

**GOVERNANCE  
COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET**

**EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 4 JULY 2023**

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	<b>Item Title</b>	<b>Committee Decision</b>	<b>Cluster Required to take action</b>	<b>Officer to Action</b>
1	<b><u>Determination of Exempt Business</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to consider item 12.1 with the press and public excluded.	N/A	N/A
2	<b><u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u></b>	These will be recorded in full in the minute.	Governance	S Dunsmuir
3	<b><u>Minute of Meeting of 23 May 2023</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> (i) to note the update provided by the Interim Director of Children's and Family Services in relation to MCR Pathways, and that the evaluation would likely come to committee in September; and (ii) to approve the minute as a correct record.	Governance	S Dunsmuir
4	<b><u>Committee Business Planner</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> (i) to note the reasons outlined in the planner for the delays to items 6 (Hazlehead / Countesswells Secondary Provision – Outline Business Case), 21 (Annual Effectiveness Report), 28 (Autism		

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		<p>Strategy and Action Plan) and 31 (National Delivery Framework for School Age Children);</p> <p>(ii) to note that service updates would be provided to Members prior to the September meeting in relation to items 6 (Hazlehead / Countesswells Secondary Provision – Outline Business Case) and 72 (Riverbank School – Learning Estate Investment Programme Funding Update); and</p> <p>(iii) to otherwise note the planner.</p>	Corporate Landlord	A Jones / M Thies
5	<b><u>Newhills Additional Primary School Provision - Referred from Finance and Resources Committee of 17 May 2023</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to note the report.	Corporate Landlord	A Jones / M Thies
6	<b><u>Performance Management Framework Report – Education and Children's Services - COM/23/203</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> (i) to note that the Interim Director of Children's and Family Services had advised that officers would include further narrative around the performance indicator data relating to inspections (pages 42 and 43 of the report) in future reports to provide greater clarity for Members; and (ii) to otherwise note the report.	Education / Data and Insights	S Milne / A Paterson
7	<b><u>Consultation on Proposed New School at Bucksburn/Newhills - RES/23/205</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> (i) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to carry out a statutory public consultation on the proposal to establish a new primary school at Bucksburn/Newhills, and on proposed changes to the existing	Corporate Landlord	A Jones

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		<p>school catchment area for Brimmond School, to create a new catchment area which would be served by the proposed new school;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to provide Members with a firm date for the statutory consultation and to report the date to the next Committee meeting; and</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to report back to the Committee on the outcomes of the consultation at the first available meeting following conclusion of the consultation process.</p>	<p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p>	<p>A Jones</p> <p>A Jones</p> <p>S Dunsmuir (planner)</p>
8	<b><u>Anti-Bullying Policy and Guidance - CFS/23/201</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note the feedback from the Aberdeen City Parent Forum in relation to the policy and to note that officers would take on board any feedback from parents gathered by the Aberdeen City Parent Forum throughout the initial review period of 12 months;</p> <p>(ii) to approve the content of the policy; and</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Interim Chief Officer – Education to implement the policy from August 2023.</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Education</p>	<p>M Hearn</p> <p>M Hearn / S Milne</p> <p>R McKean (for information)</p>
9	<b><u>Free School Meals Annual Update - CUS/23/172</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note that the Interim Director of</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>E Sheppard / S Milne</p>

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		<p>Children’s and Family Services and the Interim Chief Officer – Education would undertake a trend analysis of the data contained in the appendices and provide a verbal update to the September meeting; and</p> <p>(ii) to note the progress in Free School Meal provision and actions to continue developing uptake.</p>	Early Intervention and Community Empowerment	P Tytler
10	<b><u>School Transport - Establishment of Catchment Areas for Gaelic Medium Education - RES/23/208</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note the provision of funding from the 2022/2023 Bus Lane Enforcement Surplus for the provision of school transport associated with Gaelic Medium Education for the 2023/24 Academic Year;</p> <p>(ii) to implement catchment areas for the existing Gaelic Medium Education provision at Hazlehead Academy and Gilcomstoun School as defined within Maps A and B in the consultation report at Appendix 1 of this report, with effect from 1 August 2023; and</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Operations and Protective Services, in conjunction with the Chief Officer - Finance to refer the provision of free school transport to the Gaelic Medium Education provisions at Hazlehead Academy and Gilcomstoun School for those pupils eligible to receive it, to the 2024/25 budget setting process.</p>	<p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Operations and Protective Services / Finance</p>	<p>A Jones</p> <p>C Cormack / H Sherrit / S Paterson</p>
11	<b><u>Approaches to Quality Improvement - CFS/23/204</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note that Early Learning and</p>	Education	E Sheppard / S Milne

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		<p>Childcare settings and schools were currently undertaking self-evaluation and following a period of quality assurance, the Interim Director of Children’s and Family Services would share information with Members as to where each setting sat within the levels of support (set out on page 146 of the report) once that detail was available;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Interim Chief Officer – Education to implement the approach detailed in the Early Learning and Childcare Quality Improvement Calendar;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Interim Chief Officer – Education to implement the approach detailed in the Aberdeen City Council Quality Improvement Framework from August 2023 across all schools; and</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Interim Chief Officer – Education to review the impact of arrangements on evaluations of core Quality Indicators over school session 2023/24, amending approaches as required, and report back to Committee in advance of the 2024/25 school session.</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Education</p>	<p>S Milne</p> <p>S Milne</p> <p>S Milne</p> <p>(S Dunsmuir – planner)</p>
12	<b><u>Inspection Reporting - CFS/23/202</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note that some of the dates had been incorrectly labelled as 2023 in Appendix B (Sunnybank Action Plan) instead of 2024 and this would be corrected;</p> <p>(ii) with reference to Appendix C</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Education</p>	<p>S Milne</p> <p>M Jones</p>

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		<p>(Northfield Academy Update Action Plan) and the offer of specific courses through partner providers (for example, automotive, construction and make up artistry courses), to note that officers would provide an update to the next meeting as to whether there was an intention to roll this out more widely;</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 Frameworks; and</p> <p>(iv) to otherwise note the report.</p>	Education	S Milne
13	<p><b><u>Developing a Family Support Model and the Edge of Care Pilots - CFS/23/207</u></b></p>	<p><b>The Committee resolved:</b></p> <p>(i) to note the progress being made to develop a family support model;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Interim Director of Children’s and Family Services to report progress in developing a Family Support Model through the Children’s Services Plan annual progress report;</p> <p>(iii) to note the high level evaluation of the two Edge of Care pilots;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Interim Director of Children’s and Family Services to bring a final evaluative report to committee in early 2024 to include recommendations of how to scale up the Edge of Care pilots in a sustainable manner subject to positive final evaluation; and</p> <p>(v) to note the content of the Child</p>	<p>Integrated Children’s and Family Services / Education</p> <p>Integrated Children’s and Family Services / Education</p>	<p>G Simpson / S Milne S Dunsmuir (planner)</p> <p>G Simpson / S Milne S Dunsmuir (planner)</p>

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		Poverty Report.		
14	<b><u>Kinship Care Service Planning - CFS/23/183</u></b>	<p><b>The Committee resolved:</b></p> <p>(i) to note the improvement planning in relation to supporting kinship carers was fully aligned to the Children's Services Plan and the development of the Family Support Model; and</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Interim Director of Children's and Family Services to report progress on the impact of delivering improved multi-agency support to Kinship Carers through the Children's Services Plan annual progress report.</p>	Integrated Children's and Family Services	G Simpson  S Dunsmuir (planner)
15	<b><u>Newhills Additional Primary School Provision - Referred from Finance and Resources Committee of 17 May 2023 - Exempt Appendix</u></b>	<p><b>The Committee resolved:</b></p> <p>to note the exempt appendix.</p>	N/A	N/A

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