

## Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 29 August 2017

### Present

Councillors Mowat (Convener), Main (Vice-Convener), Jim Campbell, Dickie, Gordon, Lang, Munro, Rae, Ritchie, Watt and Webber

### 1. Status of the ICT Programme

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#### (a) Deputation – James Gillespie’s High School Parent Council

The deputation expressed concern at the ongoing lack of internet access for pupils within the James Gillespie’s High School building. The school had taken the decision to implement “BYOD” (Bring Your Own Device) which allows pupils to use their own IT devices, but problems had arisen when they tried to use them within the school building. The deputation believed that the delays in accessing the internet were holding back the pupils’ education.

The deputation asked the Council to work with the Parent Council to find a solution to the ongoing problems.

#### (b) Report by the Executive Director of Resources

Details were provided on the programme of works within ICT and the current service delivered by the Council’s ICT partner, CGI, together with options available to the Council regarding contractual remedies.

#### Decision

To ask the Executive Director for Children and Families for a report on:

- a) How the decision was taken to enable pupils attending James Gillespie’s High School to bring their own IT devices rather than Council devices.
- b) What advice James Gillespie’s High School were given by the directorate on the implications of their decision.
- c) Further information of other schools within the City who were in the same situation and their experiences.

- d) Possible solutions to the issue raised by the deputation on the lack of wi-fi at the High School and related timescales.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Resources, submitted)

### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Main declared a non-financial interest in the above item as the parent of a child at James Gillespie's High School.

## **2. Minute**

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### **Decision**

To approve the minute of the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee of 1 August 2017 as a correct record.

## **3. Outstanding Actions**

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Details were provided of the outstanding actions arising from decisions taken by the Committee.

### **Decision**

- 1) To agree to close items 3, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16.
- 2) To ask the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership to provide an update on why the new ICT system for shift allocation was not implemented earlier in the year.
- 3) To note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Outstanding Actions – 29 August 2017, submitted.)

## **4. Work Programme**

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### **Decision**

To note the work programme.

(Reference – Governance, Risk and Best Value Work Programme – 29 August 2017, submitted.)

## **5. Review of the Policy Reporting Procedure**

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### **Decision**

To note that the item had been withdrawn in the absence of a report.

## **6. Road Services Improvement Plan**

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Details were provided on the Road Services Improvement Plan which had been approved by the Transport and Environment Committee on 10 August 2017. The plan identified the different issues that impacted on road asset management performance and the actions that the service would take to address them.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To ask for a report back to Committee in 6 months time.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee of 10 August 2017 (item 6); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **7. Looked After Children: Transformation Programme Progress Report – referral from the Education, Children and Families Committee**

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The Education, Children and Families Committee had referred a report which provided an update on the progress of the Looked After Children transformation programme, to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for consideration.

### **Decision**

- 1) To ask the Education, Children and Families Committee to call for a report to its December meeting quantifying the risk related to unaccompanied asylum seeking children.
- 2) To ask the Education, Children and Families Committee to consider writing to the Scottish and UK Governments for their support with the increasing pressures placed on the authority with regard to looked after children.

(References – Education, Children and Families Committee, 15 August 2017 (item 14); referral from the Education, Children and Families Committee, submitted)

## **8. Whistleblowing Update**

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A high level overview of the operation of the Council's whistleblowing hotline for the period 1 January to 30 June 2017 was provided.

### **Decision**

To note the report by the Chief Executive.

(References – report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

## **9. Whistleblowing Monitoring Report**

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The Council, in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 12 and 15 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

An overview of the disclosures received and investigation outcome reports completed during the period 1 January to 30 June 2017 was provided.

### **Decision**

To note the report by the Chief Executive.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted)