

Education, Children and Families Committee

10am, Tuesday 14 August 2018

Appointments to Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families, Consultative Committee with Parents and Working Groups 2018/2019

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Executive Summary

The Education, Children and Families Committee is required to annually re-appoint the membership of its Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families, Consultative Committee with Parents and Working Groups. The proposed membership structures and remits of each are detailed in appendices 1 to 5 of this report.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To appoint the membership of the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families as set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 To appoint the Convener of the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families.
- 1.3 To appoint the membership of the Consultative Committee with Parents as set out in Appendix 2.
- 1.4 To appoint the Convener of the Consultative Committee with Parents for 2018/2019.
- 1.5 To appoint membership of the Working Groups as set out in Appendices 3 to 5.
- 1.6 To approve the remits of the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families, Consultative Committee with Parents and Working Groups for 2018/2019 as set out in appendices 1 to 5 of this report.
- 1.7 To note the decision of the Committee on 21 June 2018 to establish a working group to develop a long term plan for education in the Wester Hailes community.
- 1.8 To appoint membership of the Wester Hailes Working Group as set out in Appendix 6.
- 1.9 To request a report back to Committee in October 2018 setting out the proposed aims and objectives of the Wester Hailes Working Group.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council, at its meeting on 28 June 2018, approved revised political management arrangements for 2018.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The Committee is required to appoint the membership of its Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families, Consultative Committee with Parents and other Working Groups for 2018/19.

- 3.2 While there is no requirement for the membership of working groups to be proportionate to that of the Council, it is suggested that this is good practice.
- The proposed membership has therefore been adjusted to reflect the overall political balance on the Council. It is, however, open to the Committee to alter the membership where it feels this is warranted.
- 3.3 The proposed membership structures and remits are set out in Appendices 1 to 5 of this report.
- 3.4 The Education, Children and Families Committee on 21 June 2018 agreed to establish a working group to develop a long term plan for education in the Wester Hailes community. This should take into consideration the views expressed by staff and parents within WHEC feeder primaries on the importance of maximising the educational and other opportunities for young people in the area and should include but not be limited to:
- research to understand the decisions parents and young people make about placing choices
 - dealing with reputation and communication issues
 - strengthening the curriculum offer
 - strengthening the partnership with feeder primaries and nearby high schools
 - consideration of options for a 're-brand' of WHEC in response to concerns raised by some of the parents at the feeder schools, and to explore the feasibility of introducing a specialism in its curriculum such as a focus on Digital & IT skills and/or vocational skills, encouraging placement requests to come in, for those wishing to develop these skills for employment or further education.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 Not applicable

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 The Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families will be unable to take decisions unless a membership is appointed by the Committee in line with the Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. Sustainability impact

8.1 Not applicable.

9. Consultation and engagement

9.1 Not applicable.

10. Background reading/external references

10.1 [Review of Political Management Arrangements 2018 – report by Chief Executive](#)

10.2 Minute of Council Meeting of 28 June 2018

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Chief Executive

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11. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families

Appendix 2 – Consultative Committee with Parents

Appendix 3 – Corporate Parenting Member Officer Group

Appendix 4 – Duncan Place Working Group

Appendix 5 – Gaelic Implementation Steering Group

Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families

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Membership - 8 Members and 1 Religious Representative

(2 SNP, 2 Conservative, 2 Labour, 1 Green, 1 SLD and 1 Religious Representative)

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| Councillor Perry (Convener) | Councillor Dickie |
| Councillor Bird | Councillor Laidlaw |
| Councillor Mary Campbell | Councillor Rust |
| Councillor Child | Councillor Young |

Rev Dr Rita Welsh (Religious Representative)

Remit

Power is delegated to the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families to:

- provide oversight of the quality of education and care experiences for young people in the City of Edinburgh by scrutinising the reports and follow up actions of Education Scotland inspections in schools
- Consider an annual report on Care Inspectorate inspections in early years provision
- Consider individual reports on Care Inspectorate inspections in residential schools, care services for children and local authority reviews of service areas, establishments and units
- Monitor the implementation of initiatives relating to quality improvement and assurance, and attainment and achievement
- Maintain an overview of the implementation of national and local policies specifically related to quality standards by officers, establishments and services
- Contribute to the support and challenge agenda within the context of establishment plans
- Celebrate the success of establishments, units, teams and the service including recognising items of good practice

Consultative Committee with Parents

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Membership - 7 members

(Convener and Vice-Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee and 2 Conservative members, 1 SNP member, 1 Green member, 1 SLD member)

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| Councillor Dickie (Convener) | Councillor Perry |
| Councillor Bird | Councillor Smith |
| Councillor Mary Campbell | Councillor Young |
| Councillor Laidlaw | |

Other Members

Three parent representatives from each of the Locality Groups

Two parent representatives from the citywide Special Schools Group

One parent representative from the Additional Support for Learning (ASL) Forum

One head teacher from each sector on a rota basis

One representative from the National Parent Forum

One representative from the Scottish Parent Teacher Council

Remit

The Consultative Committee with Parents is a forum which:

- provides discussion and consultation with parents on citywide and national issues
- provides a parent perspective at local and national level
- identifies common areas of discussion
- makes a recommendation to the Council on the appointment of a parent representative (non-voting) to the Education Children and Families Committee
- ensures parent groups eg. National Parent Forum and Scottish Parent Teacher Council are represented
- communicates with neighbourhood groups and the wider parent councils

Corporate Parenting Member Officer Group

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Membership - 8 members and 1 Religious Representative

(Convener and Vice-Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee and 2 Conservative members, 1 SNP member, 1 Labour, 1 Green member, 1 SLD member and 1 Religious Representative)

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| Councillor Dickie (Convener) | Councillor Laidlaw |
| Councillor Bird | Councillor Perry |
| Councillor Child | Councillor Rust |
| Councillor Corbett | Councillor Young |

Religious Representative

Rabbi David Rose

Other Partner Agency Members

One representative from the Champions Board (as Co-Chair)
Two representatives from NHS Lothian
One representative from Police Scotland

Remit

The remit of the Corporate Parenting Member Officer Group is to:

- establish a common understanding of the factors which lead to poor outcomes for looked after children
- agree a clear set of outcomes for looked after children
- set up a robust scrutiny mechanism of the outcomes for looked after children
- ensure that looked after children are considered in all policy initiatives
- have an overview of all recommendations in reports on looked after children
- ensure that looked after children are a high priority for all Council departments and partner agencies
- communicate with looked after children
- convey celebrations of success
- identify initiatives to progress the outcomes of looked after children
- support foster carers and kinship carers

Duncan Place Working Group

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Membership - Local Ward Members (Leith Ward)

(Councillors Chas Booth, Adam McVey and Gordon Munro)

Remit

The Working Group's establishment and remit arose from the following decision by the Education, Children and Families Committee on 6 October 2015:

- 1) To note that it was not possible to progress with the demolition of the existing entire Duncan Place building as had been previously approved.
- 2) To approve the recommended way forward to provide replacement accommodation as set out in paragraph 3.17 of the report by the Executive Director of Communities and Families.
- 3) To request that a further report be provided to a future Committee meeting on the outcome of the discussions with the local community regarding the possibility of community asset transfer of the part of the existing Duncan Place building which would remain.
- 4) **To agree that a working group be established involving locally elected members, relevant officers and the Duncan Place Management Committee to take forward the discussions outlined in paragraph 3.17 (ii) of the report by the Executive Director ([Link to Report – Duncan Place and Leith Primary School](#))**

Gaelic Implementation Steering Group

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Membership – 5 Members

(Gaelic Champion (as Convener), 1 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Green, 1 SLD)

Councillor Dickie (Convener) Councillor Perry

Councillor Booth Councillor Young

Councillor Laidlaw

Remit

- 1) To oversee and provide constructive challenge to the implementation of Edinburgh's Gaelic Language Plan 2018-2022.
- 2) To oversee the progress of the themed working groups of the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group.
- 3) To oversee the production of annual progress reports.

Wester Hailes Working Group

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Proposed Membership – 5 Members

(Convener and Vice-Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee,
1 Conservative, 1 Green, 1 SLD)

Councillor Councillor

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Proposed Remit (but not limited to)

- 1) To research and understand the decisions parents and young people make about placing choices.
- 2) To deal with reputation and communication issues.
- 3) To strengthen the curriculum offer.
- 4) To strengthen the partnership with feeder primaries and nearby high schools.
- 5) To consider options for a “re-brand” of WHEC in response to concerns raised by some of the parents at the feeder schools, and to explore the feasibility of introducing a specialism in its curriculum such as a focus on Digital & IT skills and/or vocational skills, encouraging placement requests to come in, for those wishing to develop these skills for employment or further education.