

GOVERNANCE

DECISION SHEET

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2025

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>	These will be recorded in the minute.	Governance	S Dunsmuir
5.1	<u>Minute of Previous Meeting</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 31 (Northfield Asset Review), to note that the Executive Director Families and Communities would liaise with the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to ensure that the Community Council were included in the engagement; (ii) in relation to the School Streets pilot which had been considered at the recent Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee meeting, to note that the Executive Director Families and Communities had undertaken to provide a service update to Members of	Families and Communities / Corporate Landlord Families and Communities / Strategic Place Planning	E Sheppard / S Booth / A Jones E Sheppard / D Dunne / W Hekelaar

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		Education and Children's Services Committee on the progress of the pilot; and (iii) to otherwise note the planner.		
9.1	<u>Performance Management Framework/National Improvement Framework Progress Update - CORS/25/035</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) in relation to page 39 of the report, to note that officers would ascertain where apprenticeships sat within the data and provide this information to Members outwith the meeting; (ii) in relation to page 46 of the report and the deep dive being undertaken in relation to the reasons for not bringing cases to a Child Protection Planning meeting within the expected timescales, to note that an update on this work could be provided in the Bairns Hoose report, due to Committee in June 2025; and (iii) to otherwise note the report.	Data Insights / Families and Communities Children's Social Work and Family Support Governance	A Paterson / S Milne G Simpson S Dunsmuir – for planner
9.2	<u>Inspection Reporting - F&C/25/029</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to note that officers would circulate the more detailed plan for Dyce Academy to Members outwith the meeting; (ii) to note that the Executive Director Families and Communities would liaise with the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord in respect of a briefing for Members in advance of the next Committee meeting to provide an update on the various works being undertaken in schools, such as the work due to commence in Harlaw Academy; (iii) to note that there was an error in the report and that recommendation 2.3 was	Education and Lifelong Learning Families and Communities / Corporate Landlord	S Milne E Sheppard / S Booth

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		<p>to be removed;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer - Education and Lifelong Learning to continue to support Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) settings and schools to implement continuous improvement in keeping with agreed Quality Improvement Frameworks approved at Committee in July 2024; and</p> <p>(v) to otherwise note the report.</p>	Education and Lifelong Learning	S Milne
10.1	<u>Options to Rationalise Early Learning and Childcare Settings - F&C/25/001</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note that officers had undertaken to provide detail to Members outwith the meeting on what the percentage split was between term-time, full day and fully flexible placements across the city; and</p> <p>(ii) to note the options presented and approve the amended Early Learning and Childcare delivery models, set out in Appendix 2 of the report, from August 2025, based on demand.</p>	Education and Lifelong Learning	L Beaton
10.2	<u>UNCRC Plan - F&C/25/024</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note that the Chief Officer – Education and Lifelong Learning had undertaken to make contact through the ASN network to ascertain if there was good practice available in other areas which could be taken on board in Aberdeen in respect of advocacy for children and young people who were not care experienced/part of the child protection process;</p> <p>(ii) to endorse the UNCRC Plan to support the Council’s ongoing compliance with the UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024; and</p>	Education and Lifelong Learning	S Milne

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		(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education and Lifelong Learning to routinely update the Plan based on an ongoing review of legal judgements and advise Committee of any required changes to the Plan through a service update.	Education and Lifelong Learning	M Reid
11.1	<u>The Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024 - F&C/25/011</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024 received Royal assent in June 2024; (ii) to note the implications on systems, processes and resources, as far as they are currently known, of the enactment of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024; (iii) to note the action plan document attached as Appendix 1; (iv) to note that the ending of placing children in Young Offender Institutions came into effect in August 2024; (v) to instruct the Executive Director Families and Communities to write to Natalie Don-Innes, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, following consultation with the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee and the Convener of the Education and Children's Services Committee, requesting an update on the implementation plan and required funding; and (vi) to instruct the Chief Officer – Children's Social Work and Family Support to report to this Committee once the plan for enactment and associated funding was 	<p>Families and Communities / Children's Social Work and Family Support</p> <p>Children's Social Work and Family Support</p>	<p>E Sheppard / G Simpson</p> <p>G Simpson / A McGill</p>

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		made known by the Scottish Government.	Governance	S Dunsmuir – for planner

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