

Notice of meeting and agenda

Education, Children and Families Committee

10.00 am Tuesday, 6th June, 2023

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

4. Minutes

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8. Routine decisions

8.1 None.

9. Motions

9.1 Motion by Councillor Davidson - LGBT Youth Scotland Report

“Committee:

1. Notes with concern the recent LGBT Youth Scotland report which recognised a significant drop in the number of LGBT young people who felt Scotland was a safe and welcoming place towards them.
2. Welcomes the council’s involvement in the LGBT Youth Scotland charter but notes that despite this resource being made freely available to schools uptake is not yet universal amongst all Edinburgh High Schools
3. Believes that in a climate where LGBT young people feel safe all Edinburgh schools should be taking proactive public steps to show their commitment to LGBT inclusion.

Requests a report to ECF in three cycles looking at uptake of the charter, current policies around LGBT inclusion in Edinburgh schools and the prevalence of homophobic and transphobic incidents.”

9.2 Motion by Councillor Davidson – Free Food Provision in Schools

“Committee notes

- 1) The Cost of Living Crisis is still very much a reality for many children and families across the city and has had an impact on the wellbeing on young people, particularly in terms of hunger.
- 2) That well-fed young people have better academic opportunities and wellbeing and that as of February 2023, 25 Council-run secondary schools across Edinburgh provide some form of breakfast club, and 15 distribute free food in other ways.
- 3) Teachers from multiple schools have raised concerns about the cost of sourcing food through the approved Council procurement channel.

Therefore, committee requests a report in one cycle outlining the current challenges with the procurement process and what solutions could make the food easier to obtain.”

Nick Smith

Service Director, Legal and Assurance

Committee Members

Councillor Joan Griffiths (Convener), Councillor Steve Burgess, Councillor Christopher Cowdy, Councillor Euan Davidson, Councillor Margaret Arma Graham, Councillor Tim Jones, Councillor David Key, Councillor Simita Kumar, Councillor Martha Mattos Coelho, Councillor Kayleigh O'Neill and Councillor Louise Young.

Added Members for Education Items

Fiona Beveridge, Angela Campbell and Dr Ruhya Parris.

Parent/Carer Representatives (Non-Voting)

Alex Ramage (Secondary Sector parent/carers representative)

Sara Collins / Louise Collingwood (Primary Sector parent/carers representative)

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