

Notice of meeting and agenda

Education, Children and Families Committee

10:00am, Tuesday 5 March 2019

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 Stepping Stones North Edinburgh
- 3.2 James Gillespie's High School Parent Council

4. Minutes

- 4.1 Education, Children and Families Committee 11 December 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 Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 Update - report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.2 Promoting Children's Rights, Equalities and Inclusion in Schools and Services – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.3 Teacher Recruitment Update – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.4 Schooling Options for Children Living in City of Edinburgh – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.5 Early Years Expansion, Workforce Update – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.6 Staff and Resources Required to Deliver Future School Accommodation - report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.7 Communities and Families Small Grants to Third Parties 2019/20 – Proposals for Expenditure – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.8 Renewal of NHS Service Level Agreements – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)

- 7.9 What Kind of Edinburgh? – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 7.10 Revenue Monitoring 2018/19 – Month Nine Position - report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)

8. Motions

- 8.1 By Councillor Laidlaw - Adjustment of Christmas Holiday 2020/21 School Year
“Committee
- 1) Notes that the agreed Christmas holidays for school year 2020/21 are Thursday 24 December 2020 to Wednesday 6 January 2021, with the last day in school Wednesday 23 December.
 - 2) Recognises that many pupils and teachers will need to travel and/or prepare for Christmas and that is a challenge with only one day’s holiday before Christmas day.
 - 3) Agrees to consult with headteachers on the proposition that the term ends on Tuesday 22 December and returns Tuesday 5 January and report back to Committee after two cycles for agreement.”
- 8.2 By Councillor Laidlaw - Contribution of Independent Schools to the City of Edinburgh
“Committee
- 1) Notes the report *Economic and Fiscal Contribution of Edinburgh’s Independent Schools* by BiGGAR published on 19th December, which detailed the unique contribution of Edinburgh’s independent school sector, whereby the 10 Edinburgh independent schools together educate 11,700 nursery, primary and secondary pupils, accounting for 14% of Edinburgh primary and secondary school aged pupils.
 - 2) Recognises the achievements these schools have made in offering increased financial assistance to pupils wishing to attend these schools, noting that in 2017/18 the total level of financial assistance provided by the Edinburgh independent schools was £17.5 million, of which £10.5 million was paid out in means-tested assistance and £6.9 million was paid out in non-means tested; benefitting over 2,700 pupils, representing 23% of the pupils educated by the Edinburgh independent schools.
 - 3) Recognises the economic contribution the sector makes to the city of Edinburgh, equalling £125 million Gross Value Added (GVA), supporting 3,000 jobs and a fiscal contribution through taxation paid and collected as well as through public sector cost savings from the schools’ provision of education, amounting to £85 million in 2017/18, of which, the City of Edinburgh Council benefitted by £47 million.

- 4) Notes the increasing levels of partnership between City of Edinburgh run schools and the independent sector, including but not limited to providing academic support to other schools through special educational events, some of which focus on UCAS applications, and facilities such as the Swire Language Centre for learning Mandarin.
- 5) Agrees the Committee would benefit from a better understanding of the partnerships that exist between the independent sector and City of Edinburgh schools and asks for a members briefing within two cycles of Committee.”

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

Fiona Beveridge, Monsignor Anthony Duffy and Rabbi David Rose.

Parent Representative (Non-Voting)

Alexander Ramage

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