

Notice of meeting and agenda

Education, Children and Families Committee

10:00am, Tuesday 11 December 2018

Dean of Guild Court 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 Educational Institute of Scotland/UNISON

4. Minutes

- 4.1 Education, Children and Families Committee 9 October 2018 - submitted for approval as a correct record (circulated)

5. Forward planning

- 5.1 Rolling Actions Log (circulated)

6. Business bulletin

- 6.1 Business Bulletin (circulated)

7. Executive decisions

- 7.1 Petition for Consideration - Edinburgh Central Library vs Virgin Hotel - report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 7.2 Liberton High School – Update on Remedial Works – report by the Executive Director of Resources (circulated)
- 7.3 Energy in Schools Annual Report – report by the Executive Director of Resources (circulated)
- 7.4 Equally Safe - Multi Agency Centre (ESMAC) for Gender Based Violence and Child Protection – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.5 Community Access to Secondary School Sport Facilities – Impact of Introduction of Non-Core Hour Charges – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.6 Revenue Monitoring 2018/19 – Month Five Position - report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.7 The Growing City, School Roll Projections and Future Accommodation Requirements – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.8 Update on South East Improvement Collaborative – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)

- 7.9 Edinburgh Learns: Learning Together Framework for Parental Engagement and Involvement – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.10 Primary and Special Schools Letting Update – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.11 Education Standards and Quality Report – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.12 Strategic Management of School Places – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.13 Early Years 1140 Expansion: Progress and Risk Update – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.14 Transitions for Young People with a Disability from Children’s Services to Adult Services – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.15 Play Schemes for Children with Disabilities Progress Report – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.16 Year of Young People – Eurocities Conference Youth Programme – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.17 Inspection of Children’s Services – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.18 Implementing the Programme for the Capital: Coalition Commitments Six Monthly Progress Update – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)

8. Motions

- 8.1 By Councillor Laidlaw – Trial of AV1 Inclusive Learning Technology
“Committee notes the decision of the Education Children and Families Committee of 22 May 2018 to approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Perry:
 - 1) To note the proposal to trial use of AV1 technology in St John’s RC Primary School from October to December 2018.
 - 2) To note the impact of the Equalities Act and the feedback from the Equalities and Human Rights Commission and the Equality Advisory Support Service which presumed that if this technology was required by the affected child that it should not be dependent on other parents approval and added: “but parental objections to the principle should not automatically prevent a practical trial.”

- 3) To agree that the views of the school community should be taken into account when deciding on whether use of the technology represented a reasonable adjustment for a child's disability.
- 4) To agree that the decision to proceed with any such trial should be taken by a senior manager within Communities and Families.
- 5) To note that evaluation of a tool to enable 'children unable to attend school' should not have a success metric based whether it impacted on attendance, as it should be a given that children using the system could not attend. Committee therefore removes "without impacting on attendance."

Committee expresses concern that this trial has still not commenced and thus children across the city, including but not exclusive to the pupil at St John's RC Primary, are failing to potentially benefit from the use of the AV1 inclusive teaching technology which is being successfully applied in other schools across the United Kingdom.

Committee asks officers to report to next Committee the reasons for the delay in delivering the decision of Committee of 22 May and mitigation provided in the case of the pupil at St John's RC Primary it was designed to assist.

Committee notes officers are now in receipt of a loan AV1 learning tool from East Lothian Council.

Committee asks officers to ensure a trail of the technology can commence during the Spring school term."

8.2 By Councillor Young - Violence at Work Survey

"Committee:

- 1) acknowledges the recent 'Violence at Work' survey undertaken by the EIS and Unison which details the incidence of violence experienced by teachers, nursery nurses and pupil support assistants in Edinburgh schools.
- 2) recognises the importance of a safe environment for pupils and teachers across all our schools.
- 3) therefore instructs officers to consider the findings in the survey and report back to the next Committee on proposed changes and improvements which can be made."

Laurence Rockey

Head of Strategy and Communications

Committee Members

Councillors Perry (Convener), Dickie (Vice-Convener), Bird, Mary Campbell, Corbett, Griffiths, Howie, Laidlaw, Rust, Smith and Young.

Added Members for Education Items

Religious Representatives

Rabbi David Rose, Monsignor Anthony Duffy and (Vacancy)

Parent Representative (Non-Voting)

Alexander Ramage

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