

Item no 5.2

QUESTION NO 2

By Councillor Corbett for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 3 May 2018

On behalf of myself, Councillor Rust and Councillor Arthur, and following the answers given to Councillor Rust on 15 March 2018 on Oxgangs Primary School:

Question

(1) On 15 March the Council said that the incident in 2018 in which a ceiling tile became dislodged was at an end and that “all ceilings in the school have now been inspected by the PPP provider accompanied by a council officer”. In that case why did an inspection by Summers Inman on 28 March identify the following issues associated with the ceilings in the property:

- The suspended ceiling grid support wires were not installed correctly to a section of ceiling above a cloakroom;
- Sections of the suspended ceiling grid are loose and incorrectly fitted;
- Numerous light fittings housed within the suspended ceiling grid did not have support wires installed or installed correctly, as per the manufacturers recommendations;
- Several incorrectly fitted, missing or damaged ceiling tiles and ill-fitted light fittings within the suspended ceiling grids;
- Debris housed upon the top of the suspended ceilings;
- Unsecure services and missing sections of ducting within the suspended ceiling voids;
- Unsecure sheeting around services taken through the roof within the suspended ceiling voids?

Answer

(1)

Question (2) In light of the answer to 1 what steps has the Council taken to independently verify assurances given by the PPP provider for work done in Oxfangs PS and in other buildings for which it is responsible?

Answer (2)

Question (3) What action is the Council taking to ensure that the PPP provider is carrying out future inspection and repairs and maintenance to an acceptable standard?

Answer (3)

Question (4) What steps has the Council taken to assess whether and to what extent the PPP provider is in breach of contract and what options are open to the council if so?

Answer (4)

Question (5) What discussions has the Council had with Scottish Government officials and/or Ministers on the issue and what support have they offered?

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