## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

## **EDUCATION OPERATIONAL DELIVERY COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 26 JANUARY 2022**

	Item Title	Committee Decision	Cluster Required to take action	Officer to Action
3.1	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	N/A	N/A
5.1	Minute of Previous Meeting of 25 November 2021	The Committee resolved:-  (i) in relation to article 13 (Campus Model for School Provision) and the request that officers would circulate the weblink to the revised school forecast data to Members once it was available, to note that officers had now received the data and were currently working through it, and it would therefore be issued to Members once available; and  (ii) to approve the minute as a correct record.	Education / Corporate Landlord  Governance	E Sheppard / A Jones
7.1	Committee Business Planner	The Committee resolved:-  (i) to note that item 7 (Performance Management Framework – Education Operations) had been removed from the agenda for the reasons outlined in the planner in relation to availability of data; and  (ii) to otherwise note the planner.	Governance	S Dunsmuir
9.1	Inspection Reporting - OPE/22/009	The Committee resolved:-  (i) to note the content of the report for assurance; and  (ii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Education to continue to support Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) settings and schools to implement improvements in keeping with the Quality Frameworks.	Education	E Sheppard

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10.1	Evaluation of the Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare - OPE/22/001	The Committee resolved:-  (i) to note that officers would provide further detail to Members via service update in relation to (a) the number of children entitled to 1140 hours who were not receiving 1140 hours; and (b) the number of children attending who received free school meals;  (ii) to approve the Evaluation of the Expansion of		E Sheppard / A MacQuarrie / L Beaton
		Early Learning and Childcare available in Appendix A and B;  (iii) to instruct the Chief Education Officer to prepare a new Early Learning and Childcare Delivery Plan for 2022-24 based on the findings of this evaluation for presentation at the next meeting of this Committee;	Education	E Sheppard / A MacQuarrie / L Beaton
		(iv) to note the reduction of £4.6m in ring-fenced grant funding for the Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare next year and instruct the Chief Officer – Finance to include details of the impact, alongside the other implications of the 2022/23 financial settlement, in the budget report to be presented to the Council	Finance  Governance	J Belford / H Sherrit M Orchard (for information)
		on 7 March 2022;  (v) to note that officers would ensure that there was communication with the External Members in relation to any education budget matters considered at the Council Budget meeting in March;	Education / Governance	E Sheppard / S Dunsmuir
		(vi) agree that the cornerstone of our investment had been our expenditure in outdoor learning, this being reflected in the establishment of two outdoor nurseries at Hazlehead Park and Duthie Park; and (vii) to note the Hazlehead Park and Duthie Park		
		Outdoor Nursery provision would see Aberdeen City being the only Local Authority		

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		to offer two all year round outdoor nurseries, which were local authority run and based in urban parks, and agree the establishment of these two outdoor nurseries was a pioneering provision for the Early Years sector which the Council had made happen.		
10.2	How Children and Young People Want to Address Climate Change - OPE/22/015	The Committee resolved:-  (i) to request that officers circulate an annual service update to provide Members with detail on progress made with the climate change initiatives work both ongoing and outlined in the report;  (ii) to note the work already being undertaken in schools to address climate change;	Education	S Craig
		<ul> <li>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education and Chief Officer – City Growth to progress the development of accessible information for children and young people relating to Net Zero;</li> <li>(iv) to note the suggestions on how to address climate change from our children and young people;</li> </ul>	Growth	E Sheppard / R Sweetnam
		(v) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education and Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to organise an adapted child friendly version of COP 26 for climate change pupil champions from Aberdeen City Schools to take place on 3 March 2022 in the Town House;	Education / Strategic Place Planning	E Sheppard / D Dunne
		(vi) to agree that Aberdeen City Council Schools should appoint a President from a secondary school to preside over the Child friendly COP26 event held in the Town House with appropriate support from officers; and	Education / Strategic Place Planning	E Sheppard / D Dunne
		(vii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education, in consultation with the Convener of the	Education / Governance	E Sheppard / S Dunsmuir

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		Education Operational Delivery Committee, to liaise with the Aberdeen City Schools child friendly COP 26 version event President to present the findings of this event to a special meeting of this Committee on Thursday 14 April 2022.		
10.3	Supporting Learners - OPE/22/010	The Committee resolved:-  (i) to request that officers include data in relation to highly gifted children and young people in the service update due to be circulated in relation to the Early Learning and Childcare data (item 10.1 refers);  (ii) to note the approach being taken and progress made to date with the programme; and  (iii) to instruct the Chief Education Officer to report on the programme within one calendar year.		E Sheppard / C McDermott E Sheppard
10.4	Statutory Consultation Report: Proposed new catchment areas for Gaelic Medium Education - RES/01/022	The Committee resolved:-  (i) to note that the majority of respondents to the consultation were not supportive of the proposals. To further note the Report from Education Scotland addressing aspects of the proposal which highlighted a number of unaddressed concerns which could unintentionally have a significant impact on the learning opportunities and equity of access of GME provision for children across Aberdeen City;  (ii) to acknowledge that Aberdeen was not in line with the national trend of increasing uptake for GME provision across Scotland and instruct the Chief Officer – Education to undertake an		E Sheppard / S Milne

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	evaluation of how we can improve uptake in the city and report back to Committee; and  (iii) to agree to take no action on the current proposals and instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to consider and address the concerns from all consultees and stakeholders and further engage to explore all options for consideration and report back to Committee.	Corporate Landlord	S Booth / A Jones

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