

**GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET**

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 30 MARCH 2023

Please let the Committee Officer know as soon as possible if you do not agree with any action proposed in this decision sheet. These are decisions of the Committee and there is an expectation that action will be taken. If for any reason it is apparent that you will not be able to act on these instructions in full or in part or that there will be a delay, please let the Committee Officer know as it may be necessary to advise the Committee or seek further instructions from the Committee.

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3.1	<u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u>	There were none.	N/A	N/A
5.1	<u>Northfield Academy Inspection - CFS/23/115</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to approve the workplan contained in Appendix A as the Council's official response to the HMIe inspection report on Northfield Academy; (ii) to approve the governance framework available in Appendix B; (iii) to instruct the Interim Director Children's and Family Services to implement the governance framework, including the establishment of an Advisory Group, to help drive improvements in the longer term; (iv) to instruct the Chief Officer - Education to oversee the Tactical Team in their support of school improvement at Northfield Academy against the Core Quality Indicators; (v) to instruct the Chief Officer - Education to provide progress 	Education	<p>E Sheppard</p> <p>S Milne</p> <p>S Milne</p>

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		<p>updates every two committee cycles through established Inspection reporting and include the outcome of any on-going engagement with Education Scotland including the conclusions from their return visit in 6 months and 18 months;</p> <p>(vi) to instruct the Head Teacher to routinely report progress to parents/carers and young people;</p> <p>(vii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Education to amend quality improvement arrangements for secondary schools to mitigate risk;</p> <p>(viii) to acknowledge that there have been failings on multiple levels over a number of years which have contributed to the challenges outlined in the Northfield Academy inspection report;</p> <p>(ix) to express thanks to education staff for their dedication to delivering in an often challenging environment; and express our confidence in the tactical team and staff to deliver sustainable improvements for the school;</p> <p>(x) to underline the Committee's solidarity with the parent council, pupils, and community of Northfield; and</p> <p>(xi) to acknowledge that delivering the highest quality of education for the children and young people of Northfield is paramount, whilst ensuring that their wellbeing and individual needs are being considered</p>		<p>S Dunsmuir – for planner</p> <p>D Watt</p> <p>S Milne</p>

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		and met consistently through a nurturing and empowering approach.		

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