

Notice of meeting and agenda

Education, Children and Families Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday, 5 March 2013

European Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

This is a public meeting and members of the public are welcome to attend

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1. Order of business

- 1.1 Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

2. Declaration of interests

- 2.1 Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

3. Deputations

- 3.1 If any

4. Minutes

- 4.1 Education, Children and Families Committee 11 December 2012 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

5. Key decisions forward plan

- 5.1 Education, Children and Families Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan - May – October 2013 (circulated)

6. Business bulletin

- 6.1 Education, Children and Families Committee Business Bulletin (circulated)

7. Executive decisions

- 7.1 Strategic Management of School Places: P1 and S1 intakes for August 2013 – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 7.2 School Holiday Respite/Playschemes for Disabled Children and Young People – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 7.3 Integrated Literacy Strategy– report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 7.4 Inspection of Children's Services in Edinburgh – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 7.5 Schools Energy Report – report by the Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 7.6 Improving Positive Destinations - report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)

(Note: A short DVD will be shown at the meeting).

- 7.7 Children and Families Revenue Budget Monitoring 2012/13 – Month 9 Position to 31 December 2012 - report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 7.8 Achieving Excellence Performance Report to October 2012 - report by the Head of Legal, Risk and Compliance (circulated)

8. Routine decisions

- 8.1 Paolozzi Prize for Art – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 8.2 Children and Young People’s Health and Wellbeing – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 8.3 Sports and Outdoor Education Unit – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 8.4 Appointments to Working Groups – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)
- 8.5 Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 23 January 2013 – report by the Chair of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee (circulated)

9. Motions

- 9.1 By Councillor Main – Commercial Access to Parents and Children in Schools

“This committee notes that

1. commercial companies offering curriculum subject tutoring have been invited into primary schools to do ‘taster sessions’ in curriculum time classes.
2. some commercial tutoring companies offer financial incentives to Parent Councils and schools to encourage access to children and parents and to encourage parent to buy products and services.
3. schoolbag letters home to parents can give the impression that companies are endorsed by the Council. Information from some companies gives the impression that they are approved providers of services.
4. parents have expressed concerns that the commercial companies are being allowed direct access to them and their children by Edinburgh Schools.

Committee therefore requests that a report is prepared within one cycle setting out a clear policy for schools with regard to direct access to children and to providing information to parents on offers of commercial services, with the presumption that such service offers should be restricted.”

Carol Campbell

Head of Legal, Risk and Compliance

Committee Members

Councillors Godzik (Convener), Key (Vice-Convener), Aitken, Austin Hart, Brock, Child, Nick Cook, Corbett, Day, Dixon, Fullerton, Howat, Jackson, Keil, Lewis, Lunn, Main, Redpath, Rust, Shields, Burns (ex-officio) and Cardownie (ex-officio).

For Education items – Marie Allan, Rev Thomas Coupar, Allan Crosbie, Craig Duncan, Lindsay Law and John Swinburne.

Information about the Education, Children and Families Committee

The Education, Children and Families consists of 22 Councillors, 3 religious representatives, 2 teacher representatives and 1 parent representative and is appointed by the City of Edinburgh Council. The Education, Children and Families Committee usually meets every eight weeks.

The Education, Children and Families Committee usually meets in the European Room in the City Chambers on the High Street in Edinburgh. There is a seated public gallery and the meeting is open to all members of the public.

Further information

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