

Notice of Motion

Notes that the main objective of the St Machar Parent Support Project, based at the rear of St Machar Academy, is to provide information, advice, support and training to the parents of those children who attend school or live within the St Machar Academy catchment area of Aberdeen.

Notes that the project aims to encourage and assist parents and their children to experience the formal educational system positively; to promote personal and social development; and to increase training skills and confidence in order to enhance the ability to relate effectively to the school and other professionals as required.

Notes that eight primary schools and Ashgrove Children's Centre benefit directly and that the project also works with schools outwith the catchment areas if a child lives in the area but attends an alternative school because of special circumstances.

Notes that the project receives funding from the Fairer Aberdeen Fund, as well as core funding from Early Intervention and Community Empowerment.

Notes, with concern, that the project is in financial difficulties and that on the advice of their auditor, they have called in administrators to seek solutions.

Instructs the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to explore the potential impact and to provide an update to local members/group leaders/others as appropriate.

Councillor Sandra Macdonald