

## EDUCATION OPERATIONAL DELIVERY COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 8 September 2022. Minute of Meeting of the EDUCATION OPERATIONAL DELIVERY COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Greig, Convener; Councillor Mennie, Vice-Convener; and Councillors Allard (as substitute for Councillor Hazel Cameron), Blake, Bouse, Brooks, Cooke (as substitute for Councillor Davidson), Grant, Malik, McLeod, McLellan (as substitute for Councillor MacGregor), Radley, Nicoll (as substitute for Councillor van Sweeden from article 10) and van Sweeden (for articles 1 to 9). External Members:- Mrs Frances Cardno (Parent Representative - Primary Schools/ASN), Mr Michael Crawford (Parent Representative - Secondary / ASN), Mr John Murray (Roman Catholic Religious Representative), Mr Mike Paul (Teacher Representative - Secondary Schools) (for articles 1 to 13), Miss Pamela Scott (Teacher Representative - Primary Schools) (for articles 1 to 13) and Mrs Hilda Smith (Church of Scotland representative).

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

1. The Vice Convener asked Members to note their congratulations to the care experienced young people who had won awards at the recent Success Awards. She added that it had been particularly inspiring to see their resilience and success, and further noted thanks to Larissa Gordon and other officers who organised the event each year.

#### **The Committee resolved:-**

to congratulate those who had won awards, and thank officers for their work to organise the event.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

2. In relation to item 9.7 (Music Service Update), Councillor Blake noted for reasons of transparency that her children were involved in the school music service, however having applied the objective test, she did not feel that this was an interest which required to be declared, nor would prevent her from participating in that item of business.

In relation to item 9.10 (School Estate Plan), the following statements of transparency were noted, with all Members considering that these did not amount to interests which needed to be declared, nor which would prevent them from participating in that item of business:-

- Mrs Frances Cardno advised that she had children who attended Forehill School and Oldmachar Academy which were referred to within the report.

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- Mr Michael Crawford advised that he had children at Airyhall School and Cults Academy, and his wife was an Active Schools Assistant supporting Cults and Lochside ASG schools.
- Councillor Blake advised that she had children who attended Cults School and Cults Academy.
- Councillor Brooks advised that he had a child who attended Cults Academy.
- Councillor Grant advised that he had children at Riverbank School.
- The Vice Convener advised that she had a child who attended the Early Learning and Childcare provision at Gilcomstoun School.

### **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 14 JUNE 2022**

3. The Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 14 June 2022 for approval.

**The Committee resolved:-**

to approve the minute as a correct record.

### **COMMITTEE BUSINESS PLANNER**

4. The Committee had before it the committee business planner as prepared by the Interim Chief Officer – Governance.

**The Committee resolved:-**

to note the business planner.

### **PRESENTATION FROM CHIEF OFFICER - EDUCATION AND CHIEF OFFICER - INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY SERVICES**

5. Ahead of the first meeting of the Education and Children's Services Committee on 8 November 2022, the Committee received a presentation from the Chief Officer – Education and the Chief Officer – Integrated Children's and Family Services which provided Members with context in relation to Education and Social Work Policy, focusing on (i) the National Improvement Framework; (ii) the Scottish Attainment Challenge 2.0; (iii) The Promise, which set out 80 calls to action presented as an ambitious set of promises for children and young people who had experience of the care system; and (iv) the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill, and the consistent messages across all the policies.

**The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to request that the slides be circulated to Members outwith the meeting; and
- (ii) to thank officers for the presentation.

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**ABERDEEN CITY NATIONAL IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK PLAN - OPE/22/166**

6. The Committee had before it a report by the Chief Operating Officer which sought approval to implement the refreshed Aberdeen City Council National Improvement Framework Plan for 2022/23 following submission of the Self-Evaluation and Plan to the Scottish Government.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Committee –

- (a) note the content of the service Self-Evaluation and Plan contained in Appendices A and B;
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer – Education to implement the proposed Aberdeen City National Improvement Framework Plan 22/23; and
- (c) instruct the Chief Officer - Education to maintain a review of the 22/23 Plan in light of any impacting national legislative or policy provisions such as the Scottish Government response to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Report and advise Committee of any required changes in due course.

**The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) in relation to the number of pupils participating in Active Travel, to note that officers would ascertain how many primary schools had a walking bus and would provide that information to Members outwith the meeting;
- (ii) to note Councillor Blake's query about the limited number of degree options in relation to PGDE Home Economics and that the Chief Officer – Education would discuss further with Councillor Blake outwith the meeting; and
- (iii) to approve the recommendations contained in the report, with an additional recommendation as follows:-
  - (d) to commend the Evaluation of the Aberdeen City Council National Improvement Framework Plan 2021/2022.

**FAMILY SUPPORT MODEL - OPE/22/178**

7. The Committee had before it a report by the Chief Operating Officer which provided an update on the progress of the redesign of Family Support, underpinned by the ten principles set out in the Promise [Plan 21-24], while also providing assurance that the development of a Family Support model would not compromise existing Child Protection systems.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Committee –

- (a) note the approach to develop and redesign family support in line with the aspirations of the Promise [Plan 21-24];
- (b) note the Child Protection system would be unaffected by the redesign of the Family Support Model; and

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- (c) instruct the Chief Officer - Integrated Children's and Family Services to report back on progress and learning from the tests of change.

**The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to note the query from Councillor Malik in relation to the £42 million reduction in the Scottish Government Education and Skills budget, and that officers would report back to Committee if a negative impact on children and young people was identified; and
- (ii) to approve the recommendations.

**EDGE OF CARE PILOT - OPE/22/156**

8. The Committee had before it a report by the Chief Operating Officer which provided an update on work being undertaken to strengthen the Council's approach to improving the attainment and achievement of Looked After Children and those known or thought to be on the edge of care.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Committee –

- (a) note the proposed approach to develop a more robust approach to supporting children and young people who were Looked After or on the edge of care; and
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer - Education and Chief Social Work Officer to report back on the learning from the pilot and any plans to scale up approaches before the end of the 2022/23 school session.

**The Committee resolved:-**

to approve the recommendations.

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING - OPE/22/159**

9. The Committee had before it a report by the Chief Operating Officer which set out the findings of the recent Health and Wellbeing surveys which had been undertaken within Aberdeen City Schools, as well as the current support in place for wellbeing, both physical and mental.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Committee –

- (a) note the content of this report and the data shared within Appendix A;
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer – Education to consider the findings of the report and plan next steps, including the development of a partnership approach through a multi-agency Health & Wellbeing Summit; and
- (c) instruct the Chief Officer – Education to report the outcome of the multi-agency health and Wellbeing Summit to Committee as soon as reasonably practicable.

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The Convener, seconded by the Vice Convener, moved the recommendations as set out in the report.

Councillor Grant, seconded by Councillor Malik, moved as an amendment:-

That the Committee:-

- (a) note the content of this report and the data shared within Appendix A;
- (b) instruct the Chief Education Officer to establish a Children's Mental Health taskforce to support Children and young people's mental health following the pandemic and to support children and young people's mental health through the "cost of living" crisis thereafter consider the findings of the report alongside the Children's Mental Health taskforce to plan next steps, including the development of a partnership approach through a multi-agency Health & Wellbeing Summit; and
- (c) instruct the Chief Education Officer to report the outcome of the multi-agency health and Wellbeing Summit to Committee as soon as reasonably practicable.

On a division, there voted:- for the motion (11) – the Convener; the Vice Convener; Councillors Allard, Bouse, Cooke, McLellan, Radley and van Sweeden; Mrs Cardno, Mr Crawford and Mr Murray; for the amendment (5) – Councillors Blake, Brooks, Grant, Malik and McLeod; declined to vote (3) – Mr Paul, Miss Scott and Mrs Smith.

**The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) in relation to the query about Active Travel and whether it had improved in schools which offered an active travel plan, to note that officers would provide detail on this (and the earlier query in relation to walking buses) outwith the meeting; and
- (ii) to adopt the motion.

**SUMMER IN THE CITY PROGRAMME - OPE/22/168**

**10.** The Committee had before it a report by the Chief Operating Officer which presented a high level evaluation of the Summer in the City programme and sought delegated authority to allow officers to design and deliver a similar programme for the October school holiday period using underspend from the summer programme.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Committee –

- (a) note the high level evaluation of the Summer in the City programme;
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer – Education to design and deliver a programme for the October school holiday using underspend from the summer programme; and
- (c) instruct the Chief Officer – Education to report to Committee on the impact of the October 2022 programme following delivery.

**The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to thank officers and partner organisations for the huge amount of work which had gone into the Summer in the City programme; and

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- (ii) to approve the recommendations.

**UPDATE ON THE MUSIC SERVICE - OPE/22/165**

**11.** With reference to article 8 of the minute of its meeting of 23 September 2021, the Committee had before it a report by the Chief Operating Officer which set out progress with the establishment of a digital anytime offer for learners and provided information on the effectiveness of the Music Service in light of national policy changes. The report also highlighted how the service was building collaboration with the wider music community to support children and young people across city schools.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Committee –

- (a) note the evaluation of the first year of free Instrumental Instruction;
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer – Education to continue to develop plans to establish opportunities for ensembles; and
- (c) instruct the Chief Officer – Education to evaluate the quality and provision of music across the city and report the findings to Committee within one calendar year.

**The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to note that officers would provide information outwith the meeting in relation to the amount of top-up funding the Council had received from the Scottish Government;
- (ii) to request that future updates include some data on the digital offering; how it could help to develop engagement and musicality in children; how much movement there had been from traditional learning to digital learning; and to request that officers engage with children and young people on how much the use of Google Classroom between physical lessons had helped with retention and levels of engagement; and
- (iii) to approve the recommendations contained in the report with an additional recommendation as follows:-
  - (d) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education to explore models and costings in order to create a Music Centre and report back to Education and Children’s Services Committee prior to referral to the budget process.

**PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK REPORT – EDUCATION OPERATIONS - CUS/22/186**

**12.** The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Customer Services which presented an update on the status of key performance measures relating to the Education Operational cluster. The report detailed performance to the end of June 2022 or Quarter 1 2022/23, as appropriate.

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**The report recommended:-**

that the Committee note the report and provide comments and observations on the performance information contained in the report Appendix.

**The Committee resolved:-**

to note the report.

**INSPECTION REPORTING - OPE/22/155**

**13.** The Committee had before it a report by the Chief Operating Officer which detailed how a number of Aberdeen City schools and Early Learning and Childcare settings had engaged with Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) and The Care Inspectorate since May 2022.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Committee –

- (a) note the content of the report; and
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer – Education to continue to support Early Learning and Childcare settings and schools to implement continuous improvement in keeping with the Quality Frameworks.

**The Committee resolved:-**

to approve the recommendations contained in the report.

**SCHOOL ESTATE PLAN 2022 - RES/22/184**

**14.** With reference to article 10 of the minute of its previous meeting of 14 June 2022, the Committee had before it a report by the Director of Resources which presented the finalised School Estate Plan for approval. The report advised that the Plan set out the recommended actions to be undertaken to develop the school estate over the next ten years and beyond, supporting the delivery of the Council's Property and Estates Strategy and the National Learning Estate Strategy.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Committee –

**City-Wide / Strategic**

- 2.1 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to adopt an approach which favoured the improvement and repurposing of existing assets, over the construction of new school buildings, where this was appropriate, and to ensure that where new school buildings were required, these were designed from the outset, to comply with the low carbon criteria set out within the Learning Estate Investment Programme, and where appropriate, with the Net Zero Public Sector Buildings Standard;

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- 2.2 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to ensure that all new primary schools were designed with a minimum pupil capacity of 434, and all new secondary schools were designed with a minimum pupil capacity of 1000, in order to support high quality learning and teaching;
- 2.3 note that potential changes in pupil population across the city were likely to require a reduction in the number of operational schools over the next 10 years, and that within this and future editions of the School Estate Plan, officers would bring forward specific options and recommendations for making changes to the school estate to ensure optimum efficiency and sustainability of the estate as a whole;
- 2.4 note that where appropriate, officers would seek opportunities to make use of available capacity within schools for other purposes, including the delivery of additional services, in order to make efficient use of available space within the estate which would also benefit local communities;
- 2.5 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to carry out a review of signage in all schools and upgrade / replace signage where required to improve accessibility for all users and agree to refer this to the budget process;
- 2.6 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to present a delivery plan for implementing the agreed actions in this report to the next meeting of the Education and Children’s Services Committee, and thereafter, to present an annual update to the School Estate Plan to the Education and Children’s Services Committee, commencing from September 2023, to report on progress with the agreed actions and to update these as appropriate, in light of the most recently available data;

Denominational Primary Schools

- 2.7 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study and stakeholder engagement to identify options for ensuring appropriate and sustainable long term denominational primary school provision for the city to meet forecast demand, and report back to the Education and Children’s Services Committee with recommendations;

Secondary Schools in the North of Aberdeen

- 2.8 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study and stakeholder engagement to identify options for reducing the predicted long term excess secondary school capacity in Grandhome, Oldmachar and Bridge of Don, and report back with an outline business case for consideration by the Education and Children’s Services Committee;
- 2.9 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study and stakeholder engagement to identify options for ensuring appropriate long term secondary school provision for Bucksburn and Dyce, and report back with an outline business case for consideration by the Education and Children’s Services Committee;

Schools in Central Aberdeen

- 2.10 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study and options appraisal to improve the suitability, accessibility and capacity levels of Victorian schools within Aberdeen City, and to report back to the

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Education and Children's Services Committee with recommendations and estimated costs;

Bucksburn Associated Schools Group

- 2.11 note that officers had completed a feasibility study on the proposed permanent extension to Bucksburn Academy, and instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to report back to the Finance and Resources Committee with an outline business case for consideration;
- 2.12 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to engage with developers to track progress with the Bucksburn / Newhills developments, in order to determine options and appropriate timing for new primary school provision to serve the new housing developments, and to report back to the Education and Children's Services Committee with an outline business case;

Oldmachar Associated Schools Group

- 2.13 note that officers were currently engaging with developers to track progress with the Grandhome development, to determine any requirements for new primary school provision and to relieve forecast pressure on pupil numbers at Forehill School;
- 2.14 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to carry out a statutory consultation on proposals to re-align primary school zone boundaries within the Oldmachar ASG, to relieve future pressure on pupil numbers at Greenbrae School, and to report back to the Education and Children's Services Committee with the outcomes of the consultation and recommendations as appropriate;
- 2.15 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study and stakeholder engagement to identify options for reducing the number of primary schools in the Oldmachar ASG, in order to minimise potential excess pupil capacity, and to report back to the Education and Children's Services Committee as appropriate;

Bridge of Don Associated Schools Group

- 2.16 note that officers would continue to monitor forecast rolls at Braehead School and Scotstown School, and that any required actions would be reported in future updates to the School Estate Plan;

St Machar Associated Schools Group

- 2.17 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to carry out an options appraisal on potential uses of the additional capacity to be provided by the new school at Tillydrone, and to report back to the Education and Children's Services Committee with recommendations as appropriate;
- 2.18 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to consider the options for relocating other services accommodated within the Sunnybank School building, and to report back to the Education and Children's Services Committee with recommendations;
- 2.19 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study to consider the options for the removal of unused modular

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classroom buildings at St Machar Academy, and for carrying out general improvements to the outdoor space at the school, and to present a costed outline business case to the Finance and Resources Committee for consideration;

Northfield Associated Schools Group

- 2.20 note that officers would continue to monitor pupil numbers at Westpark School and Heathryburn School, considering the likely long term impact of the planned new Greenferns development, and that recommendations as required would be included in future updates to the School Estate Plan;
- 2.21 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study and stakeholder engagement to identify options for reducing the number of primary schools in the Northfield ASG, in order to minimise excess pupil capacity, and to report back to the Education and Children’s Services Committee with recommendations as appropriate;

Hazlehead Associated Schools Group

- 2.22 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to assess the feasibility of creating new secondary school provision to serve the communities of Hazlehead and Countesswells, to put this forward to the Scottish Government as a priority project for funding in Phase 3 of the Learning Estate Investment Programme, and to report back to the Education and Children’s Services Committee with an update on the outcomes of the funding bid and recommendations on next steps;
- 2.23 note that officers would continue to monitor the situation with the housing development at Countesswells and would bring forward recommendations as appropriate regarding requirements for additional primary school capacity to serve the development, in future annual updates to the School Estate Plan;
- 2.24 note that officers would continue to monitor pupil numbers at Hazlehead School and would include any required recommendations for action in future updates to the School Estate Plan;
- 2.25 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to carry out a further statutory consultation on the creation of a school catchment zone for Gaelic Medium Education provision at Hazlehead Academy;

Aberdeen Grammar Associated Schools Group

- 2.26 note that officers would continue to monitor pupil numbers at Aberdeen Grammar School and would include any required recommendations for action in future updates to the School Estate Plan;
- 2.27 note that officers would continue to monitor pupil numbers at Mile End School, and include any required recommendations in future annual updates to the School Estate Plan;
- 2.28 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to carry out a further statutory consultation on the creation of a school catchment zone for Gaelic Medium Education provision at Gilcomstoun School;

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Harlaw Associated Schools Group

- 2.29 note that officers were progressing plans to commission a review of sports facilities at Harlaw Road and Rubislaw, to allow Harlaw Academy to use the facilities for its off-site PE provision, and that the outcomes of this review with any relevant recommendations would be reported in future updates to the School Estate Plan;
- 2.30 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study to identify potential future options for improving the condition and suitability of the Harlaw Academy building, and to report back to the Education and Children’s Services Committee with recommendations and costs;
- 2.31 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study to identify potential options for improving the dining capacity, layout and ELC facilities at Ferryhill School, and to report back to the Education and Children’s Services Committee with recommendations and costs;

Cults Associated Schools Group

- 2.32 note that officers would continue to monitor pupil numbers at Cults Academy, and include any required recommendations in future annual updates to the School Estate Plan;
- 2.33 note that officers would monitor pupil numbers and use of space at Culter School, and consider options for alternative use of any available space, with any recommendations to be included in future updates to the School Estate Plan as appropriate;

Lochside Associated Schools Group

- 2.34 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to carry out a feasibility study and stakeholder engagement to identify options for creating the required additional school capacity to serve the planned Loirston Loch development, and report back to the Education and Children’s Services Committee with recommendations as appropriate;
- 2.35 instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to carry out a statutory consultation on proposals to relocate Walker Road School to the new primary school building in Torry, following its completion, and to report back to the Education and Children’s Services Committee with the outcomes of the consultation and recommendations as appropriate; and
- 2.36 note that the Tullos Playing Fields Pavilion building would be declared surplus to requirement within the school estate, to allow options for its future use or disposal to be considered, under standard vacant property procedures.

The Convener, seconded by Councillor Cooke, moved the recommendations as set out in the report, with an additional recommendation as follows:-

That the Committee:-

- 2.37 instructs the Chief Officer – Capital to put forward to the Scottish Government details of the planned refurbishment of the existing Riverbank School building ahead of the relocation of St Peter’s School, for this to be considered as a priority project for funding in Phase 3 of the Learning Estate Investment Programme, and

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to report back to the Education and Children's Services Committee with an update on the outcomes of the funding bid and recommendations on next steps.

Councillor Brooks, seconded by Councillor McLeod, moved as an amendment:-

That the Committee:-

- (a) agrees 2.1 to 2.12;
- (b) agrees additional recommendation Bucksburn ASG 2.12a as set out below:-  
2.12 a Notes that officers will continue to monitor pupil numbers at Kingswells Primary and include any required recommendations in future annual updates to the School Estate Plan;
- (c) agrees 2.13 to 2.32;
- (d) agrees amended 2.33 as set out below:-  
2.33 notes that officers will monitor pupil numbers and use of space at Culter School, and consider options for alternative use of any available space, with any recommendations to be included in future updates to the School Estate Plan. Including adding Culter School to any relevant and appropriate interventions required across the Victorian school buildings;
- (e) agrees additional recommendation Cults ASG 2.33a as set out below:-  
2.33a notes that officers will continue to monitor pupil numbers at Cults Primary and include any required recommendations in future annual updates to the School Estate Plan;
- (f) agrees 2.34 to 2.36;
- (g) agrees additional recommendation:-  
2.37 to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to include in future annual updates to the School Estate Plan any changes required as a result of the outcome of the examination by the Scottish Government Reporter of Aberdeen City Council's Proposed Local Development Plan following it being approved by Full Council.

Councillor Malik, seconded by Councillor Grant, moved as a further amendment:-

That the Committee:-

- (a) notes at its meeting on 3 March 2021 the Council asked for a finalised School Estates Plan, what it has received today falls short of a finalised School Estates Plan meaning further dither and delay from an Administration that specialises in dither and delay politics;
- (b) notes the Administration's agreement approved at Council only in May this year states "It is important that we build a school's estate which is fit for the future and provides the best learning environment for our young people" Noting that the very first recommendation at 2.1 undermines the Administration's agreement by the very instruction that the favoured approach to the School Estate Plan is to refurbishment and repurposing of existing assets as opposed to building new Schools to modernise our school estate;

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- (c) agrees in contrast to this Administration's woeful commitment to our children and young people the previous Administration built invested and financed over the last 10 years the following new schools build programme.
  - a. Lochside Academy
  - b. Brimmond School
  - c. Orchard Brae School
  - d. Stoneywood Primary
  - e. Milltimber Primary School
  - f. New Primary school in Torry
  - g. New Primary school in Tillydrone
  - h. New Primary School Countesswells
- (d) agrees recommendation 2.2 with the proviso that the problems we currently have with our School Estate relate directly to the last SNP/Lib Dem administration which built Bucksburn Academy too small;
- (e) agrees that Bramble Brae and Middleton Park schools should not be considered for closure. Instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord as part of the next report on the School Estates Plan to identify in which areas of the city they see School closures over the next 10 years to avoid further dither and delay;
- (f) instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to present a delivery plan for implementing the agreed actions of the Committee to the next meeting of the Education and Children's Services Committee which should identify areas of the city where officers are recommending School closures, and thereafter, to present an annual update to the School Estate Plan to the Education and Children's Services Committee, commencing from September 2023, to report on progress with the agreed actions and to update these as appropriate, in light of the most recently available data;
- (g) notes with disappointment the decision by the Council to remove funding from St Joseph's School in respect of nursery provision. Not agree recommendation 2.7 in the report and agree the status quo on Denominational Primary Schools;
- (h) instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to use the Community School Campus model to determine the needs for educational provision in the Bridge of Don;
- (i) agrees recommendation 2.11 and notes that a detailed financial report for both Capital and Revenue expenditure will be included in the Business case for Bucksburn Academy extension will be presented to the Finance and Resources committee;
- (j) agrees that Victorian Schools have had their day and whilst many Victorian Schools are still fit for purpose it is important to note Victorian Schools that are past their sell by date will not help school learning in the future therefore instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to make arrangements to plan feasibility studies and options appraisals to improve the suitability, accessibility and capacity levels of Victorian schools within Aberdeen City including replacing Victorian Schools with new modern Schools and to report the costs to undertake this work to the 2023/24 budget process and thereafter report back to the Education and Children's Services Committee with recommendations and estimated costs;

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- (k) instructs the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to assess the feasibility of creating new secondary school provision to serve the communities of Northfield noting that Northfield Academy was built in 1954 and is the oldest Secondary School in our Estate outside the city centre, the community being a regeneration area is in much need of a new secondary School, and Committee should put this forward to the Scottish Government as a priority project for funding in Phase 3 of the Learning Estate Investment Programme, and to report back to the Education and Children’s Services Committee with an update on the outcomes of the funding bid and recommendations on next steps;
- (l) notes that developer contributions will contribute to future secondary school provision for Countesswells;
- (m) notes that the Tullos Playing Fields Pavilion building will be declared surplus to requirement within the school estate, to allow options for its future use or disposal to be considered, under standard vacant property procedures to include Community Asset Transfer;
- (n) agrees 2.4, 2.5, 2.29, 2.30 ,2.31 and 2.32 of the report; and
- (o) in all other regards, notes Appendix 1 of this report.

Mr Murray, seconded by Mr Crawford, moved as a further amendment:-

That the Committee:-

- (a) instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to include in the feasibility study and stakeholder engagement on Denominational Schools a question on establishing a Roman Catholic Secondary School in the city; and
- (b) to otherwise approve the recommendations.

At this juncture, Councillor Brooks withdrew his amendment.

The Committee then voted between the amendment by Councillor Malik and the amendment by Mr Murray.

On a division, there voted:- for the amendment by Councillor Malik (5) – Councillors Blake, Brooks, Grant, Malik and McLeod; for the amendment by Mr Murray (3) – Mrs Cardno, Mr Crawford and Mr Murray; declined to vote (9) – the Convener; the Vice Convener; Councillors Allard, Bouse, Cooke, McLellan, Nicoll and Radley; and Mrs Smith; absent from the division (2) – Mr Paul and Ms Scott.

The Committee then voted between the motion and the successful amendment by Councillor Malik.

On a division, there voted:- for the motion (11) – the Convener; the Vice Convener; Councillors Allard, Bouse, Cooke, McLellan, Nicoll and Radley; and Mrs Cardno, Mr Crawford and Mr Murray; for the amendment (6) – Councillors Blake, Brooks, Grant, Malik, McLeod; and Mrs Smith; absent from the division (2) – Mr Paul and Ms Scott.

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**The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to note that officers would confirm the timescales in relation to when the work at Riverbank School would be complete and would circulate this to Members outwith the meeting; and
- (ii) to approve the motion.

- **COUNCILLOR MARTIN GREIG, Convener**