

Motions and Amendments

Education, Children and Families Committee

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Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.1 Quality Improvement and Scrutiny Update

1.1.3 Committee is concerned that recently two schools, one primary and one secondary, have received weak evaluations from Education Scotland Inspectors. In the case of East Craigs Primary School the evaluation was weak in all four quality indicators. For Forrester High, the evaluation was weak for attainment only.

1.1.4 Committee notes that these evaluations are amongst the lowest, not just in Edinburgh, but in Scotland as a whole and that there are very few schools in the country in this category.

1.1.5 Committee therefore requests a report in one cycle on the progress which has been made with identified Priority Schools to include -

- How are the Priority Schools identified?
- What are the current Priority Schools?
- What interventions have been implemented to improve outcomes?
- How have these interventions been assessed?
- How successful have these interventions been?

Moved by: Councillor Tim Jones

Seconded by: Councillor Christopher Cowdy

Amendment by the SNP Group

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7.3 – Early Years Cross Boundary Places

In point 1.1 replaces the word "decision" with "recommendation".

Replaces point 1.2 with:

"Committee agrees this is clearly a policy decision, not an operational decision, and therefore any proposed changes are for Councillors to decide through committee decision."

Adds 1.1.4

Notes assurances to families that existing funded children who are not Edinburgh residents will continue to be funded but that funded sibling placements for cross boundary places will cause concern for parents and families as they only cover one year.

Adds point 2:

2.1 Agrees that further information is needed to understand the full impact of this change.

2.2 Agrees that the current plan to phase out funding for cross boundary places in private settings from August 2024 is very short notice for families to consider alternative plans.

2.4 Agrees not to proceed with these changes at this time to allow for discussion with COSLA, Scottish Government, and other local authorities to reconsider best recharge mechanisms for funded nursery placements. Agree officers will aim to secure agreement of funding following the child to allow for easier allocation of funded cross-boundary placements at no financial detriment to local authorities.

2.5 Agrees for officers to bring an update report in one cycle on the above points with a completed equalities impact assessment back to ECF committee for final decision. Agrees officers will immediately communicate that any changes will not proceed until Committee has formally agreed.

Moved by: Cllr Simita Kumar

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.3 - Early Years Cross Boundary Places

Replaces 1.1.1 with “Note the decision of the Strategic Programme Board to limit early learning and childcare cross boundary places to local authority settings.”

Adds

1.1.4 Notes the full text from the Operating Guidance mentioned in point 4.18 starts with “For families this means that they will be able to access high quality funded ELC with the **provider of their choice** – in the public, private, or third sector.”

1.1.5 Recognises that Scot Gov’s desire for a no charging policy set out in point 4.14 is a recommendation and not enforced policy.

1.1.6 Notes that the only cross boundary approach CEC has explored is the same as the West Partnership Agreement.

1.1.7 Agrees with the commitment to the principle of Best Value as set out in point 4.1 and recognises that this can only be delivered if the costs of EY provision in Local Authority settings can be fully understood and compared with other settings.

1.1.8 Committee therefore instructs Officers to report back with:

i) An analysis of the Council’s internal funding structure so a direct comparison can be made between the cost of a) funding in-house provision and b) funding of PVI settings, to ensure Best Value to Edinburgh’s residents can be delivered.

ii) Additional options for cross-boundary approaches other than the one explored along with a summary of discussions had with the 9 Local Authorities

Moved by: Councillor Tim Jones

Seconded by: Councillor Christopher Cowdy

Addendum by the Administration

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Item 7.4 - Early Years Partner Provider – Hourly Rate for Funded Early Learning and Childcare

1.2

Committee:

Agrees an hourly rate increase of 4.8% to providers with a contract to deliver funded early learning and childcare.

Moved by: Cllr Joan Griffiths

Seconded by: Cllr Margaret Graham

Amendment by the SNP Group

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Item 7.4 – Early Years Partner Provider Hourly Rate for Funded Early Learning and Childcare

Amends

1.1.2 Agree an hourly rate increase of 7.6% to providers with a contract to deliver funded early learning and childcare.

1.13 Agrees that Executive Director of Education and Children's services should identify additional savings of £700,000 to be approved by Education, Children and Families committee.

Moved by: Cllr Simita Kumar

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.4 – Early Years Partner Provider – Hourly Rate for Funded Early Learning and Childcare

Committee notes:

1. The COSLA recommendation of a fixed percentage uplift of 7.6% on hourly rates for childcare providers.
2. The funding provided by the Scottish Government would provide for a 4.8% uplift and therefore does not fully fund the recommended 7.6% leaving a shortfall of £700,000.
3. That options on how to meet the £700k shortfall should be reviewed and decided at Committee.

Committee therefore agrees:

4. To approve at a minimum the 4.8% uplift and a preference to approve the 7.6% recommendation but that the latter is dependent on identifying the funding options and any impact on other Education, Children & Families services.
5. To delegate to the Director to identify options for meeting the £700K shortfall and bring these back to the June meeting of the Education Committee for determination.
6. To refer the June committee decision to Finance & Resources for their information due to the substantial amount involved and potential impact on any budget decisions made in February.

Moved by: Cllr Louise Young

Seconded by: Cllr Euan Davidson

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.4 - Early Years Partner Provider Hourly Rate for Funded Early Learning and Childcare

Replace 1.1.2 with “Agree an hourly rate increase of 7.6% to providers with a contract to deliver funded early learning and childcare.”

Adds -

1.1.4 Committee notes that Funding for 2022/23 was based on funding levels for 2021/22, with adjustments made to take account of changing circumstances, including more recent population data (lower numbers of eligible children than previously projected)

1.1.5 Committee requests a report in one cycle to include -

- What were the projected figures for 2022/23 and 2023/24?
- What were the actual figures?
- What were the total number of places awarded?
- What were the total number of hours awarded?
- How many places were allocated to the public sector and how many to the PVI?
- What were the total number of hours allocated to the state sector and to the PVI sector?

Moved by: Councillor Tim Jones

Seconded by: Councillor Christopher Cowdy

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.5 – Learning Estate Update: 2023 based School Roll Projections

Committee notes:

1. The rising roll predictions for Queensferry High School as detailed in appendix 1(b) and that this will exceed capacity from 2027.
2. The actions noted in appendix 1(c) for Queensferry High School include works on an extension.
3. That separate to the extension works, discussions are taking place with landowners on potential alternative sites for a Kirkliston High School and that the outcome of the Scottish Government review of the City Plan has given greater certainty on greenbelt protection.
4. That the outcome of landowner negotiations is due to be reported to the Education Children and Families Committee in June and that this should be reflected in any updated roll projections report.

Moved by: Cllr Louise Young

Seconded by: Cllr Euan Davidson

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 7.6 – Maybury Community Hub and Maybury Primary School

Adds:

1.1.3 Notes that the new school building will not be ready for use until 2024 and acknowledges that the delay is going to cause serious disruption for pupils and families in the new Maybury Catchment due to start in August this year.

1.1.4 Committee acknowledges the potential to add extra burden onto East Craigs Primary School staff who have already undergone a significant challenge trying to enhance standard of learning following inspection results and encourages officers to offer extra support as needed.

1.1.5 Agrees that committee should receive regular updates on the opening of the new school, highlighting any challenges and issues via the Business Bulletin till end of the year.

Moved by: Cllr Simita Kumar

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.6 – Maybury Community Hub and Maybury Primary School

Amends recommendation 1.1.1 to the following:

1.1.1 Approve that the new building accommodating Maybury Primary School and other community facilities and services in the Maybury area of the city be named 'Maybury Primary School and Community Hub'; and

Moved by: Cllr Louise Young

Seconded by: Cllr Euan Davidson

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Item 7.7 – Teams around the Learning Communities

Adds

1.1.2 Requests officers to circulate further information pertaining to point 4.1 of the report including spread of work and details of schools and communities where additional funded staff are working.

1.1.3 Agrees that the Accredited Pathways and Certified Counselling services framework and the concept case studies should be shared with elected members at the earliest opportunity.

1.1.4 Agrees to provide an update report to Education, Children and Families committee in 3 cycles to report progress from short life working group.

Moved by: Cllr Simita Kumar

Seconded by:

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 7.10 – Edinburgh Community Learning and Development Partnership Plan

Adds new 1.1.3

1.1.3 Regrets that the Council is currently not meeting its legislative duties as set out in The Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) regulations 2013.

Renumbers 1.1.3 as 1.14

Adds new 1.1.5

Acknowledges that the Convenor and senior officers must work on meeting its legislative duties and a member's briefing and/or workshop is organised in advance of the June meeting to discuss Draft CLD Plan 2024-2027.

Renumbers 1.1.4 as 1.1.6

Moved by: Cllr Simita Kumar

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Administration

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Item 7.12 – Commissioning and Contract Management Update

Committee:

- 1) Notes that it is for the Children's Services Partnership to make any decisions relating to this external Scottish Government funding as per the Scottish Government's ['Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Supports and Services Framework'](#)
- 2) Notes the multi-agency implementation group will submit their findings and recommendations to the Children's Partnership as the ultimate governance body for this funding.
- 3) Understands since 2021, the Scottish Government has reduced the City of Edinburgh Council's grant funding by £38,000 and has given no guarantee the grant will continue to be provided and even so, to which degree.
- 4) Requests that the Commissioning Team continues to encourage these contracted organisations to apply to the Flexible Purchasing Framework for Accredited Pathways and Certified Counsellors and Therapists.
- 5) Requests that the Commissioning Team extend the application deadline to the Flexible Purchasing Framework for Accredited Pathways and Certified Counsellors and Therapists to two months to the 7 June 2024 to allow organisations more time to apply.

Moved by: Cllr Joan Griffiths

Seconded by: Cllr Maragret Graham

Amendment by the SNP Group

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Item 7.12 – Commissioning and Contract Management Update

Adds new point 2:

2.1.1 Regrets lack of information and clarity on Community Mental Health contracts ending on 10th October 2024 including why the decision lies with Edinburgh Children's Partnership instead of Education, Children and Families Committee.

2.1.2 Agrees that the above contracts should be brought to ECF committee for recommendation.

2.1.3 Agrees that it is important that young people, families, and the voluntary sector are involved in this review prior to any final decision is made to award contracts.

2.1.4 Regrets that there is no equalities impact assessment completed and agrees that it is essential to understand the impact before contracts come to an end.

2.1.5 Agrees that funding should continue while review is taking place to ensure continuity of services and employee contracts, and requests a further report in two cycles.

Moved by: Cllr Fiona Glasgow

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.12 – Commissioning and Contract Management Update

Inserts:

- 1) At the end of 1.1.4 “and that some contracts are due to end prior to the briefing taking place.
- 2) A new 1.1.5 “agree that there should continue to be no gap in service provision within these contracts (as stated in 1.1.3.2) whilst the review is being completed
- 3) A new 1.1.6- “ask officers to review contracts which will end between now and the conclusion of the review, and whether a referral to the Finances and Resources committee on 30th April should be made to explore options for short term continued funding for affected contracts.”
- 4) Adds 1.1.7 “Agrees that full integrated impact assessments will be completed prior to significant changes or cessation of any currently contracted services.”
- 5) Adds 1.1.8 “Requests that service users, families and the third sector are included within the contract review to ensure as wide a coproduction of services as possible”.
- 6) note that an update report will be provided to the June meeting of the Education, Children and Families committee.

Moved by: Cllr Euan Davidson

Seconded by: Cllr Louise Young

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.13 - Children's Services Improvement Plan

Adds

1.2 Committee instructs Officers to report back to the next meeting with more detail of plans being instigated to address areas requiring development and additional resources to support Southouse and Oxfangs House.

Moved by: Councillor Tim Jones
Seconded by: Councillor Christopher Cowdy

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.15 – Make Public Sexual Harassment Illegal Campaign

- 1) Amends point 1.1.4 to read "agrees next steps as outlined in Section 5 of the report and requests a report back to committee in six months time on the progress against actions relevant to children, young people and families"

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

Amendment by the Administration

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Item 9.2 – Motion by Councillor Kumar - Pipe Band Drumming

Deletes all and replaces with:

Committee:

Notes that:

- 1) There has been no communication between the Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust (SSPDT) and Council officers since early 2023.
- 2) No formal offer of £120,000 was made by SSPDT and initial conversations discussed a potential offer of £44,550 per year for two years. However, there was no formal written offer put to City of Edinburgh Council at that time.
- 3) Music tuition is of great benefit to our young people, and it is important that pupils have fair and equal access to tuition. The cost of a full set of bagpipes is £400-500 and must be taken into consideration before any agreement is reached to ensure no young person is left at a disadvantage due to any additional costs.

Requests that:

- 4) Council officers and SSPDT meet at the earliest possible opportunity to negotiate and reach an agreement on any formal offer.

- 5) A report comes to Education, Children and Families Committee in 1 cycle detailing:
- a. The full cost of bagpipe and drumming tuition and how those costs are being met
 - b. How much the City of Edinburgh Council would have to provide to cover should there be any shortfall in funding
 - c. How long this agreement would be in place with SSPDT
 - d. If this would potentially impact the provision any other form of music tuition
 - e. The feasibility of the uptake of pupils interested in bagpipe and drumming tuition

Moved by: Cllr Joan Griffiths
Seconded by: Cllr Maragret Graham

Amendment by the Administration

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Item 9.5 – Motion by Councillor Jones - Devolved School Management Review

Deletes all and replaces with:

Committee:

- 1) Notes the work already being undertaken by the Finance Board
- 2) Understands the Finance Board are bringing a report to the Education, Children and Families Committee in June 2024
- 3) Requests a briefing on this report prior to the next Education, Children and Families Committee

Moved by: Cllr Joan Griffiths

Seconded by: Cllr Margaret Graham