) to otherwise note the content of the report.	Policy, Performance and Resources	E Couperwhite
13.1	<u>Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to note how children's social work had taken forward the implementation of the new duties contained within the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014; and (ii) to note the request by the Education and Children's Services Committee in June 2017 to provide a report in March 2018 on the project costs of	Children's	B Oxley/G Simpson

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		implementing Part 11 – Continuing Care.		
12.4	<u>Aberdeen International Youth Festival Updated Business Plan 2017-2020</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) to note that the Committee was not supportive of funding being allocated to Aberdeen International Youth Festival as part of the financial year 18/19 budget setting process;</p> <p>(ii) to note that the Committee was supportive of funding of £100,000 from contingencies or reserves being approved by the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting to be held on 1 December 2017 for a Year of Young People funding Award Programme for the financial year 18/19 for groups and organisations to apply for funding for the delivery of youth led cultural projects and events in Aberdeen to celebrate the Year of Young People;</p> <p>(iii) subject to the funding being approved by the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee on 1 December 2017:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to instruct the Head of Education and Inclusion, following consultation with the Head of Finance, to set up a Year of Young People funding Award Programme for the financial year 18/19 for groups and organisations to apply for funding for the delivery of youth led cultural projects and events in Aberdeen to celebrate the Year of Young People; 2. to delegate authority to the Head 	<p>Finance</p> <p>Education and Inclusion</p> <p>M Masson – for info – F,P&R</p> <p>Education and Inclusion</p>	<p>S Whyte/B Dow</p> <p>H Shanks/F Clark</p> <p>H Shanks/F Clark</p>

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		<p>of Education and Inclusion, following consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of the Education and Children's Services Committee, to set the criteria for the awarding of funding from the Award Programme;</p> <p>3. to delegate authority to the Head of Education and Inclusion to review and allocate the awards accordingly;</p> <p>(iv) subject to approval of recommendation (ii), to refer the approved recommendations in the report together with appropriate background detail by way of a report to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting be held on 1 December for consideration of funding allocation for the Award Programme, with the recommendation that (1) a sum of £100,000 from contingencies or reserves be allocated to the Award Programme for a one year period; and (2) the Head of Finance be delegated the power to account for this funding as appropriate; and</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Head of Finance and Head of Education and Inclusion to report to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee on 1 December 2017 as part of the report approved at (iv) above detailing all of the in-kind support and non-core funding provided to Aberdeen International Youth Festival.</p>	<p>Education and Inclusion</p> <p>and</p> <p>Finance/Education and Inclusion</p>	<p>H Shanks/F Clark</p> <p>S Whyte/B Dow/H Shanks/F Clark</p>

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