

## GOVERNANCE

### COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

#### EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2023

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	Item Title	Committee Decision	Cluster Required to take action	Officer to Action
2.1	<b><u>Determination of Exempt Business</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to consider item 12.1 (Outline Business Case – Oldmachar Primary Schools Excess Capacity – Exempt Appendix) with the press and public excluded.	N/A	N/A
3.1	<b><u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u></b>	These will be recorded in full in the minute.	Governance	S Dunsmuir
5.1	<b><u>Minute of Meeting of 4 July 2023</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to approve the minute as a correct record.	Governance	S Dunsmuir
6.1	<b><u>Committee Business Planner</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> (i) to note that the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord had advised that he expected to present the withdrawn report (Item 13 – Northfield ASG Primary Schools Excess Capacity - Outline Business Case) to Committee within two cycles; (ii) to agree to remove item 31 (Health and Wellbeing Summit Progress	Corporate Landlord  Governance  Governance	S Booth / A Jones  S Dunsmuir for planner  S Dunsmuir

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		<p>Update) as it was due to be merged with item 51 on the planner;</p> <p>(iii) to note that the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord had undertaken to provide an update to each Committee on the situation with RAAC when appropriate; and</p> <p>(iv) to otherwise note the planner.</p>	Corporate Landlord	S Booth
9.1	<b><u>Music Service Update - CFS/23/232</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note the evaluation of the second year of free instrumental instruction;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Interim Chief Officer – Education to continue to extend opportunities for music making through partnership working between the Music Service and Aberdeen Music School and others; and</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Interim Chief Officer – Education to report back on progress within one calendar year.</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Education</p>	<p>S Milne / B Edwards</p> <p>S Milne / B Edwards</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>
10.1	<b><u>Performance Management Framework Report - Children's and Family Service/Education Improvement Framework Data Tracker - COM/23/281</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b></p> <p>to note the report.</p>	Data and Insights	A Paterson
10.2	<b><u>Aberdeen City National Improvement Framework Plan - CFS/23/268</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b></p> <p>(i) to request that officers provide a demonstration for Members on Power BI and school profiles;</p> <p>(ii) to note that the Interim Director of Children's and Family Services had undertaken to circulate research in</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Children's and Family Services</p>	<p>R Stewart</p> <p>E Sheppard</p>

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		<p>relation to mentoring and experience of a working environment;</p> <p>(iii) to note the content of the service Self-Evaluation and Plan contained in Appendices A and B;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Interim Chief Education Officer to implement the proposed Aberdeen City National Improvement Framework Plan 23/24;</p> <p>(v) instruct the Interim Chief Education Officer to maintain a review of the 23/24 Plan in light of any impacting national legislative or policy provisions through the education reform agendas and advise Committee of any required changes in due course;</p> <p>(vi) to note recommendations 2.4 and 2.5 of the report and the instruction to work with MCR Pathways to “address data issues”;</p> <p>(vii) to note section 3.14 of the report which suggests that, by agreeing to officer recommendations, MCR Pathways programme would no longer be funded centrally by Attainment Challenge Funding and instead paid for by participant schools PEF allocation, should they wish to continue with the programme;</p> <p>(viii) to instruct the Interim Director of Children’s and Family Services to report back to Committee outlining which of the participating MCR Pathways schools are agreeable to support the programme via their</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Children’s and Family Services</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>S Milne</p> <p>S Milne</p> <p>E Sheppard</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>

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		<p>respective PEF allocation;</p> <p>(ix) to note the suggestion that Attainment Challenge funding be diverted to in part accelerate phase 2 of the Abz Campus; and</p> <p>(x) to instruct the Interim Director of Children's and Family Services to report back to committee detailing specific deliverables on how Phase 2 of Abz Campus, the expansion of the edge of care pilot to St Machar Academy, and the expansion of Pathways co-ordinators will support a larger group of care experienced young people before any agreement by Committee to support this change in allocation of Attainment Challenge funding.</p>	<p>Children's and Family Services</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>E Sheppard</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>
11.1	<p><b><u>Education and Children's Services reforms - CFS/23/228</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note the update on education and wider children's services reforms;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Interim Director Children and Family Services to continue to consider the implications of each published report to ensure we remain ready to respond positively to any national policy changes; and</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Interim Director Children and Family Services to update Committee following publication of the final Daniel's report in October 2023.</p>	<p>Children's and Family Services</p> <p>Children's and Family Services</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>E Sheppard</p> <p>E Sheppard</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>

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11.2	<b><u>Inspection Reporting - CFS/23/234</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note the content of the report;</p> <p>(ii) to note that the Interim Chief Officer – Education would circulate the updated action plan in relation to Kittybrewster ELC; and</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Interim Chief Officer – Education to continue to support Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) settings and schools to implement continuous improvement in keeping with the Quality Framework agreed at Committee in July 2023.</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Education</p>	<p>S Milne</p> <p>S Milne</p>
11.3	<b><u>Northfield Advisory Group - CFS/23/229</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note that the Interim Director for Children’s and Family Services would provide a copy of the earlier report on the Advisory Group to Councillor Boulton; and</p> <p>(ii) to note the output of the first meeting of the Advisory Group.</p>	<p>Children’s and Family Services</p>	<p>E Sheppard</p>
11.4	<b><u>Summer in the City Programme 2023 - CFS/23/257</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note the high level evaluation of the Summer in the City programme; and</p> <p>(ii) to note that the Interim Chief Officer - Education would report to Committee on the impact of the autumn 2023 programme following delivery.</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>S Skene</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>
11.5	<b><u>Armed Forces Covenant - CFS/23/243</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b></p> <p>(i) to instruct the Interim Chief Officer - Education to monitor implementation of the proposed actions for education and build them into the National Improvement Framework Plan; and</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>S Milne</p>

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		(ii) instruct the Interim Chief Officer - Education to update on progress through routine reporting on the National Improvement Framework Plan.	Education	S Milne
11.6	<b><u>Community Learning and Development Plan - CUS/23/288</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note the progress made towards delivery of the Community Learning and Development Plan 2021-2024;</p> <p>(ii) to endorse the proposed change in governance for the Community Learning and Development Plan 2021-2024 and for future Community Learning and Development plans; and</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to report to the Education and Children’s Services Committee with an annual update on progress.</p>	<p>Early Intervention and Community Empowerment</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>M Stewart</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>
11.7	<b><u>Accessibility Plan - CFS/23/263</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note that officers would circulate information to Members outwith the meeting on the proportion of schools with an Active Schools assistant;</p> <p>(ii) to approve the Aberdeen City Accessibility Plan (Appendix 1);</p> <p>(iii) instruct the Interim Chief Officer - Education to review the impact of the Plan in 2026 in accordance with legislation; and</p> <p>(iv) instruct the Interim Chief Officer - Education to present an updated Accessibility Plan to the Education</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>Gael Simpson</p> <p>M Shewan</p> <p>M Shewan</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for</p>

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		and Children's Services Committee within 3 calendar years.		planner
11.8	<b><u>Outline Business Case: Oldmachar Primary Schools Excess Capacity - RES/23/278</u></b>	<p><b>The Committee resolved:-</b></p> <p>(i) to note that no suitable options for reducing the number of primary schools within the Oldmachar ASG had been identified within the outline business case; and</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to carry out further work to identify potential future options for improving and consolidating primary school provision in the Oldmachar ASG, alongside the planned work to review secondary school provision in this area of the city, and to report back to the Committee with recommendations and next steps as appropriate.</p>	Corporate Landlord Governance	A Jones  S Dunsmuir for planner
11.9	<b><u>School Estate Plan Annual Update - RES/23/282</u></b>	<p><b>The Committee resolved:-</b></p> <p>(i) to note that officers would circulate information to Members when it was available in relation to the timescale for the full business case for the Bucksburn Academy extension;</p> <p>(ii) to note that officers would circulate information to Members in relation to the trigger numbers for the Grandhome primary school provision to be built;</p> <p>(iii) to note the updates to the School Estate Plan which were provided at Appendix 1 of the report;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer –</p>	Corporate Landlord  Corporate Landlord  Corporate Landlord	M Thies  M Thies  A Jones





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		<p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to report back to the Committee in November with an updated Outline Business Case for the relocation of St Peter’s RC Primary School, to include the outcome of this feasibility study as an additional option, and the associated stakeholder feedback;</p> <p>(iv) to note that since officers were tasked, in September 2022, with submitting an application to the Scottish Government’s third phase of LEIP funding, that no material update had been provided;</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Interim Director of Children’s and Family Services to seek and circulate any written confirmation that there would not be any risk associated with the existing LEIP funding application which has been “pending” with the Scottish Government since September 2022 as a result of the feasibility work taking place;</p> <p>(vi) to agree that the feasibility work should also report on the potential interim arrangements and costs that would be required should officers propose at the November Committee a preference for a two-stream school at Old Aberdeen House; and</p> <p>(vii) to agree that if, at the November Committee, officers recommend a preference for a two-stream school at</p>	<p>Corporate Landlord Governance</p> <p>Children’s and Family Services / Corporate Landlord</p>	<p>M Thies</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p> <p>E Sheppard / S Booth</p>

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		Old Aberdeen House, that due regard is given to the potential uses/costs associated with any exit strategy of the existing Riverbank School site.		
12.1	<b><u>Outline Business Case: Oldmachar Primary Schools Excess Capacity - RES/23/278 - Exempt Appendix</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b> to note the exempt appendix.	N/A	N/A
13.1	<b><u>Children's Social Work Statistics, Scotland 2021-22, and an Aberdeen comparison - CFS/23/260</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b> (i) to note that care experienced children and those children who needed protection in Aberdeen City, were, predominantly, receiving care and protection in line with national averages; and (ii) to note that where performance differed from national averages, there were improvement plans in place.	Integrated Children's and Family Services	Graeme Simpson
13.2	<b><u>Bairns Hoose - CFS/23/289</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b> (i) to note Aberdeen City's Pathfinder Application, Appendix 1; and (ii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Integrated Children's and Family Services/Chief Social Work Officer to provide a service update in early 2024 on the outcome of the Pathfinder application and progress to develop Aberdeen City's Bairns Hoose.	Integrated Children's and Family Services	Graeme Simpson

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