

Education, Children and Families Committee Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families

2.30pm, Monday 9 June 2014

Present:- Councillors Godzik (Convener), Aitken and Fullerton; and Mr A C Duncan

Non-Members Attending:

Liberton High School

Stephen Kelly, Head Teacher

Learning Community surrounding Liberton High School

Dinah Pountain, Community Learning and Development Manager

Douglas Jeffrey, Senior Community Learning and Development Worker

Trinity Academy

Alec Morris, Head Teacher

Andrew MacMillan, Parent Representative

Learning Community surrounding Trinity Academy

Rab Byfield, Community Learning and Development Manager

Helen Bourquin, Senior Community Learning and Development Worker

Caithleen Bell, Community Learning and Development Worker

Cowgate Under 5s Centre

Lynn McNair, Head of Centre

Lian Higgins, Deputy Head of Centre

Mary Duffy, Parent Representative

1. Minute

Decision

The minute of meeting of the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families of 10 February 2014 was approved as a correct record.

(Reference – minute of meeting of the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families, submitted)

2. Protocols for the Conduct of Meetings of the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families

Protocols for the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families were submitted.

Decision

To note the protocols.

(Reference – Protocols for the Conduct of the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families, submitted)

3. Liberton High School - Inspection

Details were provided of an inspection which had been carried out by Education Scotland at Liberton High School. A letter dated 25 March 2014 had been sent to parents/carers on the outcomes of the inspection and the evaluations on how well the school was doing.

The Head Teacher was heard on the inspection process and the areas agreed with Education Scotland to continue to improve the school.

Decision

- 1) To note the findings of the report including the areas where the education authority and the school should continue to improve the school.
- 2) To agree to receive an authority inspection follow through report.

(Reference – report by the Director of Children and Families, submitted).

4. Learning Community Surrounding Liberton High School – Inspection

Details were provided of an inspection which had been carried out by Education Scotland on the Community Learning and Development (CLD) partners within the area of Liberton High School. An inspection report and evaluations dated 11 March 2014 advised of the outcomes of the inspection.

The Community Learning and Development Manager and Senior CLD Worker were heard on the inspection process and the areas agreed with Education Scotland to continue to improve the quality of services and provision.

Decision

To note the findings of the report including the areas where the education authority and the community learning and development partners should continue to improve the learning community.

(Reference – report by the Director of Children and Families, submitted).

5. Trinity Academy - Inspection

Details were provided of an inspection which had been carried out by Education Scotland at Trinity Academy. A letter dated 11 February 2014 had been sent to parents/carers on the outcomes of the inspection and the evaluations on how well the school was doing.

The Head Teacher and a parent representative were heard on the inspection process and the areas agreed with Education Scotland to continue to improve the school.

Decision

- 1) To note the findings of the report including the areas where the education authority and the school should continue to improve the school.
- 2) To agree to receive an authority inspection follow through report.
(Reference – report by the Director of Children and Families, submitted)

6. Learning Community Surrounding Trinity Academy - Inspection

Details were provided of an inspection which had been carried out by Education Scotland on the Community Learning and Development (CLD) partners within the area of Trinity Academy. An inspection report and evaluations dated 11 February 2014 advised of the outcomes of the inspection.

The Community Learning and Development Manager, Senior CLD Worker and CLD Worker were heard on the inspection process and the areas agreed with Education Scotland to continue to improve the quality of services and provision.

Decision

To note the findings of the report including the areas where the education authority and the community learning and development partners should continue to improve the learning community.

(Reference – report by the Director of Children and Families, submitted).

7. Cowgate Under 5s Centre – Inspection

Details were provided of an inspection which had been carried out by Education Scotland at Cowgate Under 5s Centre. A letter dated 11 March 2014 had been sent to parents/carers on the outcomes of the inspection and the evaluations on how well the centre was doing.

The Centre Manager, Deputy Manager and a parent representative were heard on the inspection process and the aspects of innovative practice which Education Scotland had stated they would like to explore further in order to share the practice with others.

Decision

- 1) To note the findings of the report including the area where the education authority and the pre-school centre should continue to improve.
- 2) To congratulate everyone involved in the success and achievements of the Centre and the excellent report.

(Reference – report by the Director of Children and Families, submitted).

Note: Minute wording adjusted by the Sub-Committee meeting on 8 September 2014.

8. Pilrig Park School – Inspection Follow Through

A report on the quality of education in Pilrig Park School was published in March 2012 by HM Inspectors from Education Scotland. The school with support from the education authority amended the school improvement plan to take account of the findings of the inspection.

The education authority had recently visited the school to assess the extent to which the school was continuing to develop the quality of its education including the areas identified for improvement.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress made to date from the original inspection.
- 2) To note the education authority would not publish further reports in connection with the 2012 report.

(References – Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families 10 September 2012 (minute item 3); report by the Director of Children and Families, submitted).

9. St Thomas of Aquins RC High School – Inspection Follow Through

A report on the quality of education in St Thomas of Aquins RC High School was published in May 2012 by HM Inspectors from Education Scotland. The school with support from the education authority amended the school improvement plan to take account of the findings of the inspection.

The education authority visited the school on an ongoing basis to assess the extent to which the school was continuing to develop the quality of its education including the areas identified for improvement.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress made to date from the original inspection.
- 2) To note the education authority would not publish further reports in connection with the 2012 report.

(References – Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families 3 September 2012 (minute item 3); report by the Director of Children and Families, submitted).