

**GOVERNANCE
DECISION SHEET**

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2024

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3.1	<u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statement</u>	These will be recorded in full in the minute.	Governance	S Dunsmuir
5.1	<u>Minute of Meeting of 21 November 2023</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the minute as a correct record.	Governance	S Dunsmuir
6.1	<u>Committee Business Planner</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) in relation to item 9 (Autism Strategy and Action Plan), to note that guidance from the Scottish Government was still awaited but that the Chief Officer – Integrated Children’s and Family Services would issue a service update in the interim; (ii) to note that there was no requirement for a report this cycle in respect of Education and Children’s Services reforms (item 16) and therefore the item was removed from the planner; and (iii) to otherwise note the planner.	Integrated Children’s and Family Services Governance	G Simpson S Dunsmuir

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9.2	<u>Children's Services Board Annual Report April 2023 - March 2024 - CFS/24/046</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) to note that the Aberdeen City Parent Forum was organising a survey of parents in relation to school meals, and that once the results were available, officers could convene a working group including parents and catering staff to discuss further, noting the suggestions about potentially sampling school meals as part of this review and taking on board previous work undertaken by the Scottish Youth Parliament in this area;</p> <p>(ii) in relation to the extension of free school meals to Primary 6 and 7 pupils, to note that officers were still awaiting detail of the timescales around this and could update the Committee once this was available;</p> <p>(iii) in relation to the work to be undertaken on progressing more family centric approaches to support families facing complex challenges living in Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 1, to note that officers would engage with local ward Members during that process;</p> <p>(iv) to note that the Interim Director would ascertain whether it would be possible to provide information in relation to the capacities of specialist provision from pre-mainstreaming compared to now, noting that data may not be available due to the time since mainstreaming was introduced;</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Children's and Family Services</p>	<p>E Sheppard / S Milne</p> <p>E Sheppard / S Milne</p> <p>E Sheppard / S Milne</p> <p>E Sheppard</p>

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		<p>(v) to note the progress made in delivering the Aberdeen City Integrated Children's Services Strategic Plan from April 2023 to date;</p> <p>(vi) to note the changes evident in data sets released over the reporting period;</p> <p>(vii) to approve the Aberdeen City Integrated Children's Services Strategic Plan Annual Report 2023/24;</p> <p>(viii) to delegate authority to the Interim Director - Children's and Family Services to submit the Annual Report to the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee for further review and thereafter to the Community Planning Management Board for ratification;</p> <p>(ix) to delegate authority to the Interim Director - Children's and Family Services to submit the Annual Report to the Scottish Government;</p> <p>(x) to instruct the Interim Director - Children's and Family Services to report back to the Education and Children's Services Committee within two committee cycles on proposed approaches to progressing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more family centric approaches to support families facing complex challenges living in Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation(SIMD) 1; and • a whole system approach to addressing obesity. 	<p>Children's and Family Services</p> <p>Children's and Family Services</p> <p>Children's and Family Services</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>E Sheppard</p> <p>E Robertson – for information</p> <p>E Sheppard</p> <p>E Sheppard</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>

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		adequate support to deliver high quality ELC provision for all children in Aberdeen City.		
9.4	<u>Collaborative Improvement Report - CFS/24/048</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the Collaborative Improvement Review report; and (ii) to instruct the Interim Chief Officer – Education to keep Committee sighted on national developments around Collaborative Improvement models which impact the remit of the Education and Children’s Services Committee. 	Education	S Milne
10.1	<u>Management of RAAC in Schools - RES/24/053</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the contents of the report; (ii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to carry out a detailed options appraisal for the long term future of Northfield Academy, with a view to providing a solution to address the presence of RAAC within the building, and to include an update on progress within the next annual update to the School Estate Plan in September 2024; and (iii) to agree that there will be active engagement with the local community and young people. 	Corporate Landlord	S Booth / A Jones
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10.2	<u>Northfield Primaries - RES/24/054</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note that officers would circulate information on the outline process for the work set out in the report to Members outwith the meeting; (ii) to note the content of the report; 	Corporate Landlord	A Jones

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		<p>(iii) 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 Northfield ASG, alongside the planned review of the long term future of Northfield Academy, and to include an update on progress within the annual update to the School Estate Plan in September 2024; and</p> <p>(iv) to agree that there would be active engagement with the local community and young people to provide reassurance that primary and secondary changes will be considered together.</p>	<p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p>	<p>S Booth / A Jones</p> <p>S Booth / A Jones</p>
10.3	<u>School Estate Plan Timeline - RES/24/055</u>	<p>The Committee resolved: to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to implement the School Estate Plan in accordance with the revised timeline presented at Appendix 1 of the report.</p>	Corporate Landlord	A Jones
10.4	<u>Autumn in the City Programme 2023 - CFS/24/047</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) to note the high level evaluation of the Autumn in the City programme;</p> <p>(ii) to agree to utilise the £27,914.83 which remained in the In the City 23/24 budget to design and deliver a more limited programme for the Easter holiday period; and</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Interim Chief Officer – Education to report to Committee on the impact of the Easter (2024) programme following delivery.</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>S Skene</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>

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11.1	<u>Social work service provision for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children and Young People (UASYP) - CFS/24/045</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the current plans to provide appropriate accommodation, support and intervention to meet the needs of this vulnerable group of children and young people; and</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Chief Social Work Officer to provide an annual update through the Children’s Services Plan Annual Report.</p>	<p>Integrated Children’s and Family Services</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>G Simpson / A McAlpine</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>
11.2	<u>Bairns Hoose - CFS/24/049</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note Aberdeen City’s successful Bairns Hoose Pathfinder application;</p> <p>(ii) to note the award of £281,875 for the year 2023/24 to support Aberdeen City’s delivery of a Bairns Hoose and to note a further round of funding will be made available for 2024/25 with a bid being required to be submitted by 21 February 2024;</p> <p>(iii) to request that the Chief Social Work Officer provides Members with an update on progress to deliver a Bairns Hoose within the Annual Child Protection Committee Report and within the annual update to Aberdeen City’s Children’s Services Plan;</p> <p>(iv) to thank officers for the immense amount of work undertaken so far to ensure a successful Pathfinder application for Aberdeen City; and note the ongoing work to deliver this transformative service for vulnerable</p>	<p>Integrated Children’s and Family Services</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>G Simpson</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>

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		<p>children and young people across Aberdeen City and further;</p> <p>(v) to understand that a Bairns Hoose was a transformative way of working with vulnerable children, minimising trauma and increasing wrap around support for children and young people within the justice system;</p> <p>(vi) to reaffirm the Council's long-term commitment to a Bairns Hoose in Aberdeen as part of the Promise; and</p> <p>(vii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Integrated Children's and Family Services to organise a return visit of the Committee to the Bairns Hoose, once construction of the facility is finished.</p>	Integrated Children's and Family Services	G Simpson
11.3	<u>Secure Care Pathway Review - CFS/24/051</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the contents of the report; and</p> <p>(ii) to note that the outcome of the Council's self-evaluation would contribute to the annual review of the statutory Children's Services Plan with required actions being built into the plan.</p>	Integrated Children's and Family Services Governance	G Simpson S Dunsmuir for planner

If you require any further information about this decision sheet, please contact Steph Dunsmuir, sdunsmuir@aberdeencity.gov.uk