EDUCATION CULTURE AND SPORT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

7 January, 2010

<u>No.</u>	<u>Minute</u> <u>Reference</u>	Committee Decision	<u>Update</u>	<u>Lead</u> Officer(s)	<u>Report</u> Due	Report Expected (if known)
1.	Area North Committee 23 September, 2008 Article 7	Northfield and Cummings Park Sports Facilities Report to be submitted on 6.1.09 after extended consultation.	At its meeting of 6 January the Committee received a report and resolved to receive further update reports when the outcome of the funding application was known. As at September, 2009, the project was unsuccessful in securing 'Cashback for Communities' funding, via SportScotland and the Scottish FA. However, officers continue to seek funding towards the project, which is to upgrade 3 dilapidated tennis courts into a multi-purpose sports area. So far the project has secured £35,000 from the Fairer Scotland Fund and £5000 - £6000 from Byron Boys Club, towards an approximate total of £55,000. Officers will report back to a future meeting, as progress is made. As at December 2009, officers are still seeking additional funding and will update the Committee in April.	Head of Service, (Citywide lead for Culture, Communities and Sport)	15.04.10	

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2.	Area North Committee 18 November, 2008 Article 7	LibraryHomeServiceDevelopmentThe Committee requested that the current fortnightly street site at Kingswells be maintained until January 2011, thereafter officers in Culture and Leisure, Neighbourhood Services (North Area) be instructed to report to Committee concerning the provision of a library service within the Kingswells community.		Head of Service, (Citywide lead for Culture, Communities and Sport)	Early 2011	
3.	Continuous Improvement 11.09.07 Article 5 Policy & Strategy (Education) 28 April 2009 Article 8	INEA2 Action Plan The Continuous Improvement Committee agreed to receive regular six-monthly reports on progress with the INEA2 Action Plan over the next two years. The Policy and Strategy (Education) Committee, amongst other things, requested that specific references to the Single Outcome Agreement be included in the report and requested that an update be received on GIRFEC training to a future meeting, including training undertaken to date with education and social work staff	The Continuous Improvement Committee on 11 March 2008 requested that the next six- monthly report investigate the possibility of a resource external to the service but not external to the Council being made available to independently verify action plans produced as a result of external inspections. The Head of PM&QA has agreed in principle that this role be taken on by his team. Consideration is currently being given to a resource, particularly given the staff difficulties within Internal Audit.	Head of Service (Planning, Policy and Performance)	07.01.10	18.02.10

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					progress report against the key objectives and main points for action required to address the areas for development as identified by HMIe. The next INEA2 progress report, due to be submitted to the Education Committee in October 2009, will be restructured to reflect the Single Outcome Agreement and the Aberdeen Learning Strategy. An update on GIRFEC will be provided to the Committee in due course.			
					The INEA2 progress report has been restructured to reflect the Learning Strategy and combined reports will be taken as part of quarterly updates, with traffic-light signposting. It is intended that a full, final report will be submitted late 2009/ early 2010 prior to the INEA2 follow-through.			
					the Committee meeting in February, 2010 as due to a meeting with HMIE taking place after the Committee report deadline officers were unable to prepare a report for January.			
4.	Continuous Improvement 9	Reporting Measures	School	Performance	At its meeting on 9 December, 2008, the Committee (i) noted	Head of Service (Planning,	07.01.10	07.01.10

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	September 2008 Article 8	The Committee resolved:- (i) to instruct officers to implement the revised quality improvement guidance which had been developed as part of the overall quality improvement framework and ensure Education Officers provide appropriate support and challenge to schools; and (ii) to request that a report be brought back to the relevant Committee with information and recommendations on the performance management arrangements around the 3- 18 curriculum for excellence	from the Scottish Government; (Building the Curriculum5(BtC5) was anticipated to be published by the Scottish Government by July 2009 – this has been delayed. A report will be prepared following the publication of BtC5 – the Assessment and Curriculum for Excellence group will review BTC5 and report to Committee); and (ii) requested officers to	Policy and Performance)		

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			and (d) requested that a target be set in relation to the proportion of school leavers in positive and sustained destinations for mainstream and for special schools (item 12).			
			At its meeting of 24 November 2009, the Committee noted that information regarding the impact of the opening of Aberdeen Sports Village in relation to the usage levels of indoor facilities would be circulated before Christmas and that local members would be kept up to date with progress on Tullos swimming pool. The Committee also (i) requested that a target be set in relation to item 6.1 (% of Internal Audit recommendations completed); (ii) requested that the target for item 1 (Average Number of Days Lost Through Sickness Absence) be altered to 10, in line with the decision of other Committees; and (iii) in relation to item 12 (Proportion of School Leavers in Positive and Sustained Destinations) requested that reasons be provided for those who were not in positive and sustained destinations and that there also be included a breakdown by ASG.			

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			Various issues within this item are covered in the Curriculum for Excellence item in the Information Bulletin.			
5.	Policy and Strategy (Education) 11 December, 2007 Article 4	Quality Improvement Framework Part 1 (schools) Officers to undertake and report on an analysis of the attainment rates of looked after children, the lowest attaining 20% of pupils and those not in employment, education or training (NEET), such analysis to cover the previous three years of their education.	On 21 January 2009, the Committee requested a report back to its next meeting of 3 March 2009. A Culture and Learning Performance report covering all aspects of performance is being prepared for 9 June 2009. Detailed research linking all aspects of the lowest attaining 20% with MiDYiS data is being undertaken and is likely to be reported in November. The More Choices More Chances agenda now picks up this target group of pupils. The available data will be assessed with a view to reporting in November. At the meeting of the Committee noted a report would be submitted to the next meeting which would include details on the impact of Aberdeen Works and of partnership working with local firms. Officers were intending to submit a report for the meeting of the Committee in January, however, the national report on	Head of Service, (Citywide lead for Culture, Communities and Sport)	04.03.08	18.02.10

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			school leaver destinations which was due to be published in December has not yet been received. Officers are now intending to submit a report to the Committee in February, subject to the necessary information being received.			
6.	Education, Culture and Sport 8 October, 2009 Article 16	Learning Estates Strategy At its meeting of 8 October, 2009, the Committee (a) instructed officers to produce recommendations on appropriate short term proposals to be considered by the Committee in November; (b) considered whether in the medium term (3 – 5 years) delineated areas should be amended to reduce the number of associated schools groups in line with projected school roles; (c) approved further development of a co-ordinated learning estate strategy, linked to the Council-wide asset management strategy, the requirements of community learning and development, social care and wellbeing and other services of the Council, noting that all factors impacting upon the learning estate should be taken into account, including the emerging new Aberdeen Local Development Plan,	Committee on 8 October, 2009, and this will be included in the co- ordinated Learning Estate Strategy (c) Development of a co- ordinated Learning Estate Strategy is underway, to include other council services and Structure Plan/Local Development	Head of Service (Planning, Policy and Performance)	18.02.10	

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		resulting in a sustainable and responsive strategy, relating to developments in the medium (3 – 5 years) and long term (6 – 15 years and beyond); (d) instructed officers to produce an additional set of data on schools capacities and condition, based upon a set of criteria which reflect the demands of delivering a modern curriculum; (e) instructed officers to develop the concept of learning communities to facilitate delivery of learning opportunities to all learners; and (f) instructed officers to contribute to a policy on developer contributions by planning and infrastructure colleagues.	 (d) A workshops for Members was held on 9 December, 2009 and an additional session has been organised for 6 January, 2010. A report is also on the current agenda. (e) This issue is to be incorporated into item (c). (f) Discussions with the Planning Team took place in autumn 2009 and maximum planning gain is to be included in item (c). 		07.01.10	
7.	Policy & Strategy (Education) 2 December, 2008 Article 4	SQAExaminationResults, Attendance,Attendance,Exclusionsand Violent Incidents in Aberdeen City SchoolsThe Committee resolved that in respect of reported incidents of violence against school staff that a short-life working group be established comprising one member of each political group to be chaired by Councillor Kirsty West, appropriate officers to be appointed by the Corporate Director (Lead for Culture and Learning) and		Director of Education, Culture and Sport	07.01.10	

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		appropriate teaching staff to examine the current procedures, consider areas of good practice and risk assessment and report to Committee on 9 June with recommendations to be available to schools for the academic year 2009/10.	met and discussed specific tasks to concentrate on over the next few months. These tasks include			

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			in the Performance Reports on a regular basis.			
			It is therefore recommended that this item be removed.			
8.	Policy & Strategy (Education) 3 March 2009 Article 7	Improving Educational Outcomes in Aberdeen within a Strategic Framework The Committee resolved, amongst other things, to instruct officers to bring an update report to the Committee at its June meeting and quarterly progress reports thereafter.	A report was considered by the Committee on the development of an Aberdeen Learning Strategy and officers were requested to implement the consultation and engagement process. Informal Consultation was completed on 3 rd July 2009 and analysis of consultation feedback and questionnaires undertaken during July and August 2009. A consultation summary booklet will be submitted to the Education Culture and Sport Committee in October, 2009. At its meeting on 27 August, 2009, the Committee received a report on the draft Learning Strategy which provided details on the consultation which had been undertaken to date. A report was considered by the Committee on 8 October, 2009 and the Committee (a) agreed the principles, vision and priorities which had already been consulted on and which had met with wide approval among stakeholders; (b)		15.04.10	

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			agreed the short term objectives set out in the draft strategy and instruct officers to include these in future service plan objectives and to take forward work to see these objectives implemented; (c) instructed officers to carry out further work to widen out the strategy to better address learning to include school education and wider life long learning; (d) instructed officers to publish to stakeholders, the consultation results to date and the arrangements for taking forward the learning strategy; and (e) instructed officers to consult further on this and bring back a report to the Committee by April, 2010, a long term strategy for implementing the vision for Aberdeen: City of Learning, including medium and long term proposals for the learning estate.			
9.	Policy & Strategy (Education) 28 April 2009 Article 7	CurriculumforExcellenceImplementationThe Committee noted the work undertaken to date in preparation for Curriculum for Excellence and remitted to officers to produce an implementation plan and timeline for the further development and implementation of Curriculum for	of 27 August, 2009, the Committee noted that members	Head of Service (Citywide lead for Schools)		

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		Excellence and to report on progress to the Committee.	Curriculum for Excellence. An update was included in the current Information Bulletin for the 24 November Committee and a briefing session is scheduled for 8 January, 2010.			
			It is recommended that this item be removed, on the understanding that updates will be provided in the information bulletin as and when required.			
10.	Policy & Strategy (Education) 9 June, 2009 Article 11	Strategic Music Partnership The Committee approved the recommendations in the report and requested that officers report back on potential links with Sistema Scotland.	A report was considered by the Committee on 8 October and the Committee, amongst other things (a) noted the costs, timescale and actions involved in being a Sistema Scotland orchestra centre; (b) instructed relevant officers to consider feasibility of the development of the Sistema Children's orchestra centre in Aberdeen as part of an integrated approach to community regeneration and to report to future committees as appropriate; and (c) requested a further report within 18 months, by which time the strategic music partnership would have been operational, on the feasibility of developing a Sistema Children's orchestra centre in Aberdeen as part of an integrated approach to community	Head of Service, (Citywide lead for Culture, Communities and Sport)	15.04.10	

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			regeneration, with regular progress reports submitted to the Committee as appropriate.			
11.	Resources Management Committee 5 February, 2009 Article 12	Review of Branch Libraries - Budget 2009/10 The Committee instructed officers to develop the concept of Community Learning Hubs, in which public libraries would be a key component with the aims of improved access to individuals and the wider community to knowledge, learning and cultural opportunities, providing value added service delivery, being more efficient and effective and achieve ongoing savings for the Council and report back in June 2009.	At its meeting of 27 August, 2009, the Committee were advised that the delay in reporting back was due to the integration of the learning hubs into the wider school estates strategy. A report was considered by the Committee on 8 October, 2009, and it was resolved to (a) approve the definition of learning communities, learning partnership, community learning hubs and learning satellites; (b) agree that consultation with stakeholders be reported back to the January 2010 committee on the preferred options for community learning hubs and learning satellites, a new model lease, management agreement and constitution for leased community centres and a new model of finance for leased community centres; (c) agree that further consultation with stakeholders about the development and operation of learning partnerships and learning communities be carried out; (d) instruct relevant officers to	Head of Service, (Citywide lead for Culture, Communities and Sport)	07.01.10	

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			produce detailed costs in relation to implementation plans, including property evaluations, revenue savings and capital investment requirements; (e) note the intention to fill the vacant post of Community Centre Liaison Officer to support the management committees in the running of their centres, subject to the relevant approval by Committee; (f) receive further reports on a revised staffing and operational structure for the Council's community learning and development service and the library service (g) request that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee providing an update on the consultation process to date; and (h) that members be advised of the dates of the consultation events. The Committee received a further oral update at its meeting of 24 November, 2009 and requested that copies of the revised lease and constitution for Community Centres be circulated to members as soon as the documents are available and feedback provided on the forthcoming meeting on the lease.			

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			Reports relating to Community Learning Hubs and the Consultation Outcomes with Leased Community Centres are on the current agenda.			
12.	Resources Management Committee 5 May, 2009 Article 53 & 16 June, 2009 Article 41	50m Pool – Procurement of Design Team At its meeting of 16/06/09, the Resources Management Committee resolved:- to request officers to report to a future Committee on the preferred construction timescale for the pool.	At its meeting of 27 August, 2009, the Committee were advised that a design team and project team had been appointed and that a detailed report would be submitted to its next meeting. A report was considered by the 50m Pool Working Group at its meeting on 17 September, but clarification and further decisions are still required. An update was included in the information bulletin for the Committee of 24 November, 2009. A report was considered by the 50m Pool Working Group on 4 December, 2009 and referred to Council on 16 December, 2009. The Council agreed:- (i) that officers progress and submit a Stage 2 funding application to SportScotland; (ii) that the 50m pool be procured through the traditional route; (iii) that the management of the project is transferred to Aberdeen Sports Village (a) subject to the provision of legal and financial	Head of Service, (Citywide lead for Culture, Communities and Sport)	08.10.09	24.11.09

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			advice and (b) as soon as other partners have confirmed their contribution to the project; (iv) requests that a report be brought back in 4 months on how the project will be moved forward; (v) approved the draw down of the agreed budget for the procurement of additional project specialists; and (vi) agreed to the appointment of a preferred tenderer to undertake detailed Ground Investigation of the Linksfield site.			
13.	Education, Culture and Sport 27 August, 2009 Article 10	Kaimhill School – Braeside School - 3Rs project Decant At its meeting on 27 August, 2009, the Committee resolved, amongst other things to agree to the provision of school transport for all nursery and primary 1 – 7 pupils, on an exceptional basis, due to the particular circumstances of the decant proposal, which this provision to be reviewed by officers on a weekly basis with reports to the Committee each cycle.	The Committee received an oral update on 8 October, 2009 and noted that success of the decant and requested officers to write to staff at the school to express thanks for the work which had gone into the decant. The Committee received a further oral update at its meeting of 24 November, 2009 and information relating to the uptake of the buses was circulated to members after the meeting. An update will be provided at the meeting.	Director of Education, Culture and Sport	07.01.10	
14.	Education, Culture and	Review of Sports Grant Criteria	The Committee considered a report on 8 October, 2009, and	Head of Service, (Citywide lead for	18.02.10	

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	Sport 27 August, 2009 Article 15	The Committee resolved to approve the principal of re-aligning the criteria for the Sports Grants against the objectives of the new sport and physical activity strategy and instructed officers to develop the detail of the criteria and report back to the Committee in October 2009.	approved the criteria proposal and the timescale of April 2010 for implementation of the criteria against the grant applications. The Committee also requested a report back with information on the Shared Education Trust being run in Aberdeenshire and on issues surrounding the geographical boundaries for applications.	Culture, Communities and Sport)		
15.	Corporate Policy and Performance 10 September, 2009 Article 9	Anti-Poverty Strategy At its meeting on 10 September, 2009, the Corporate Policy and Performance Committee agreed to remit the draft anti poverty strategy to the other committees of the Council for consideration and comment, accompanied by the service Director's advice on action from the service to address poverty.	The Anti-Poverty report which was considered by the Corporate Policy and Performance Committee is on the current agenda and the Director will provide comments at the meeting.	Director of Education, Culture and Sport / Director of Housing and Environment	07.01.10	
16.	Audit and Risk 8 September, 2009 Article 5	Property Sales Investigation – Follow-up ReportThe Committee instructed each Director to report to their Service Committee in the next cycle on how many tied houses were still in existence, where they were located and with a statement explaining the justification for being tied houses,	A report was requested by the Committee on 24 November, 2009, to be submitted to the next meeting. Officers have now looked into this matter and have	Director of Education, Culture and Sport	07.01.10	

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		and requested the Finance and Resources Committee to take a corporate overview by producing a corporate register for reporting back to the Audit and Risk Committee.	concluded that there are no tied houses within the remit of the Education, Culture and Sport service. It is therefore recommended that this item be removed.			
17.	Education, Culture and Sport 8 October, 2009, Article 7	Vibrant Aberdeen – Draft Cultural Strategy The Committee approved and endorsed the consultation draft strategy and approved public consultation on the draft document, subject to minor amendments and the incorporation of the strategy into a designed publication. The Committee also instructed officers to report progress on the development of the final strategy and the outcomes of the public consultation. It was also requested that the list of consultees be circulated to members, to allow them to add any additional relevant groups.		Director of Education, Culture and Sport	18.02.10	
18.	Education, Culture and Sport, 8 October, 2009, Article 8	UK City of Culture The Committee noted the opportunity, the process involved and the plans to develop an outline proposal and draft initial bid. The Committee also noted that a draft initial bid, including resource implications, would be submitted to	The Committee considered a report at its meeting on 24 November, 2009, and endorsed the work completed to date and instructed officers to formally contact external partners in order to finalise the draft initial bid. The Committee was advised that a draft initial bid with resources and			

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		the relevant committees in due course.	other implications would be submitted to the Finance and Resources Committee on 10 December, 2009.			
			The Finance and Resources Committee noted the findings of the feasibility research and approved recommendation to defer any potential bid in 2013 and endorsed officers and partners to develop proposals for a potential bid for 2017.			
			It is recommended that this item be removed.			
19.	Audit and Risk 3 November, 2009 Article 7	RM-RDD/CT/0802 – Walker Road Primary School RefurbishmentContractTo instruct the Director for Education, Culture and Sport to report to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee explaining the reasons for the delay in completing the contract, which incurred additional costs as a result.	A report was requested by the Committee on 24 November, 2009, to be submitted to the next meeting. Officers are preparing a report which will be submitted to the February Committee.	Director of Education, Culture and Sport	07.01.10	18.02.10
20.	Education, Culture and Sport 24 November, 2009 Article 7	2009/10RevenueBudgetMonitoringThe Committee (i) requested that a report on the pooling of the Education, Culture and Sport and	A report is on the current agenda.	Director of Education, Culture and Sport / City Chamberlain	07.01.10	07.01.10

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		Social Care and Wellbeing Budgets in relation to Out of Authority placements be submitted to Committee in January, with a full report including options on how to provide suitable facilities within Aberdeen to be submitted to the Committee in February;(ii) requested that details of the 7.7% projected variances in the budget of the Operational Support Manager be circulated to the Committee by the end of the week; and (iii) requested details of how projected variances in the 2009/10 budget were to be dealt with to be submitted to the next Committee.				
21.	Education, Culture and Sport 24 November, 2009 Article 17	Additional PE Needs in Schools The Committee requested officers to investigate and report back on:- (i) the provision of PE at Walker Road Primary School; and (ii) the low uptake of Active Schools activity from girls, relative to boys.		Director of Education, Culture and Sport	15.04.10	
22.	Education, Culture and Sport 24 November, 2009 Article 3	Services in the Community – Next Steps The Committee agreed to transfer the main responsibility for this item to the Corporate Policy and Performance Committee. A report	The Corporate Policy and Performance Committee considered a report on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation on 8 December, 2009, and noted with concern the rise in education, skills and	Director of Education, Culture and Sport	18.02.10	

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		on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation is being considered by the Committee on 8 December, 2009. The Education, Culture and Sport Committee requested that a report on the Education aspects of the issues would be submitted to a future meeting, once the analysis has been undertaken and this report would include post appeal SQA data.	training deprivation figures and requested that a report on how to tackle this issue be submitted to a future meeting of the Education, Culture and Sport Committee.			
23.	Audit and Risk 3 December, 2009	Report to Members and Controller of Audit - Report by Henderson LoggieLoggieThe Committee requested the Corporate Policy and Performance Committee and the Education, Culture and Sport Committee to review performance in relation to Statutory Performance Indicators under the heading of Cultural and Community Services as detailed in section 5.4.7 of the report.			15.04.10	

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MOTIONS LIST

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<u>No.</u>	Motion	<u>Date of</u> <u>Council</u> <u>Meeting</u>	<u>Committee Motion referred to /</u> <u>date/ decision of Committee</u>	Action taken / Proposed Future Action	<u>Responsible</u> <u>Head(s) of</u> <u>Service</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Is</u> authority sought to remove motion from list?
1.	Motion by Councillor Cormack "That this Council agrees to promote further and to continue to develop parental involvement in the Council's decision making process and that a report is therefore produced with recommendations for including parents in the work of the main Council committee with education responsibilities, relevant sub- committees and consultation processes."	Policy and Strategy (Education) 28/04/09	The Committee resolved (i) that the terms of the motion be approved, subject to adding "guardian and carer" after parental; and (ii) to request that a background report be brought back to the Committee on the options for parental representation on the successor to this Committee within the new Committee within the new Committee structure, which should include information on other local authorities which have (a) parents as members of their education committees; (b) parental involvement units; and (c) should involve engagement with Aberdeen Parent Council Liaison Group, as well as the national development officer with regards to the plans being prepared nationally for parental involvement.	Committee on 9 June, 2009, and it was agreed that the		27/05/10	No

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				Committee agreed to endorse the need to			
				enhance parent			
				representation in Education,			
				Culture and Sport Services			
				and agreed to the			
				establishment of a representative forum of			
				parents as set out in			
				proposal 1 of the report,			
				through the organisation of			
				Parent Council elections,			
				with a report back to a			
				future meeting on the running of the elections,			
				following consultation with			
				parents.			