

**GOVERNANCE  
COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET**

**EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2022**

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1	<u><b>Urgent Notice of Motion by Convener - Northfield Academy</b></u>	<p><u><b>The Committee resolved:-</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to welcome the continued willingness of senior management in the Education Service to continue engagement and collaboration with EIS union colleagues;</li> <li>(ii) to welcome that the Education Service continues to work with the whole Northfield Academy school community, including the young people, to support further improvement in the best interests of all;</li> <li>(iii) to note and welcome the information that there have been zero incidents of harm reported at the school since August 2022;</li> <li>(iv) to note and welcome that the young people at Northfield Academy are keen to work with senior staff to celebrate their many achievements; and</li> <li>(v) to instruct the Chief Officer - Education to provide a verbal update to the next committee on continued progress at Northfield Academy.</li> </ul>	Education	E Sheppard

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2	<b><u>Urgent Notice of Motion by Councillor Brooks and the Convener - Kingsford Nursery</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b></p> <p>(i) to express sincere regret about the recent case at Kingsford Nursery and sympathises with the parents and family and others involved;</p> <p>(ii) to agree the safety of children in our care is of paramount importance;</p> <p>(iii) to note the involvement of the Care Inspectorate and their reported finding of a 'failure to protect the toddler from risk of harm';</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education to ascertain the confidence of staff in following agreed Council policies designed to keep children safe;</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to review door security arrangements at all early years settings; and</p> <p>(vi) to instruct a report back on the above at the next Education and Children's Services Committee detailing the outcome of the above instructions.</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Education / Corporate Landlord</p>	<p>E Sheppard</p> <p>S Booth / A Jones</p> <p>E Sheppard / S Booth / A Jones</p>
3	<b><u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>The transparency statements made will be recorded in full in the minute.</p>	Governance	S Dunsmuir
4	<b><u>Minute of Education Operational Delivery Committee of 8 September 2022</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b></p> <p>to approve the minute as a correct record.</p>	Governance	S Dunsmuir
5	<b><u>Committee Business Planner</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b></p> <p>(i) to agree to remove item 12 (National</p>	Governance	S Dunsmuir



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		<p>Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and Insight Tool outcomes, provisional Curriculum for Excellence data for the same period and live attendance and exclusion data; and</p> <p>(iii) to note the content of Appendix A, outlining the progress of actions supporting delivery of the National Improvement Framework Plan 2022/23.</p>		
7	<b><u>Cluster Risk Registers - Education and Integrated Children's &amp; Family Services - CUS/22/233</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b></p> <p>(i) in relation to the Child Migration risk, to note that the Chief Officer – Integrated Children's and Family Services would provide further detail to Members outwith the meeting, to include information on the work being done by Community Planning Aberdeen; and</p> <p>(ii) to note the risk registers and assurance maps.</p>	<p>Integrated Children's &amp; Family Services</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>Graeme Simpson</p> <p>R McKean (for information)</p>
8	<b><u>Health and Wellbeing Summit - OPE/22/249</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b></p> <p>(i) in relation to section 3.8 of the report, and the development of materials to support an improved, collective understanding of adolescent brain development, to request that these materials also be shared with the Committee, and that a workshop be arranged for Members;</p> <p>(ii) to note the approach taken to delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Summit held on 14 October 2022;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education to establish a Mental Health</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Education</p>	<p>Gael Simpson</p> <p>Gael Simpson / E Sheppard</p>

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		Collaborative to focus on positive mental health from birth to end of life; (iv) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education to establish an aligned Youth Taskforce to inform the work of the Mental Health Collaborative; and (v) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education to report on progress within one calendar year.	Education  Education  Governance	Gael Simpson / E Sheppard  Gael Simpson / E Sheppard  S Dunsmuir for planner
9	<u>School Estate Plan - Implementation Plan - RES/22/242</u>	<b>The Committee resolved:-</b> (i) to note that officers would incorporate an overview of previous instructions and schools where work had already commenced in the annual update of the School Estate Plan to ensure that Members had oversight of all projects; (ii) to note that officers would look at the language used in consultation documentation to ensure that it was easily accessible for parents, and that they would meet with the Aberdeen City Parent Forum ahead of consultation being undertaken; (iii) to note the request from the Aberdeen City Parent Forum that officers provide further detail at its meeting in December around the accessibility of schools and how this will be assessed;; (iv) to note that the Chief Officer - Education would issue further communication to schools and Parent Councils to promote the School Estate	Corporate Landlord  Corporate Landlord  Corporate Landlord  Education	A Jones  A Jones  A Jones  E Sheppard

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		<p>Plan consultation link;</p> <p>(v) to thank officers for the considerable effort in preparing the next stage of the School Estate Plan, and note the proposed Implementation Plan and timescales;</p> <p>(vi) to agree that the 38 separate instructions within the implementation plan will be reported back to future meetings of the Education and Children’s Committee as a combination of updates to the plan and separate standalone reports;</p> <p>(vii) to note that the approved motion in September 2022 included an instruction to officers to report on the feasibility study to identify options for reducing the number of primary schools in the Northfield ASG and Oldmachar ASG areas and to agree that officers should fully explore and exhaust all options in order to avoid any such school closures where possible.</p>	<p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p>	<p>A Jones</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p> <p>A Jones</p>
10	<b><u>Update of Gaelic Medium Education - OPE/22/241</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note the assurance from officers that there would be monthly meetings, involving GME parents and learners, to learn from their experience and to promote the service more widely;</p> <p>(ii) to note the outcome of the online survey conducted contained in Appendix A and high level evaluation undertaken by the Education Service</p>	Education	S Milne / E Sheppard

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		<p>(iii) contained in Appendix B; to instruct the Chief Officer – Education to review and enhance how Gaelic Medium Provision was promoted across the city;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education to continue to work with partners to fill the vacant posts in Gaelic Medium provision;</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to undertake a statutory public consultation commencing 16 January 2023 on the proposal to change the catchment area for Gaelic Medium Education provision at Hazlehead Academy and Gilcomstoun School, to align with the boundaries of Aberdeen City (i.e. to propose a city wide catchment area for GME provision); and</p> <p>(vi) instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to report back to the Committee on the outcomes of the consultation at its next available meeting following conclusion of the consultation process.</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>S Milne / E Sheppard</p> <p>S Milne / E Sheppard</p> <p>A Jones</p> <p>A Jones</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>
11	<b><u>Inspection Reporting - OPE/22/234</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) notes the content of this report;</p> <p>(ii) instructs the Chief Officer – Education to continue to support Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) settings and schools to implement continuous improvement in keeping with the Quality Frameworks; and</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer –</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Education</p>	<p>E Sheppard</p> <p>E Sheppard</p>

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		Education to monitor progress against the action plans put in place to realise improvements at Stompers, Flexible Childcare and Walker Road and report progress towards achieving the actions within two committee cycles.	Governance	S Dunsmuir for planner
12	<b><u>Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2021/22 - OPE/22/246</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b> to note the content of the Annual Report, as attached at Appendix 1.	Integrated Children's and Family Services	Graeme Simpson
13	<b><u>Keeping the Promise - Year One of Plan 21-24 - OPE/22/244</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b> (i) to note and endorse progress and activities against the national Plan 21-24 to #KeepThePromise; (ii) to note the local progress made in Year One of Plan 21-24 as outlined in the appendix report (Appendix 1); (iii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Integrated Children's and Family Services to provide a progress report in Autumn 2023 in relation to the partnership's implementation of Plan 21-24; and (iv) to instruct the Chief Officer – Integrated Children's and Family Services to provide a report in July 2023 in relation to the partnership's plans for the use of Aberdeen City's share of the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund.	Integrated Children's and Family Services  ICFS  Governance  ICFS  Governance	A Evans  A Evans / Graeme Simpson  S Dunsmuir for planner  A Evans / Graeme Simpson  S Dunsmuir for planner
14	<b><u>Implementation of the National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2021 - OPE/22/243</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b> (i) to note the progress of the implementation of the National Guidance to date and be assured that	Integrated Children's and Family Services	A Anderson



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		the Child Protection Committee (CPC) would continue to oversee the implementation of the identified areas requiring local development.		
15	<b><u>Secure Care - Children's Rights - OPE/22/245</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to note the report;</li> <li>(ii) to note the 'Secure Care Pathway Review' thematic inspection currently being undertaken by the Care Inspectorate and instruct the Chief Social Work Officer to report back to committee on the findings of the inspection when it is published in Autumn 2023 and learning for Aberdeen City; and</li> <li>(iii) to request that the Chief Social Work Officer report to committee on the provisions of the Children's Care and Justice Bill and their implications for practice in Aberdeen City.</li> </ul>	Integrated Children's and Family Services	Graeme Simpson

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