

GOVERNANCE

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

EDUCATION OPERATIONAL DELIVERY COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Item Title	Committee Decision	Cluster Required to take action	Officer to Action
3.1	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	There were no declarations of interest.	N/A	N/A
4.1	<u>Minute of Previous Meeting of 3 June 2021</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> to approve the minute as a correct record.	Governance	S Dunsmuir
	<u>Committee Business Planner</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) in relation to item 11 (Inspection Reporting), to note that inspections had now restarted and therefore reports to committee would resume as they are published; and (ii) to otherwise note the planner.	Governance	S Dunsmuir
	<u>Performance Management Framework - Education Operations - CUS/21/213</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to thank staff for their efforts in helping to maintain such high levels of attendance at schools during the Covid-19 pandemic; and (ii) to otherwise note the report.	Education / Data & Insights	A Paterson / R Stewart / E Sheppard
	<u>Education Improvement Journey Tracker and National Improvement Framework Plan 2021/22 - CUS/21/212</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) in relation to the uptake of Early Talkboost and Talkboost Training and the need to better understand the issues to develop a more robust plan to address this area at the earliest opportunity, to note that an update on this would be provided in the Education Improvement Journey report due to	Education / Data & Insights	E Sheppard / Gael Simpson / R Stewart / A Paterson

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		<p>Committee in November 2021;</p> <p>(ii) to note the content of Appendix A, outlining the post review outcomes from the 2019/2020 Senior Phase, released through the Insight Tool, the Service's 2020 2021 Self Evaluation Report (Appendix B) and initial pre-review outcomes Available from the 2020/2021 SQA examination diet (Appendix D);</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Education to submit the Self Evaluation Report and the Aberdeen Council National Improvement Framework Plan 2021/2022 (the Plan) to the Scottish Government as soon as reasonably practicable;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education to implement the proposed Aberdeen City Council National Improvement Framework Plan for 2021/22 (Appendix C);</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education to maintain a review of the content of the 2021/22 Plan in light of any impacting national legislative and policy provisions such as the Scottish Government response to the OECD report, and advise Committee of any required changes in due course;</p> <p>(vi) to instruct the Chief Officer - Education to liaise with all schools in Aberdeen regarding COP26 being held in November, exploring what new initiatives and ideas the Council could look at introducing as a means of tackling climate change within their school and beyond;</p> <p>(vii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Education to bring forward a report of any new initiatives and /or ideas brought forward by the schools to the committee in January 2022 in order for</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>E Sheppard</p> <p>E Sheppard</p> <p>E Sheppard</p> <p>E Sheppard</p> <p>E Sheppard</p> <p>E Sheppard</p> <p>S Dunsmuir (for planner)</p>

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		<p>the Council to consider any further exploratory work before any agreed implementation;</p> <p>(viii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Education to undertake a separate evaluation of education among care experienced young people, taking into account the individual and often complex needs of looked after children; and report back to committee with recommendations on how to improve outcomes and attainment among care experienced children and young people in Aberdeen City; and</p> <p>(ix) to agree that transparency around data is very important in driving improvement; and acknowledges the positive work already undertaken by our Education and Data Analytics teams within Aberdeen City Council in working to achieve this.</p>	Education	E Sheppard
	<p><u>Evaluation of Aberdeen Summer of Play Programme 2021/2022 - OPE/21/217</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note the evaluation of our process in preparing for the Aberdeen City Council Summer of Play;</p> <p>(ii) to note the evaluation of the programme by children, young people and families available in Appendix A;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Education to send a copy of the Summer of Play Evaluation Report to all Summer of Play partners, The Scottish Government and to parents and carers through the Education Service newsletter;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education to use the remaining funds to offer a similar programme for children with additional support needs and their siblings in August 2022; and</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Education</p>	<p>E Sheppard</p> <p>E Sheppard</p>

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		(v) to thank all staff and partner organisations for their tremendous efforts and to congratulate them on their success in running the Summer of Play.		
	<u>Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Organisation (OECD) on Curriculum for Excellence - OPE/21/187</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to note the contents of the report; (ii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Education to continue to keep Committee apprised of resultant changes in Scottish Government policy; and (iii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education to keep Committee updated of how changed national policies are being implemented locally.	Education	E Sheppard
	<u>Digitisation of the Music Service - OPE/21/219</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to note the establishment of a universal offer available to all children and young people; (ii) to note the general move to group lessons for learners in the Broad General Education; (iii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education to consult with pupils, parents and instructors in order to determine the scope of a digital anytime offer to be made available to our learners; (iv) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education to track uptake to help evaluate the changes in service delivery; (v) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education to present an evaluation of the impact of the changes to Committee within one calendar year; (vi) to note that the evaluation would also take the Music Centre into consideration; (vii) having consulted with the Convener of the	Education Education Education Governance Finance	S Milne / E Sheppard S Milne / E Sheppard S Milne / E Sheppard S Dunsmuir (for planner) J Belford / H

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		<p>City Growth and Resources Committee, to instruct the Chief Officer – Finance to write to the Scottish Government and COSLA requesting an update on progress they have made on ensuring that the shortfall in budgeted income for the delivery of Music Instruction is provided to Aberdeen City Council in 2021/22 and for a clear longer term funding strategy; and</p> <p>(viii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Education to implement the continuity of instructors for the provision of musical education noting that this is a vital component in the delivery of the music curriculum.</p>	Education	<p>Sherrit</p> <p>(G Halfyard / D Allardyce – for information)</p> <p>S Milne / E Sheppard</p>
	<u>Senior Phase - OPE/21/218</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note that officers would ensure that the colours used in the evaluation report charts were consistent in any future reports to assist with understanding the data;</p> <p>(ii) to note the progress made since November 2020;</p> <p>(iii) to note the proposed use of the Education Recovery Grant;</p> <p>(iv) to endorse the establishment of a yearly ‘Lift Off’ event to support young people in the senior phase;</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Chief Officer - Education to report ongoing progress to Committee through the Education Improvement Journey reports; and</p> <p>(vi) to instruct the Chief Officer - Education to routinely update Committee of proposed local changes in light of changes to national policy resulting from the Scottish Government response to the Organisation for Economic</p>	Education	A Duncan / E Sheppard

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		Co-operation and Development (OECD) report.		
	<u>Platinum Jubilee Public Holiday - OPE/21/225</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to delegate authority to the Chief Education Officer to make a formal request to the Scottish Government for an additional closure day, subject to approval of an additional public holiday for staff at the Staff Governance Committee on 28 September.	Education	E Sheppard (I Newcombe for information for SGC)

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