

Motions and Amendments

Education, Children and Families Committee

10.00 am Tuesday, 5th September, 2023

Hybrid Meeting - Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers / Microsoft Teams

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Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Education, Children & Families Committee

5 September 2023

Item 7.2 – Learning Estate Update

Add

1.1.3.4 agrees that, in furthering the proposals for the Kirkliston High School, officers should:

- a) ensure that pupils at a new high school have complete access to the full curriculum.
- b) deliver proper solutions with respect to parking facilities for high school school staff, and mitigation of other transport issues identified in the transport assessment, prior to the opening of a new high school.
- c) maintain and, where possible, expand the leisure facilities and services which are available to the local community.

Moved by: Cllr Euan Davidson

Seconded by: Cllr Lewis Younie

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Education, Children & Families Committee

5 September 2023

Item 7.3 – Standards & Quality Report, and Education Improvement Plan

Inserts 1.2:

- 1.2 While noting the Improvement Plan, Committee recognises that the objectives do not include specific measurable targets with dates and statistical values. Committee therefore asks officers to bring an updated plan to the November committee which adds this information against all objectives where possible.

Moved by: Cllr Euan Davidson

Seconded by: Cllr Louise Young

Addendum by the Green Group

Education, Children and Families Committee

5 September 2023

Item 7.4 - Learning for Sustainability

Add to recommendations:

- 1.1.3 Understands that the provision of teacher-time in schools for session 2023-24 has been funded through budget flexibility, therefore requests that this provision is included as a specific line in the draft council budget so that political groups can decide on future funding.

Moved by: Councillor Steve Burgess

Seconded by: Councillor Kayleigh O'Neill

Amendment by the SNP Group

Education, Children and Families Committee

5 September 2023

Item 7.5 – Community Access to Secondary Schools – Transfer of Management of Non-sports Lets to Edinburgh Leisure

Deletes all and replaces with:

1.1 The Education, Children and Families Committee is asked to:

- 1.1.1 Approve the transfer of the management of non-sports lets in the 8 secondary schools identified in this report.
- 1.1.2 Delegate responsibility to officers to agree timeline for the phased transfer of the 8 identified schools to Edinburgh Leisure.
- 1.1.3 Request an update report in 6 months detailing level of access by community groups and performance of sport and non-sport lets within secondary schools.
- 1.1.4 Request an annual report detailing the performance of sport and non-sport lets within secondary schools.
- 1.1.5 Agrees to defer decision to transfer management of non-sports lets in all secondary schools to Edinburgh Leisure following scrutiny of annual report in 1.1.4.

Moved by: Councillor Simita Kumar

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Education, Children & Families Committee

5 September 2023

Item 7.5 – Community Access to Secondary Schools

Add:

- 1.1.4 Ensure that any transfer of management to Edinburgh Leisure does not include delegated control over the setting of hire fees, which should continue to be set as part of the Council's annual budget.
- 1.1.5 Consider if the decision at Full Council for a move to paying the living wage for Edinburgh Leisure staff, will have any financial impact of this report and ask Officers to provide an update at the November Education Committee.

Moved by: Cllr Euan Davidson

Seconded by: Cllr Louise Young

Addendum by the Green Group

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5 September 2023

Item 7.6 - Children's Services Improvement Plan Update

Add to recommendations:

- 1.1.3 Requests that committee continues to be updated on the Children's Services Improvement Plan at least every six months.

Moved by: Councillor Steve Burgess

Seconded by: Councillor Kayleigh O'Neill

Addendum by the Green Group

Education, Children and Families Committee

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Item 7.9 - Active Schools Thematic Review

Findings

Add to recommendations:

1.1.3 Agrees that the revised Active Schools Plan is presented to committee before the end of session 2023-24.

Moved by: Councillor Steve Burgess

Seconded by: Councillor Kayleigh O'Neill

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 9.2 – Motion by Councillor Kumar – Community Grants

Deletes from “No record found” and replace with:

Notes that Committee Members were invited to attend a briefing on 22nd March, during that meeting no concerns were raised regarding the criteria under which the scheme was proceeding.

Notes that extensive work has taken place in conjunction with LAYC and EVOC on designing a process to be inclusive and supportive to third sector organisations.

Furthermore, extensive briefing work has taken place with sector organisations who expect applications to open later in September.

Therefore, resolves that whilst Committee expresses concerns about the governance issues surrounding the initial criteria setting process, agrees that the scheme should proceed on the current timetable to provide stability and reassurance for third sector recipients and applicants.

Moved by: Cllr Euan Davidson

Seconded by: Cllr Louise Young

Emergency Motion by the Administration

Education, Children & Families Committee

5 September 2023

Emergency Motion: RAAC in Schools

Committee notes the RAAC in schools across Scotland, and was previously identified in Cramond and Trinity Primary Schools

Commends the extensive work of officers in finding alternative temporary provision, and to parents/carers and young people for their understanding and support

Notes the Department for Education in England has provided funding to respond to RAAC in over 600 schools

Calls for the Convener /Council Leader to urgently write to Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills & COSLA to request their intervention, support and resources to ensure a plan to respond to RAAC can be delivered with the appropriate resources.

Moved by: Cllr Joan Griffiths

Seconded by: Cllr Margaret Graham

Emergency Motion by the Liberal Democrat Group

Education, Children & Families Committee

5 September 2023

Emergency Motion RAAC in schools - funding and progress

Council notes:

To date, reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) has been identified in seven schools in Edinburgh.

- a. Surveys continue across the school estate, with the potential of further RAAC being identified.
- b. Mitigation measures are putting huge pressure on schools, with learners being displaced, and large parts of some schools being inaccessible for many months to come.
- c. At present, all costs associated with RAAC are unplanned and unbudgeted, including rehousing of pupils, building works and other associated costs, which are creating additional financial pressure on the Council.
- d. Since no additional funding has been provided by the Scottish Government yet, this may result in cuts to other vital areas of council spending to meet the pressure.

Committee therefore requests:

1. That the Convener of Education, Children and Families Committee writes to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills requesting funding to be made available to carry out these urgent and necessary safety repairs.

2. That regular updates are provided to the committee, through the business bulletin, detailing the actions being taken to mitigate the presence of RAAC, the impact those measures are having on school operations and the financial impact of works.

Moved by: Cllr Louise Young
Seconded by: Cllr Euan Davidson

Emergency Motion by Councillor McKenzie

Education, Children and Families Committee 5 September 2023 Tynecastle Community Wing

Committee:

Notes:

1. Tynecastle Community Wing has provided valued community space in the Gorgie through external lets for many years.
2. A decision to stop external lets due to undefined 'health and safety concerns' has been made by officers.
3. 'Rainbow Recovery', a support group for families affected by addiction, and 'Home Start Edinburgh', which runs support groups for families with young children, have now been asked to move to alternative venues.
4. Consistency of venue is vital for the success of these initiatives, and it would be very damaging for them to move to alternative venues.

Regrets:

4. The decision to stop external lets was not communicated to elected members, and community groups who used the facility on a regular basis only became aware of the decision when they attempted to make bookings.
5. That no health and safety concerns were raised with the affected organisations and no attempts were made to support them to remain at Tynecastle Community Wing.

Agrees:

6. That 'Rainbow Recovery' and 'Home Start Edinburgh' will be supported to continue operating from Tynecastle Community Wing with immediate effect.
7. That further external lets are offered from Tynecastle Community Wing at the earliest opportunity.
8. A briefing note should be circulated to Committee members and ward councillors outlining how the decision to stop external lets was made, how it was communicated to stakeholders and how it will be reversed.

Moved by: Councillor Ross McKenzie

Seconded by:

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