

Notice of meeting and agenda

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00 am Thursday, 25th June, 2020

Virtual Meeting - via Microsoft Teams

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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 If any

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6.11	Outcome of the Statutory Consultation Process on the Proposal to Establish an Annexe to Kirkliston Primary School at Kirkliston Leisure Centre – Report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (Ward Councillors Lang, Work and Young have been called for this item)	271 - 304
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7. Routine Decisions

7.1 If any

8. Motions

8.1 By Councillor Burgess - Schools Re-opening

“Committee:

Welcomes planning by the Council for the reopening of schools on 12 August;

Understands the significant challenges for the council in reopening schools including the requirement to maintain social distancing, maintaining good hygiene, providing school transport and staff availability;

However, recognises the concern from parents about the current plan, as communicated to them, for children and young people to spend only one-third of a four-day week in school;

Further recognises the likely equalities impact on children whose parents are struggling to provide much home learning;

Notes the statement by Scottish Government Education Secretary, that he will consider council plans for returning to school;

Therefore agrees that:

- 1) Every possible measure will be explored to maximise teaching time spent in schools - for example, recruitment of more teaching staff including using teaching assistants, requisition of additional teaching space, outdoor learning and online lessons by teachers;
- 2) That plans requiring additional expenditure by the Council be costed and communicated to the Scottish Government Education secretary;
- 3) That Council plans should include the ability to quickly respond to further changes in Scottish Government guidance on social distancing in order to be able to

maximise time in school;

And that a report will be provided to the meeting of City of Edinburgh Council on 30 June 2020.”

8.2 By Councillor Laidlaw - Back to School

“Committee:

- 1) Recognises the significant efforts of teaching staff and Council officers for their work to date in supporting at home learning during the lockdown period, and for the work-to-date in planning for schools to re-open on 11 August 2020, but notes that at-home learning provision has varied significantly from school-to-school and that a number of limitations of technology delivered learning have been identified.
- 2) Notes initial plans are for a ‘blended’ learning model, combining at-home and classroom learning with 33% of pupils to be in-school time at one time and with closure of schools on Fridays; and that this means, in practice pupils, attending schools for not much more than a day a week.
- 3) Recognises the potential negative impact on those without adequate at home learning resources and the likelihood this will have on increasing the poverty related attainment gap as well as the pressure such a model puts on parents who have returned to the workplace and those who are trying to work from home.
- 4) Instructs a report from the Executive Director for Communities and Families in one cycle on how classroom time can be increased for the return to school in August, noting this is a key element of the Council’s response to the Coronavirus epidemic.

The report should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a) Providing detail on how at-home learning will be delivered through technology and physical resources to allow parents and schools a greater understanding of what resources they may require and how CEC can support their delivery e.g. video delivery for at-home pupils, virtual tutorials and tailored support, utilisation of chat functions

etc.

- b) Cost and feasibility of utilising under-capacity schools, and repurposing other Council and Edinburgh Partnership buildings to support additional classes and establishing the teaching resource required.
- c) Expanding the time school buildings are available for students to learn; including opening on Fridays and extending the school day, to include not only teaching time but supervised individual study.
- d) Offering secondments to any qualified teachers to support school learning that are currently employed by the Council but are not working as teachers.
- e) Inviting volunteers from qualified individuals, including teachers who have left the profession, those with other UK or international qualifications and those close to completing their teaching qualifications, to assist in supporting learning.
- f) Establishing the increase in classroom time that could be delivered if social distancing was reduced to 1.5m or 1m.
- g) Determining what additional hygiene measures may reduce contagion in the school environment, e.g. provision of sanitizer on entry/exit of classrooms, mandatory handwashing, mandatory wearing of face-masks etc.
- h) Proportion of City of Edinburgh teaching and support staff falling into the shielding category or living in shielding households.”

8.3 By Councillor Young - Blended school proposals and maximising classroom time

“Committee recognises the extraordinary circumstances in which teachers, pupils and parents have been operating a unique homeschool structure over the last three months. This has required teachers to work under extremely challenging conditions to create relevant, attainable and accessible learning, which can be delivered by parents who themselves may also be supporting other children or family members, and while sustaining a ‘work from home’ for their own employment.

Committee commends the staff across our school estate and the dedication shown by parents to sustain their children's learning.

Committee also recognises the huge challenges being faced by council officers, especially given current social distancing requirements, and the limited excess capacity in many schools, and commends their efforts to find a workable solution.

However, committee also recognises the significant criticism from parents and from members of the Scottish Parliament, on the council's proposals for 33% in-school attendance, relative to other proposals in other Scottish local authorities. Should the 2m social distancing guidelines continue then creative thinking is required to maximise classroom time – both for the sustained benefit to children's education, and to support working families who are at risk of losing their jobs if they are unable to return to work for significant periods.

Committee therefore agrees:

1. To instruct officers to develop proposals to open up appropriate community centres, church halls and other safe spaces to provide extra classroom capacity.
2. To instruct the Council Leader to write to the Scottish Government requesting new funding which would allow additional qualified teachers to be recruited to provide further capacity across the city and also to fund extra classroom capacity.
3. To support and facilitate, when national health and scientific advice allows, families of children from the same class to share childcare and allow more parents to work.
4. To explore school partnerships/hubs in locality areas in order to share capacity and stop any geographical 'lottery' on the teaching of our children due to individual school excess capacity.
5. To call on the Scottish Government to amend national movement restrictions and associated guidance, when it is considered safe to do so, in order to allow close family members to help with childcare and home learning."

8.4 By Councillor Webber - Rural Roads Speed Review (Spaces for People)

“Committee:

- 1) Recognises that across the suburban parts of the city the rural road network plays a pivotal role in connecting communities and in the working life of the many farms that we are fortunate to have within our city boundary. As such we should not close these routes to vehicular traffic.
- 2) Recognises that many adjacent arterial routes have speed restrictions with limits ranging from 30mph to 50mph. These roads are often wider with better visibility offering relative increased safety for all road users.
- 3) Recognises that, right now, many rural roads are experiencing higher use from both pedestrians and cyclists.
- 4) Recognises that many Community Councils and local groups have submitted requests to reduce the speeds on specific rural roads to make walking safer through the “Safe Spaces for People” website but that as yet, none of these have progressed beyond submission.
- 5) Requests a report in one cycle outlining progress on the temporary review of speed limits on the identified rural roads as part of the “Safe Spaces for People” initiative within the city boundary where the current restriction is the national speed limit and seeks to accelerate temporary implementation plans.”

9. Resolution to Consider in Private

- 9.1** The Committee, is requested under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it would involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

10. Private Reports

- 10.1** Provision of Land Stabilisation Works at Dean Path Slope – 319 - 324
Report by the Executive Director of Place

(Ward Councillors Barrie, Mitchell and Osler have been called for this item)

Laurence Rockey

Head of Strategy and Communications

Committee Members

Councillor Adam McVey (Convener), Councillor Cammy Day (Vice-Convener), Councillor Robert Aldridge, Councillor Kate Campbell, Councillor Nick Cook, Councillor Neil Gardiner, Councillor Gillian Gloyer, Councillor Graham Hutchison, Councillor Lesley Macinnes, Councillor John McLellan, Councillor Melanie Main, Councillor Ian Perry, Councillor Alasdair Rankin, Councillor Alex Staniforth, Councillor Susan Webber, Councillor Donald Wilson and Councillor Iain Whyte

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