

**EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT COMMITTEE - COMMITTEE BUSINESS**  
**7 JUNE 2012**

Please note that this statement contains a note of every report which has been instructed for submission to this Committee. All other actions which have been instructed by the Committee are not included, as they are deemed to be operational matters after the point of committee decision.

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1.	Special Education, Culture and Sport 28 October 2010 Article 2	<p><b><u>Learning Estate Strategy (Schools) – Rezoning Exercise (Secondary)</u></b></p> <p><u>At its meeting of 28 October 2010, the Committee resolved, amongst other things:-</u> to request that officers develop fully detailed proposals for the longer term management and provision of secondary schools which will result in twelve academies in total, as outlined in the report.</p> <p>Following the decision on 28 October 2010 that officers fully develop proposals to redefine the catchment areas of Aberdeen Grammar School and Harlaw Academy, at its meeting of 24 March 2011, the Committee considered a report on the catchment areas of these schools and agreed that officers should include the potential re-zoning of the two secondary schools in a comprehensive review of the primary school estate, to be completed by December 2011 with a report to Education, Culture and Sport Committee early in 2012.</p>	<p><b>A report on the primary school estate is included on the agenda.</b></p>	<p>Head of Educational Development, Policy and Performance</p>	<p><b>Early 2012</b></p>	
2.	Policy & Strategy	<p><b><u>Strategic Music Partnership – Big Noise: Sistema Scotland</u></b></p>	<p><b>An update is included in the Information Bulletin.</b></p>	<p>Head of Communities,</p>	<p><b>24.11.11</b></p>	

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	(Education) 9 June 2009 Article 11  Education, Culture and Sport 8 October 2009	At its meeting on 2 June 2011, the Committee resolved:- (i) to note the report and the potential for a similar project in Aberdeen; (ii) to instruct officers to investigate a business model for the delivery of a project working with Sistema Scotland; and (iii) to instruct officers to report to a future meeting of the Committee on the proposed business model, criteria for identifying an appropriate community, and possible funding sources.  An update was provided in the committee bulletin on 15 September 2011.		Culture and Sport		
3.	Education, Culture and Sport 24 March 2011 Article 19	<p><b><u>Reduced Communities Team / Leased Community Centres –</u></b></p> <p>The following decisions for further reports remain outstanding. All implemented decisions have been removed from the statement -</p> <p>Agreed that all community centres move to a lease type model by 31 March 2012, managed by community organisations as appropriate to the facility, and further agreed, amongst other things:-</p> <p>(i) to instruct the Director of Education, Culture and Sport to carry out a detailed analysis of all funded activity (both externally and internally delivered), taking</p>	<p><b>Updates are noted against individual decisions and a further report is included on the agenda.</b></p> <p><b>(i) Detailed analysis of all funded activity – this work is ongoing and it is planned</b></p>	Head of Communities, Culture and Sport	Various – see below	

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	<p>Education, Culture and Sport 15 September, 2011 Article 13</p> <p>Education, Culture and Sport 23 February 2012 Article 6</p>	<p>into consideration a social and economic impact analysis of each activity, reporting back to an appropriate Committee; and</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Director of Education, Culture and Sport to review the number of community facilities within Aberdeen City, as part of the wider service asset management plan for Education, Culture and Sport.</p> <p>The Committee agreed, amongst other things, to receive reports as follows:-</p> <p>(i) Rosemount Community Centre - Officers to report back to a future Committee on negotiations with Arts Development, Arts Education, City Moves and Peacock Visual Arts and any other interested organisations, about potentially being based in this building along with the Community Centre and potentially other public bodies;</p> <p>(ii) Hillylands – To take no action at present, and officers instructed to report back to the Committee on Mastrick Young People’s Project.</p> <p>The Committee agreed, amongst other things, to receive reports as follows:-</p> <p>(i) on the best way to deliver community benefit using the 3Rs buildings and Torry Youth Centre, after discussing the matter with management committees.</p>	<p><b>that a report will be brought to committee on the interim outcomes of this piece of work in May/ June 2012.</b></p> <p>(ii) <b>A review of the number of community facilities will be carried out as part of the analysis of funded activity, and an interim report will be brought to committee in May/ June 2012.</b></p> <p><b>On 24 November, 2011, the Committee agreed:-</b></p> <p>(i) <b>To note the ongoing work in relation to Rosemount Community Centre;</b></p> <p>(ii) <b>To refer the Hillylands Centre and Mastrick Young People’s Project to the budget process for consideration in the 2012/13 budget.</b></p>			

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	Education, Culture and Sport 28 March 2012 Article 2	<p>The Committee agreed, amongst other things:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) that each community centre lease be reported to the Committee on a case by case basis for approval; and</li> <li>(ii) to receive further reports on the progress of signing community centres up to the management agreement.</li> </ul> <p>In relation to (i) immediately above, the Council, on 4 April, 2012, noted that the examination on a case by case basis by the Committee will prevent any fettered discretion, and instructed that management committees seeking to make amendments to the management agreement for local considerations should be able to do so at the point of the lease being examined by the Education, Culture and Sport Committee.</p>				
4.	Education, Culture and Sport Committee 24 March 2011 Article 10	<p><b><u>Provision for Children With Additional Support Needs – Raeden</u></b></p> <p>The Resources Management Committee had on 16 June 2009, approved the development of a new specialist facility for children with additional support needs arising from complex factors on the current Raeden Development Centre site.</p> <p>At its meeting on 24 March 2011, the Committee instructed officers to complete a full business case for the development of the new school and campus on the site of the existing Raeden Centre, and agreed in</p>	At its meeting on 2 June 2011, the Committee considered a report which advised that the majority of children had now been placed in one of the three developmental nurseries, and that there was no longer the requirement to keep the nursery provision operating at Raeden or to relocate the provision to Braeside as originally envisaged. The report further advised that a business case was being developed in relation to funding for the new campus on the Raeden site, to be	Head of Educational Development Policy and Performance	<b>02.06.11</b>	<b>June 2012</b>

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		<p>principle to the closure of Raeden Nursery; the allocation of children to the 3 proposed developmental nurseries; the temporary decant of children to the former Braeside School, to enable the construction of the new school and campus on the site of the Raeden Centre, subject to the approval of the business case by the Finance and Resources Committee.</p> <p>At its meeting on 21 April 2011, the Finance and Resources Committee considered a report on the ongoing discussions with Hub Co, and resolved that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Heads of Finance and Asset Management &amp; Operations continue discussions with Hub Co, along with the completion of detailed Business Cases by all appropriate Services, to determine the financial viability of this proposal;</li> <li>(ii) the Director of Education, Culture and Sport evaluates the specific impact of not progressing the Raeden and Bucksburn/ Newhills projects within the current timescales, and reports these to the next meeting of Education, Culture and Sport Committee;</li> <li>(iii) appropriate officers continue to consider other funding arrangements;</li> <li>(iv) a full report is submitted to the next Finance and Resources Committee on the outcome of the above; and</li> <li>(v) to instruct that everyone with an interest be advised immediately that a decant in the summer recess was unlikely.</li> </ul>	<p>presented to the Finance and Resources Committee on 16 June 2011.</p> <p><b>A verbal report is included on the agenda.</b></p>			

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5.	Education, Culture and Sport 15 April 2010 Article 20	<p><b><u>Cordyce Project</u></b> At its meeting on 15 April 2010, the Committee instructed officers to conduct an options appraisal on the redevelopment of the Cordyce site to include, in addition to a replacement school, a specialist residential facility on a spend-to-save basis, subject to confirmation of the required funding. The options appraisal was referred to the Finance and Resources Committee of 11 May 2010, for funding approval. Funding approval was granted.</p> <p>The Committee received an oral update at its meeting on 18 November 2010, and resolved:- (i) to note the update provided, and that a report would come back to Committee on the options appraisal, to include a number of different options on how to manage provision; (ii) to request that in preparing the report, officers take account of the Social Care and Wellbeing implications and make mention of the provision of children's homes</p> <p>A bulletin update was provided to Committee on 2 June 2011, and officers</p>	<b><u>This has been incorporated within the Inclusion Review, and officers recommend that the item is removed from the statement.</u></b>	Head of Educational Development Policy and Performance	<b>18.11.10</b>	

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		will aim to provide a full report to the September meeting, following discussion with the architects involved.				
6.	Finance and Resources 17 June 2010 Article 34	<p><b><u>Tullos Swimming Pool – Internal Works</u></b> The Committee had under consideration a request from Education, Culture and Sport Committee to consider urgent funding from the Capital Plan to carry out works to the interior of the Tullos Swimming Pool. Members expressed their concern that not enough detail was included within the report, and questioned why the repairs had not been carried out at a much earlier date. The Convener expressed his concern that the Service Committee was requesting capital funding for the repairs and intimated that Service Committees should take ownership of their Non Housing Capital Programmes, and reprioritise their budgets to take account of urgent matters such as this case. The Committee, amongst other things, resolved that the matter be referred back to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee in order that members may consider the matter as part of a review of the Non Housing Capital Programme for that Service.</p> <p>At its meeting on 16 September 2010, the Committee resolved, amongst other things, to review the need for Tullos Swimming Pool as part of a city-wide water management plan, in partnership with Scottish Swimming, Sport Aberdeen and local swimming clubs, to include</p>	<p>At its meeting on 18 November 2010, the Committee resolved:- <b>(15)</b> to note that the review of water in the city would take approximately a year to complete, and to therefore amend the “report expected” column to September 2011; and</p> <p>(ii) also in relation to item 16 (Tullos Swimming Pool – Internal Works), to request that Annette Bruton and Patricia Cassidy meet with the local Ward Members to discuss the detail of the review.</p> <p><b>The Committee on 24 November 2011 agreed, amongst other things:-</b> <b>(i)</b> to instruct officers to develop proposals for a sustainable strategy for the provision of swimming pools in the city as part of the sport and leisure asset plan with Sport Aberdeen. This work would be completed in partnership with the</p>	Director of Education, Culture and Sport	<b>07.06.12</b>	

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		benchmarking of Aberdeen against Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow.	<p><b>Water Management Plan Working Group, including Sport Aberdeen, Scottish Swimming, sportscotland, Aberdeen Sports Village, local swimming clubs and other key stakeholders. The proposals would be linked to the Council-wide Asset Management Strategy; and</b></p> <p>(ii) to note with concern the current lack of access to a swimming pool in Torry, and to instruct officers to submit a further report on Tullos Swimming Pool, including detailed and validated capital costings and possible sources of funding and the possibility of running buses between swimming pools in order to address need, to the budget process.</p> <p><b>This item is <u>recommended for removal</u> in light of the decision taken at the budget meeting in 2012 to reopen the pool.</b></p>			



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7.	Education, Culture and Sport 27 May 2010 Article 14	<p><b><u>Progress report on proposals to redevelop Aberdeen Art Gallery and report on improving access to the Museums and Galleries collections</u></b>  <b><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></b>  to instruct officers to prepare a capital business case for further consideration and report to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee on 16 September 2010, and Finance and Resources Committee on 28 September 2010, to include recommendations on the most appropriate option to redevelop the Art Gallery, and on the commitment the Council is being requested to make at that stage.</p> <p>At its meeting on 18 November 2010, the Committee agreed that a fundraising campaign be progressed at no net cost to the Council.</p>	A report is included on the agenda.	Head of Communities, Culture and Sport	<b>15.09.11</b>	24.11.11
8.	Council Budget 10 February 2011  Education, Culture and Sport Committee 15 September 2011	<p><b><u>Pupil Support Assistants</u></b>  As part of the General Fund budget proposals, to instruct the Director of Education, Culture and Sport to report to the relevant Committee with further information on the role and support of Pupil Support Assistants (PSAs).</p> <p>The Committee was provided with an update with in the information bulletin, and agreed to receive a report to a future meeting assessing the impact of the reduced number of Pupil Support Assistants.</p>	A report was submitted to the Committee on 23 February, providing the outcomes of an impact survey on the reduction of PSA hours. This was noted with concern, and officers were instructed to conduct a further educational impact assessment in consultation with schools, parents, trade unions and PSAs, reporting back to Committee by Autumn, 2012.	Director of Education, Culture and Sport	September 2012	

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9.	Education, Culture and Sport Committee 24 March 2011 Article 15	<p><b><u>Move to a Cultural Trust</u></b> At its meeting on 24 March 2011, the Committee considered a report on how the decision from the Council Budget meeting on 10 February 2011 to move to a cultural trust would be implemented.</p> <p>The Committee agreed, amongst other things:- to instruct the Director of Education, Culture and Sport to progress, by way of an officers' working group, an options appraisal on the transfer of services to a cultural trust, and that the options appraisal (1) include consideration of which services could transfer, including the Beach Ballroom, (2) examine a preferred governance model, including the option of community ownership of assets, and (3) to request that the options appraisal include SWOT analysis and options for governance arrangements; and to report the findings of the options appraisal to Committee by 24 November 2011.</p>	<b>A report is included on the agenda.</b>	Head of Communities, Culture and Sport	<b>24.11.11</b>	<b>23.02.12</b>
10	Education, Culture and Sport 15 September 2011 Article 15	<p><b><u>Newhills Primary School</u></b> The Committee agreed to ask the Finance and Resources Committee to earmark the land at Newhills School for future educational use, subject to the Scottish Government agreeing to transfer the site from the HRA to the General Services Account, and to receive a report on the long-term use, date of transfer and transfer value of the site, once a business case and</p>	<b>A verbal report was provided to the Committee on 23 February, and officers were instructed to continue to progress the matter in discussion with Scottish Futures Trust, and report back on progress and timelines to a future meeting.</b>		September 2012	

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		funding was approved for a new school at Newhills.				
11	Council 6 October 2011 Article x	<b><u>Pupil Representation</u></b>  Council instructed officers to prepare a full report into the membership of the Committee including how best to achieve pupil involvement.	<b>To be reported in September.</b>		<b>23.02.11</b>	05.06.11
12	Education, Culture and Sport 24 November 2011 Article 14	<b><u>SQA Attainment Figures</u></b>  The Committee agreed to refer to the next meeting approval of the briefing note on SQA attainment 2010/11, so as to ensure that the most up-to-date figures were provided to the Committee.	<b>Post appeal data has been emailed to the Committee. This item is now <u>recommended for removal.</u></b>	Head of Educational Policy and Performance	23.02.12	
13	Education, Culture and Sport 24 November 2011 Article 15	<b><u>In-zone Placing Requests</u></b> The Committee instructed officers to report back with options to reduce the number of placing requests refused to in-zone pupils who have moved into zone in school year.	<b>An update is attached to the statement and the item is <u>recommended for removal.</u></b>		07.06.12	

## APPENDIX

### **Placing Requests in Aberdeen City Schools**

A detailed outline of the current procedures used to deal with placing requests for Aberdeen City Schools is available in the member's bulletin. This includes a statistical summary of placing requests dealt with in session 2011/12 and the current numbers being processed for August 2012.

As instructed by committee the Education service has reviewed its procedures and considered options to reduce the number of placing requests refused to in-zone pupils. These options have included:-

- Increasing capacity at schools under pressure for school places
- Increasing reserve places for schools that have a history of families moving into the area during the academic session
- Processing placing requests and the appeals procedures as quickly as possible to ensure that families are clear about what options are available

For your information during the session 2011/12 only 13 pupils whose families moved into zone during the school session could not be offered a place in their zoned school.

All these pupils were offered alternative education provision.