

Notice of meeting and agenda

Education, Children and Families Committee

10am, Tuesday, 20 May 2014

European Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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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 4 March 2014 (circulated)
Submitted for approval as a correct record

5. Forward planning

- 5.1 Education, Children and Families Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan – September to December 2014 (circulated)
- 5.2 Rolling Actions Log (circulated)

6. Business bulletin

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

7. Executive decisions

- 7.1 Early Years Change Fund – Progress update on Year Two - report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 7.2 Early Years Strategy Progress Report - report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 7.3 Primary School Estate Rising Rolls - report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 7.4 Children and Families Service Plan 2014-17 and Standards and Quality Report 2014 - report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 7.5 Achieving Excellence Performance Report – October 2013 to February 2014 - report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)

- 7.6 Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 - report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 7.7 Review of Community Access to Schools - report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 7.8 Additional Support Needs Planning and Performance Update 2013 – Follow up report – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 7.9 Schools Energy Report – Outcomes from Small Steps Awareness Campaign Pilot - report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 7.10 Food for Life Accreditation in Edinburgh’s Schools - report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 7.11 Special Schools – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 7.12 Progress on the Implementation of Self-Directed Support in Children and Families – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 7.13 Appointments to Sub-Committees and Working Groups 2014/15 - report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)

8. Routine decisions

- 8.1 Engagement of Children, Young People, Parents/Carers and other Stakeholders in the Development of Services for Children and Families in Edinburgh – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)
- 8.2 School Session Dates 2015-16 – report by the Director of Children and Families (circulated)

9. Motions

- 9.1 Work Placements for Senior School Pupils at Special Schools – Motion by Councillor Corbett

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1. Notes a cut in funding to the Action Group to provide essential support to senior pupils at Braidburn and Woodlands Special Schools to undertake work placements, while at school, and the disappointment and anger felt by those pupils as a result of the opportunities now lost to go on work placements in the same way as their mainstream peers.
2. Requests a report in one cycle:
 - exploring all possible opportunities to restore the service as quickly as possible which allows pupils at those schools to undertake work placements.

- describing the services available to senior pupils at all special schools to allow them to undertake work placements.
- setting out a draft policy presumption that all senior pupils in special schools should enjoy opportunities, appropriate to their needs, to undertake work placements in a comparable way to those available to all senior pupils across Edinburgh's schools.

9.2 Secure Units – Motion by Councillor Aitken

Committee instructs a report within two cycles on the situation in respect of secure units and specifically those within Edinburgh.

Report should include an update on the reduction of beds, resulting implications for the support services within the community and the possible closure of these units.

The report should also provide a financial update including revenues brought in from other Councils using the units.

Carol Campbell

Head of Legal, Risk and Compliance

Committee Members

Councillors Godzik (Convener), Fullerton (Vice-Convener), Aitken, Aldridge, Austin Hart, Brock, Child, Nick Cook, Corbett, Day, Dixon, Howat, Jackson, Key, Lewis, Main, Milligan, Redpath, Robson, Rust, 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 Committee 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 meet 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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