

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 16 November 2017. Minute of Meeting of the EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Wheeler, Convener; Councillor Lesley Dunbar, Vice-Convener; and Councillors Donnelly, the Depute Provost, Allan (as substitute for Councillor Laing), Boulton, Cameron, Copland, Flynn, Graham (as substitute for Councillor Duncan for article 16 only), Greig, Henrickson, Houghton (as substitute for Councillor Boulton for article 16 only), Imrie, Lumsden, McLellan (as substitute for Councillor Hutchison), Catriona Mackenzie, Malik, Nicoll, Samarai, Sellar (as substitute for Councillor Imrie for article 16 only) and Jennifer Stewart. External Members (to article 16 only):- Mrs Stephanie Brock (Third Religious Representative), Mrs Louise Bruce (Parent Representative (Primary Schools and ASN)), Mr John Murray (Roman Catholic Religious Representative), Mr Colm O'Riordan (Parent Representative (Secondary Schools)) and Miss Pamela Scott (Teacher Representative (Primary Schools and ASN)).

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ABERDEEN CARE EXPERIENCED YOUNG PEOPLE PRESENTATION

1. The Committee received a presentation regarding Aberdeen Care Experienced (ACE) which gave young people a voice to share what had been good and bad through their time in care at their Champions Board which was set up in 2014 and relaunched in November 2016.

The Committee resolved:

to thank the young people for the informative presentation.

EXEMPT BUSINESS

2. The Committee was requested in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to determine that items 12.1 (Early Learning and Childcare Financial Template - Exempt Appendix), 12.2 (Subsidised Transport and Safe Walking Routes to Lochside Academy - Exempt Appendix), 12.3 (Garthdee Alpine Sports – Internal Audit Report) and 12.4 (Aberdeen International Youth Festival Updated Business Plan 2017-2020) on today's agenda be considered with the press and public excluded.

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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 (Early Learning and Childcare Financial Template - Exempt Appendix), 12.2 (Subsidised Transport and Safe Walking Routes to Lochside Academy - Exempt Appendix), 12.3 (Garthdee Alpine Sports – Internal Audit Report) and 12.4 (Aberdeen International Youth Festival Updated Business Plan 2017-2020) so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in paragraphs 6 and 8 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. Members were requested to intimate any declarations of interest in respect of the items on today's agenda.

Thereafter, the following declarations of interest were intimated:

1. Councillor Nicoll declared an interest in relation to item 12.3 (Garthdee Alpine Sports – Internal Audit Report) by virtue of his position 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;
2. 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;
3. 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
4. Mrs Stephanie Brock declared an interest in relation to item 11.3 (St Peter's School – Long Term Educational Provision) by virtue of being a member of the St Peter's School Parent Council and having children attending the school but chose to remain in the meeting.

REQUESTS FOR DEPUTATION

4. The Committee had before it a number of requests for deputation as follows:
 1. Request by Ms Lesley-Anne Yeats, Walker Road Parent Council, in relation to item 11.2 (Subsidised Transport and Safe Walking Routes to Lochside Academy);

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2. Request by Ms Julie Pose, in relation to item 11.2 (Subsidised Transport and Safe Walking Routes to Lochside Academy);
3. Request by Mr Andy Finlayson, in relation to item 11.2 (Subsidised Transport and Safe Walking Routes to Lochside Academy); and
4. Request by Ms Anna Rist, St Peter's School Parent Council, in relation to item 11.3 (St Peter's School – Long Term Educational Provision).

The Committee resolved:

- (i) to agree to hear deputations 1, 2 and 3 detailed above immediately prior to consideration of the report on the agenda; and
- (ii) to note that the request for deputation from Ms Anna Rist, St Peter's School Parent Council had been withdrawn.

MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2017

5. The Committee had before it the minute of its meeting of 14 September 2017, for approval.

The Committee resolved:

to approve the minute as a correct record.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS STATEMENT

6. The Committee had before it a statement of pending and outstanding committee business which had been prepared by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

The Committee resolved:

- (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 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.

COMMITTEE REPORT TRACKER

7. The Committee had before it a tracker of future committee business.

The Committee resolved:

to note the information contained in the committee report tracker.

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EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIRECTORATE PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT REPORT - ECS/17/059

8. With reference to article 6 of the minute of the meeting of the Education and Children's Services Committee of 14 September 2017, the Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education and Children's Services which provided (a) a briefing paper in respect of the first release Insight data relating to the 2017 SQA examination diet, and (b) a summary of the Education and Children's Services (E&CS) Directorate performance improvement measures.

The report recommended –

that the Committee

- (a) 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; and
- (b) note the content of the report.

The Committee resolved:

- (i) to approve the recommendations;
- (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; and
- (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.

EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE FINANCIAL TEMPLATE - ECS/17/057

9. With reference to article 9 of the minute of the meeting of the Education and Children's Services Committee of 14 September 2017, the Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education and Children's Services which presented an updated Early Learning and Childcare Delivery Plan including the completed indicative financial template.

The report recommended –

that the Committee

- (a) 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;
- (b) 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;
- (c) endorse the interim Memorandum of Understanding between Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Council in relation to the provision of Early Learning and

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Childcare for Cross Border Split Placements as detailed at section 3.8 of the report; and

- (d) 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.

The Committee resolved:

to approve the recommendations.

SUBSIDISED TRANSPORT AND SAFE WALKING ROUTES TO LOCHSIDE ACADEMY - ECS/17/060

10. In accordance with article 4 of this minute, the Committee heard the following deputations:

(A) The Committee received a deputation from Ms Lesley-Anne Yeats, Walker Road Parent Council.

Ms Yeats advised of the Walker Road Parent Council's participation to date in the consultation events regarding the school and that throughout this period they had continuously campaigned for it to be recognised that from their view the only safe route to Lochside Academy from Torry was free, dedicated transport.

She referred to Section 51 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 which stated "make arrangements for the provision of school transport for pupils attending their schools and to have regard to the safety of those pupils" and therefore the Parent Council was of the view that the Council had a duty of care to provide free transport from Torry to Lochside Academy.

She went on to advise of their concerns regarding the safety of the proposed safe walking route from Torry and advised that in order to address these concerns, the Parent Council wished the Committee to:

1. Approve Free Transport to Lochside Academy from Torry;
2. Request amendments to further investigate that free bus provision whether it be through:
 - a) a dedicated service; or
 - b) fully supported service picking up all Torry children within the community and dropping off within the school grounds; and
3. Request an amendment to further investigate available funding to ensure the accessibility of the school and community facilities outwith the proposed recommended 7am-6pm bus pass provision.

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(B) The Committee received a deputation from by Ms Julie Pose, Chair of the Charleston Primary School Parent Council.

Ms Pose advised of concerns regarding the safety of the proposed walking route to the new Academy from Cove, advising that she did not consider that a reasonable or safe walking route had been identified. In particular she highlighted the concerns the Parent Council had for pupils crossing the dual carriageway and stated that they did not accept that the central reservations available were sufficient. In this regard she referred to the safe walking and cycling route which was agreed by the Planning Development Management Committee in 2015, wherein the addition of a toucan crossing on Wellington Road was agreed, including the said route along the A956 dual carriageway along which there were no safety barriers other than at the Sainsbury's junction. She did not believe that this was either reasonable or safe as a designated safe route for children to walk or cycle along at any time. She also highlighted that Cove children would need to cross a crossing which did not currently exist and therefore had not been tested as fit for purpose and walk along the A956 which had no safety barriers along its entire length other than at its junctions. Therefore, she felt that Cove parents would have to hope that the route would be safe for their children and she did not believe that this was acceptable.

She then referred to Section 3.3.6 of the report which stated that authorities had a duty to carry out school education functions in a way which was designed to reduce inequalities of outcome for those pupils experiencing them as a result of socio-economic disadvantage. She explained that in her view excluding Cove families from the possibility of any free bus transport was creating inequality rather than addressing it and that she felt this was very unfortunate given the work between the current catchment schools to create a collective and inclusive transition for all of the future pupils of Lochside Academy. Also in respect of Section 51 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 which stated that authorities could charge parents for using school transport if they felt that the charge could be paid by the parent without undue hardship, she felt that there was an assumption that all parents in the Cove area would not experience the undue hardship that all parents in Torry and Kincorth would.

She also questioned whether the distance to walk for the children living at the far coast end of Cove, where the distance to school was much greater than those children living in Charleston, and the crossing of Wellington Road had been taken into consideration.

(C) The Committee received a deputation from Mr Andy Finlayson.

Mr Finlayson advised of his concerns regarding the identified safe walking route for pupils from Cove attending Lochside Academy, in particular highlighting his continued concerns for the safety of children crossing the A956 dual carriageway. In his view the current proposal was not acceptable and he explained why he did not feel that the proposed traffic management measures were sufficient.

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In light of his concerns for the safety of pupils walking from Cove to the new Academy, Mr Finlayson requested that the Committee agree as a part of the safe walking route for pupils from Cove attending Lochside Academy to provide an overbridge or underpass for the crossing of Wellington Road and instruct officers to report to the appropriate Committee for consideration of the implementation of this measure.

(D) With reference to article 12 of the minute of the meeting of the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee of 29 August 2017, the Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education and Children's Services which (a) set out options for providing subsidised or free transport to school for pupils attending the new Lochside Academy from August 2018; and (b) presented a report on the outcomes of a feasibility study regarding safe walking routes to the school.

The report recommended –
that the Committee

- (a) note that the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment would proceed to implement an at-grade Toucan crossing over the A956 Wellington Road, as originally stipulated in the planning consent, as it was the most suitable option in terms of providing a safe route to the new Lochside Academy for pupils, and to endorse this measure for their interest;
- (b) in order to support the transition to the new school, approve Option 2a in the report, to provide free-of-charge transport (using public transport services) to the new Lochside Academy, for pupils living in Torry and Kincorth only (i.e. those pupils whose home address included one of the Torry or Kincorth postcodes listed at Appendix 4), to take effect from August 2018 and initially for a period of three years, subject to approval of the appropriate funding by the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee;
- (c) subject to approval of the required funding of option 2 by the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee: (1) approve the total estimated expenditure per annum (as detailed in the exempt appendix) for a maximum period of three 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 of a contract 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;
- (d) refer the financial implications of the above recommendation (b) (as detailed in the exempt appendix) to the next meeting of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee, in order to seek approval from that Committee for the allocation of the appropriate budget to support the agreed arrangements for pupil transport to the new school, to commence from August 2018 and initially for a period of three years; and
- (e) instruct the Head of Policy, Performance and Resources to undertake a review of the arrangements for subsidised transport to Lochside Academy after three

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years of its operation, and subsequently to present a report to the appropriate Committee with any necessary recommendations for ending or changing these arrangements.

The Committee resolved:

- (i) to approve recommendation (a) and (d) as contained in the report;
- (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;
- (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 instruct 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 end of the normal school day and to report back on the outcome of those discussions to the appropriate Committee;
- (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;
- (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;
- (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:

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- (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;
 - (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;
 - (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 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;
 - (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);
 - (e) Consider the installation of barriers between the pavement and road on Wellington Road, between Souther-Head Roundabout and the junctions of both Charleston Road North and Wellington Circle.
- (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;
 - (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 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;
 - (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;
 - (x) to agree that it was not the Committee's view that a suitable safe walking route had been identified for pupils from Torry;
 - (xi) 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;

¹ All estimated costs advised by officers

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- (xii) 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;
- (xiii) 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;
- (xiv) 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 between Lochside Academy and Wellington Road; and
- (xv) 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 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.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL - LONG TERM EDUCATIONAL PROVISION - ECS/17/062

11. With reference to article 12 of the minute of the meeting of the Education and Children's Services Committee of 1 June 2017, the Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education and Children's Services which provided details and conclusions of the option appraisals carried out in relation to the planning of future options to be considered for the delivery of the long term education provision at St. Peter's Roman Catholic School in Aberdeen.

The report recommended –
that the Committee

- (a) consider the outcome of the option appraisal work to date which concluded that:
 - the current Riverbank School site was the most viable site for a new build replacement for St. Peter's School; and
 - the current Riverbank School building was the most suitable existing school building for the long term delivery of RC educational provision at St. Peter's, and that within currently available resources this was the most viable option for the future of St Peter's School.

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- (b) instruct the Director of Education and Children's Services to commence a programme of formal consultation in accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act, the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 and section 22D of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 regarding the proposal to relocate St. Peter's RC School to the current Riverbank School building, once the New Tillydrone Primary School became operational, and
- (c) instruct the Director of Education and Children's Services to report back to a future meeting of the Committee regarding the outcome of the consultation, which would take place in early 2018.

The Convener, seconded by Councillor Cameron moved:-

that the Committee

- (a) note the outcome of the option appraisal work to date; and
- (b) 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.

Councillor Greig, seconded by Councillor Samarai moved as an amendment:-

that the Committee –

- (1) note the outcome of the option appraisal work to date; and
- (2) instruct the Head of Policy, Performance and Resources to undertake a feasibility study to identify: (1) improvements to Riverbank School and the associated costs, including the costs of bringing up to category A; and (2) the cost of a new build replacement school for St Peters on the cleared Riverbank School site, and to report to the Committee at its meeting in January 2018 with the view to considering what option(s) goes to out to statutory consultation.

On a division, there voted:- for the motion (23) – the Convener; the Vice Convener and Councillors Allan, Boulton, Cameron, Copland, Donnelly, Flynn, Greig, Henrickson, Imrie, Lumsden, McLellan, Catriona Mackenzie, Malik, Nicoll, Samarai, Jennifer Stewart, Mrs Stephanie Brock, Mrs Louise Bruce, Mr John Murray, Mr Colm O'Riordan, and Miss Pamela Scott; and for the amendment (1) – Councillor Greig.

The Committee resolved:

to adopt the motion.

In accordance with the decision taken at article 2 of this minute, the Committee considered the following four items of business with the press and public excluded.

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EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE FINANCIAL TEMPLATE - ECS/17/057 - EXEMPT APPENDIX

12. The Committee had before it an exempt appendix presenting the indicative early learning and childcare financial template referred to at article 9 of this minute.

The Committee resolved:

to note the indicative financial template contained in the exempt appendix.

SUBSIDISED TRANSPORT AND SAFE WALKING ROUTES TO LOCHSIDE ACADEMY - ECS/17/060 - EXEMPT APPENDIX

13. The Committee had before it an exempt appendix detailing the estimated expenditure of the proposal contained in the subsidised transport and safe walking routes to Lochside Academy report referred to at article 10 of this minute.

A further exempt appendix detailing the estimated cost of the proposal approved by the Committee at article 10 of this minute in respect of the decision approved by the Committee in relation to the subsidised transport and safe walking routes to Lochside Academy report was tabled.

The Committee resolved:

to note both exempt appendices.

GARTHDEE ALPINE SPORTS - INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT - ECS/17/054

14. The Committee had before it a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which sought approval of the Aberdeen Performing Arts (APA) 2018-2021 Business Plan.

The report recommended –
that the Committee

- a) note the contents of the Internal Audit report which was attached as Appendix 1 of the report;
- b) 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;
- c) 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
- d) otherwise note the content of the report.

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The Committee resolved:

to approve the recommendations.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 37.2 (LENGTH OF MEETINGS)

15. The Convener proposed that the Committee suspend Standing Order 37.2 (Length of Meetings) to enable the meeting to continue beyond four hours.

The Committee resolved:

to agree to suspend Standing Order 37.2 (Length of Meetings).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with article 3 of this minute, Councillors Boulton, Donnelly, Duncan and Imrie left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business. Councillor Sellar substituted for Councillor Imrie for this item only. Councillor Houghton substituted for Councillor Boulton for this item only. Councillor Graham substituted for Councillor Duncan for this item only.

During consideration of the following item Councillor Catriona Mackenzie declared an interest by virtue of her position as a Council appointed Director to the Board of Aberdeen Performing Arts but 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.

**ABERDEEN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL UPDATED BUSINESS PLAN
2017-2020 - ECS/17/066**

16. With reference to article 25 of the minute of the meeting of Council of 21 June 2017, the Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education and Children's Services which presented the Aberdeen International Youth Festival (AIYF) 2017-2020 Business Plan including their plans for transitioning to a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and also reports on current festival activity.

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The report recommended –
that the Committee

- (a) note the AIYF draft Business Plan and additional documents submitted to the Head of Education and Inclusion on 29 September 2017 and ask that the final Business Plan was re-submitted to the Head of Education and Inclusion once approved by the Board of Trustees; and
- (b) request the Head of Education and Inclusion to consider the documents referred to in (a) above in the context of the annual cultural programme as part of the Council's 2018/19 budget setting process.

The Committee resolved:

- (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;
- (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;
- (iii) subject to the funding being approved by the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee on 1 December 2017:
 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 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;
 3. to delegate authority to the Head of Education and Inclusion to review and allocate the awards accordingly;
- (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 to 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) that the Head of Finance be delegated the power to account for this funding as appropriate; and
- (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.

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At this juncture, the external members of the Committee departed.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014 - ECS/17/058

17. With reference to article 18 of the minute of the meeting of the Education and Children's Services Committee of 17 November 2016, the Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education and Children's Services which provided an update on the anticipated financial and service implications of the implementation of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 as it affected children's social work.

The report recommended –
that the Committee

- (a) 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
- (b) 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 implementing Part 11 – Continuing Care.

The Committee resolved:
to approve the recommendations.

VALEDICTORY - GAYLE GORMAN

18. The Convener reminded members that this would be Mrs Gayle Gorman, the Director of Education and Children's Services last meeting before taking up her new post as Chief Inspector of Education for Scotland. He thanked Mrs Gorman for her hard work, passion and commitment to improving all areas within the Service's remit and for her support to the Committee throughout her tenure.

The Committee resolved:
to concur with the Convener's comments.
- COUNCILLOR JOHN WHEELER, Convener

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