

## GOVERNANCE

### DECISION SHEET

#### EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 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.

	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 take item 11.1 (School Estate Plan Annual Update – 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 noted in full in the minute	Governance	S Dunsmuir
5.1	<b><u>Minute of Meeting of 24 June 2025</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 explanation notes at item 6 (Learning outcomes from Care Inspectorate Thematic Review) should read line 20, instead of line 22; (ii) in relation to item 59 on the planner (Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill), to note that the Chief Officer – Children’s Social Work and Family Support would provide a service update to Members on the current position with the Bill; and	Governance  Children’s Social Work and Family Support	S Dunsmuir  G Simpson



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		<p>Appendix A;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education and Lifelong Learning to implement the proposed Aberdeen City National Improvement Framework Plan 25/26; and</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education and Lifelong Learning to maintain a review of the 25/26 Plan in light of any impacting national legislative or policy provisions and advise Committee of any required changes in due course.</p>	<p>Education and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Education and Lifelong Learning</p>	<p>S Milne</p> <p>S Millne</p>
9.4	<b><u>Community Learning and Development (CLD) Plan 2025-30 - F&amp;C/25/212</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to request that officers make the Community Learning and Development Strategic Partnership Terms of Reference available to Members, noting that this would likely be shared alongside the CLD Plan on the Community Planning Aberdeen website;</p> <p>(ii) to note that officers would liaise with the Communications Team and provide information to Members outwith the meeting on what made TikTok an ethical social media platform;</p> <p>(iii) to note the learner stories shared in the report and to request that officers discuss with partners how these could be shared more widely when the Plan was published;</p> <p>(iv) to note the progress made towards delivery of the Interim Community</p>	<p>Education and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Education and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Education and Lifelong Learning</p>	<p>M Stewart</p> <p>M Stewart</p> <p>M Stewart</p>

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		<p>Learning and Development Plan 2024/25;</p> <p>(v) to approve the partnership CLD Plan 2025-2030; and</p> <p>(vi) to instruct the Chief Officer - Education and Lifelong Learning to publish the plan, evaluate progress against the first year of the CLD Plan 2025/26 and present an evaluation of progress and updated CLD Delivery Plan for 2026/27 to Committee in September 2026.</p>	<p>Education and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>M Stewart</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>
10.1	<b><u>Music Service Update - F&amp;C/25/125</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note that officers would ascertain the approvals in place for attendance at the Regensburg visit and advise Councillor McLeod outwith the meeting;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education and Lifelong Learning to continue to extend opportunities for music making through partnership working between the Music Service and Aberdeen City Music School and others;</p> <p>(iii) to note that the Music Service had identified within the report, that at primary school level the service could be in some ASGs “thinly spread in terms of choice available” and to instruct the Chief Officer – Education and Lifelong Learning to determine if there were any changed patterns in uptake across secondary as a result of being thinly spread in some areas</p>	<p>Families and Communities</p> <p>Education and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Education and Lifelong Learning</p>	<p>E Sheppard</p> <p>B Edwards</p> <p>B Edwards</p>

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		<p>and include the findings in future annual updates; and</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education and Lifelong Learning to report back on progress in one calendar year.</p>	<p>Education and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>B Edwards</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>
10.2	<p><b><u>Northfield Area Asset Review - Strategic Outline Business Case - F&amp;C/25/216</u></b></p>	<p><b>The Committee resolved:</b></p> <p>(i) to note that officers would ensure that the sites mentioned during deliberation of the report, such as the new 4G park in Northfield, were included in the future outline business case;</p> <p>(ii) to note that officers would provide information to Members outwith the meeting on the overall situation city-wide in respect of under-occupancy, over-occupancy and capacity in schools;</p> <p>(iii) to note the findings of the Northfield Area Asset Review as set out within the Strategic Outline Case at Appendix A of this report, and refer the document to the Finance and Resources Committee for approval;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to develop an Outline Business Case, to present detailed options and costings for the creation of new community campus facilities to serve the Northfield Area, which would support the delivery of the Family Support Model in Northfield, allow for the reduction of</p>	<p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p>	<p>A Jones</p> <p>A Jones</p> <p>A Jones</p> <p>M Masson – for information re referral</p> <p>A Jones</p>

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		<p>excess school capacity, and provide opportunities for the consolidation of existing Council buildings in Northfield; and</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to submit the completed Outline Business Case for approval to the budget setting process for 2026/27.</p>	<p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Finance</p>	<p>A Jones</p> <p>H Sherrit / S Paterson for information re budget setting process</p>
10.3	<b><u>School Estate Plan Annual Update 2025 - F&amp;C/25/213</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note that Victorian schools had been assessed for wheelchair accessibility;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to ensure that any future reviews of school buildings, including the planned ASG based asset reviews, include an assessment of accessibility, which gives consideration to all disabilities, in line with the Scottish Government's guidance on "Planning improvements for disabled pupils' access to education: guidance for education authorities, independent and grant-aided schools";</p> <p>(iii) to note the updates to the Action Plan which were provided at Appendix A of the report;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to carry out an options appraisal to determine any required interim arrangements for</p>		

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		<p>establishing the proposed new school at Bucksburn/Newhills, and to include the cost implications of any such arrangements in the budget setting process for 2026/27, with a view to the arrangements being included within the proposals for the forthcoming statutory public consultation on the new school;</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to undertake a feasibility study to investigate options for the establishment of a new primary school to serve Grandhome, including any required interim arrangements, and to report the findings of the feasibility study in an Outline Business Case, in line with the timescales outlined in the Long Term Programme at Appendix B of the report;</p> <p>(vi) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to further develop proposals and timescales for future ASG based asset reviews, and to build these in to future updates of the School Estate Plan;</p> <p>(vii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to engage with the people of Aberdeen on the possibility of establishing a Catholic secondary school in the city; and</p> <p>(viii) as per 4.2 of the report to Committee on 21 November 2023, the S75 agreement for Countesswells did not allow for the Council to use the</p>		

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		<p>Secondary School Contribution for a school on a different site, and to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to bring forward a report to the next Committee on the losses from developers’ contributions collected, uncollected and no longer applicable by the decision not to proceed with a secondary school at Countesswells.</p> <p><b>In terms of Standing Order 34.1, the Convener referred the matter to Full Council for a decision, and was supported in this regard by the Vice Convener; and Councillors Allard, Buchanan, Clark, Fairfull, Hutchison and MacGregor.</b></p>	<p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>A Jones / S Booth / M Thies</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for referral</p> <p>M Orchard for information re referral</p>
11.1	<b><u>School Estate Plan Annual Update 2025 Appendix C</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to note the appendix.	N/A	N/A
12.1	<b><u>Adoption Allowance Scheme - F&amp;C/25/199</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to approve the Adoption Allowance Scheme as set out in the report.	Children’s Social Work and Family Support	I McDonnell

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