

# Minutes

## Education, Children and Families Committee

10am, Tuesday 11 June 2024

### Present:

Councillors Griffiths (Convener), Burgess, Cowdy, Davidson, Glasgow, Graham, Hyslop, O'Neill, Thornley (substituting for Councillor Younie), Young (Item 9.1), McFarlane and Mowat (substituting for Councillor Rust)

### Religious Representatives

Fiona Beveridge, Angela Campbell and Dr Ruhy Parris (non-voting)

### Parent/Carer Representatives

Alexander Ramage and Louise Collingwood (non-voting)

## 1. Minutes

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### Decision

To approve the minute of the Education, Children and Families Committee of 16 April 2024 as a correct record.

## 2. Work Programme

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The Committee's work programme updated to 11 June 2024 was presented.

### Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, 11 June 2024, submitted)

## 3. Rolling Actions Log

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The rolling actions log updated to June 2024 was presented.

### Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
  - **Action 5** - Learning Estate Update: 2022 based School Roll Projections and Secondary Capacity Review
  - **Action 9** – Motion by Councillor Mattos Coelho – Make Public Sexual Harassment Illegal Campaign
  - **Action 15** - Quality Improvement and Scrutiny Update
  - **Action 21** – Motion by Councillor McKenzie – Tynecastle Community Wing
  - **Action 23** – Quality Improvement and Scrutiny Update
  - **Action 24** – Unaccompanied Asylum – Seeking Children
  - **Action 29** – Business Bulletin
  
- 2) To provide an update on the following actions:
  - **Action 25** – Whole Family Wellbeing Fund (Edinburgh) 2024-2026 Grant Programme – to provide an update, specifically on timescales and geographical spread of funding awards.
  - **Action 23** – Quality Improvement and Scrutiny Update, a briefing note on East Craigs Primary School to be circulated to committee and Ward Members.
  - **Action 27** – Motion by Councillor Kumar - After School Clubs Provision – an update in the next Business Bulletin.
  - **Action 11A** - Motion by Councillor McFarlane – Time for Inclusive Education - Briefing note regarding LGBT Youth Scotland, that had been prepared, to be circulated.
  
- 3) To circulate a briefing regarding GDPR issues raised by parents.
  
- 4) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, 11 June 2024, submitted)

## 4. Business Bulletin

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The Business Bulletin for 11 June 2024 was presented.

### Decision:

- 1) To note the updates in the Business Bulletin.
- 2) Officers to provide a report on Justice Services – Specifically Domestic Abuse Service (DAS) in relation to undertaken work with LGBT group to address domestic abuse. To include Equally Safe and Adult Protection work as part of this report. To request an update as part of this report on the Caledonian System including any data that this held. Self
- 3) Officers to provide an update on Justice Services / Caledonian System in relation to voluntary and statutory referrals and how this work is funded.

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- 4) Officers to provide a Business Bulletin update on the School Appeals process and lessons learned. Officers to invite parent representatives that have participated in appeals to the review meeting.
- 5) Officers to engage with Edinburgh Cargo Bikes to see if there is an opportunity for collaboration around active travel.
- 6) Bikeability Data for 2024/25 engagement to be shared with members when available.
- 7) Officers to provide a briefing on Community Sports Hubs.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, 11 June 2024, submitted)

## **5. Edinburgh Community Learning and Development Partnership Plan**

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Education Scotland HMle (His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education) was undertaking Community Learning and Development (CLD) Progress Visits to all 32 local authorities throughout the current academic year 2023-2024. During Progress Visits, HM Inspectors evaluated and reported on, the quality of CLD provision within local authorities, in line with The Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013.

The report and appendix reflected the information published on the Education Scotland website on 2 April 2024. Members were asked to note that most of the priorities in the current three-year CLD 2021-24 Plan focused on recovery from the pandemic. The 2021-24 CLD Plan did not sufficiently inform council CLD services or partners' priorities and also was not reported on. As a result, the local authority wasn't currently meeting its legislative duties as set out in The Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013. The Committee was asked to approve the new CLD Plan in advance of its statutory publication on 1 September 2024.

### **Decision**

- 1) To consider this report alongside the Briefing issued on 2 April 2024.
- 2) To note the recent Community Learning and Development (CLD) Progress Visit, including strengths and areas for development.
- 3) To note plans and ongoing work to engage with partners and stakeholders in developing the new 2024 – 2027 CLD Plan to meet statutory obligations.
- 4) To refer this report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee meeting on 17 September for scrutiny.

(Reference - report by the Executive Director of Children, Education and Justice Services, submitted.)

## 6. **Edinburgh Community Learning and Development Plan (CLD) 2024-27**

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The report followed the report presented to Education, Children and Families on 16 April 2016, which was deferred to 11 June 2024. Council staff, partners and the CLD Partnership had considered the feedback from the HMI Progress Visit which took place in February 2024. A one-year Action Plan was in development to address the areas for improvement and build on the strengths that were identified. The new CLD Partnership was committed to delivering, monitoring, and reporting on the new CLD Plan, ensuring that the Council has meet its legislative duties. The new CLP Plan was presented, and it was noted that the Edinburgh Partnership would approve it for publication on 1 September 2024 as per legislation.

### **Motion**

- 1) To consider this report alongside the Report deferred from 16 April 2024.
  - 2) To note that the new Edinburgh CLD Partnership has developed the new CLD Plan 2024-27, is committed to monitoring progress, and held a special meeting specifically to consider feedback from the HMI Progress Visit.
  - 3) To note that the governance of the CLD Plan rests with the CLD Partnership, which is part of the Community Planning Family and reports to the Edinburgh Partnership, as set out in the Edinburgh Partnership Governance Framework.
  - 4) To commend the efforts of the new CLD Partnership to engage learners and communities in the development of the new CLD Plan
  - 5) To note the draft CLD Plan 2024-27 will be agreed by the Edinburgh Partnership and published by 1 September in line with legislative requirements.
  - 6) To agree to receive an annual progress report for noting the delivery of CLD by council and partners in Edinburgh.
- moved by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Graham

### **Amendment 1**

- 1) To consider this report alongside the Report deferred from 16 April 2024.
- 2) To note that the new Edinburgh CLD Partnership has developed the new CLD Plan 2024-27, is committed to monitoring progress, and held a special meeting specifically to consider feedback from the HMI Progress Visit.

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- 3) To note that the governance of the CLD Plan rests with the CLD Partnership, which is part of the Community Planning Family and reports to the Edinburgh Partnership, as set out in the Edinburgh Partnership Governance Framework.
  - 4) To commend the efforts of the new CLD Partnership to engage learners and communities in the development of the new CLD Plan.
  - 5) To share concerns that the council is currently not meeting its legislative duties.
  - 6) To acknowledge work of council officers to expediate efforts to ensure council is on track for upcoming deadline.
  - 7) To note concerns from members that local charities and other third sector organisations do not feel represented.
  - 8) To agree that officers will engage directly with organisations.
- moved by Councillor Hyslop, seconded by Councillor Glasgow

### **Amendment 2**

- 1) To consider this report alongside the Report deferred from 16 April 2024.
  - 2) To note that the new Edinburgh CLD Partnership has developed the new CLD Plan 2024-27, is committed to monitoring progress, and held a special meeting specifically to consider feedback from the HMI Progress Visit.
  - 3) To note that the governance of the CLD Plan rests with the CLD Partnership, which is part of the Community Planning Family and reports to the Edinburgh Partnership, as set out in the Edinburgh Partnership Governance Framework.
  - 4) To commend the efforts of the new CLD Partnership to engage learners and communities in the development of the new CLD Plan
  - 5) To note the draft CLD Plan 2024-27 will be agreed by the Edinburgh Partnership and published by 1 September in line with legislative requirements.
  - 6) To agree to receive an annual progress report for noting the delivery of CLD by council and partners in Edinburgh.
  - 7) To agree to receive a report to the September committee outlining the plan agreed by the Partnership for scrutiny.
- moved by Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Thornley

### **Amendment 3**

- 1) To consider this report alongside the Report deferred from 16 April 2024.

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- 2) To note that the new Edinburgh CLD Partnership has developed the new CLD Plan 2024-27, is committed to monitoring progress, and held a special meeting specifically to consider feedback from the HMI Progress Visit.
  - 3) To note that the governance of the CLD Plan rests with the CLD Partnership, which is part of the Community Planning Family and reports to the Edinburgh Partnership, as set out in the Edinburgh Partnership Governance Framework.
  - 4) To commend the efforts of the new CLD Partnership to engage learners and communities in the development of the new CLD Plan.
  - 5) To add a new addendum to the plan detailing the SMART actions extracted from the plan so that there are measurable outcomes which the new plan can be assessed against.
  - 6) To note the draft CLD Plan 2024-27 will be agreed by the Edinburgh Partnership and published by 1 September in line with legislative requirements.
  - 7) To agree to receive an annual progress report for noting the delivery of CLD by council and partners in Edinburgh.
- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Cowdy

In accordance with Standing Order 22.13, Amendments 1 and 3 were accepted as addenda to the motion. Amendment 2 was adjusted and accepted as addendum to the motion.

### **Decision**

To agree the following adjusted motion by Councillor Griffiths:

- 1) To consider this report alongside the Report deferred from 16 April 2024.
- 2) To note that the new Edinburgh CLD Partnership had developed the new CLD Plan 2024-27, which was committed to monitoring progress, and held a special meeting specifically to consider feedback from the HMI Progress Visit.
- 3) To note that the governance of the CLD Plan rested with the CLD Partnership, which was part of the Community Planning Family and reported to the Edinburgh Partnership, as had been set out in the Edinburgh Partnership Governance Framework.
- 4) To commend the efforts of the new CLD Partnership to engage learners and communities in the development of the new CLD Plan.
- 5) To add a new addendum to the plan detailing the SMART actions extracted from the plan so that there were measurable outcomes which the new plan can be assessed against.

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- 6) To note the draft CLD Plan 2024-27 would be agreed by the Edinburgh Partnership and published by 1 September in line with legislative requirements.
- 7) To agree to receive an annual progress report for noting the delivery of CLD by council and partners in Edinburgh.
- 8) To agree to receive a report to the September committee outlining the plan agreed by the Partnership for scrutiny.
- 9) To refer the decision on report 7.1, Community Learning and Development Plan to Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for scrutiny.
- 10) To share concerns that the council was currently not meeting its legislative duties.
- 11) To acknowledge work of council officers to expediate efforts to ensure council was on track for upcoming deadline.
- 12) To note concerns from members that local charities and other third sector organisations did not feel represented.
- 13) To agree that officers would engage directly with organisations.
- 14) To include in the September report further detail about the actions being taken to ensure that the council could meet its legislative duties in the future.

(Reference - report by the Executive Director of Children, Education and Justice Services, submitted.)

## **7. Piping and Drumming tuition**

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A report responded to the motion to Education, Children and Families Committee from 16 April 2014 which instructed officers to re-open negotiations with SSPDT to secure time limited funding for piping and drumming. Piping and Drumming Instructors had never previously been engaged as part of Edinburgh's Instrumental Music Service (IMS). The Wider Achievement and Lifelong Learning (WA&LL) Scottish Schools Piping and Drumming Trust (SSPDT) have an ongoing dialogue since early 2023 about the potential to introduce piping and drumming tuition into schools via the IMS. Following a gap in the dialogue, officers and the Chief Executive of SSPDT were ranging the details of a grant award, how pipe band drumming tuition could be offered with a view to confirming funding from SSPDT by the end of June. The proposal was presented, and the funding sources identified including a grant offered by SSPDT and highlights the factors that would need to be considered when engaging staff using external funding.

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- 1) To note the contents of this report, addressed the Pipe Band Drumming Motion by Councillor Kumar and the Amendment by the Administration
- 2) To note the dialogue between the Council's Wider Achievement and Lifelong Learning (WA&LL) Instrumental Music Service (IMS) and the Scottish Schools Piping and Drumming Trust (SSPDT)
- 3) To agree to proceed with the three-year grant offer of around £120k in total, from SSPDT.
- 4) To note the considerations and risks to longer term commitment to piping and drumming tuition as part of IMS beyond the life of the grant.
- 5) To delegate responsibility to officers to deliver piping and drumming tuition within available budgets and potential grant awards
- 6) Officers to provide details of overall spend for the Youth Music Initiative and details of grant income from Scottish Government.

(Reference - report by the Executive Director of Children, Education and Justice Services, submitted.)

## **8. Community Access to Schools – Transfer of Management of Non-sports Lets to Edinburgh Leisure**

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On 5 September 2023, Education Children and Families Committee members considered a report and agreed to a six-month pilot to transfer the management of non-sports lets to Edinburgh Leisure with 9 pilot schools. On 16th April 2024, members considered a report updating on progress operating period January and February the of the planned six-month pilot. It was highlighted that the period from January to June was generally quieter than August to December, and that the first 5 months of the calendar year included the Christmas, February and Easter breaks, as well as Monday holidays. Committee members have been asked to agree to the transfer of non-sporting lets to Edinburgh Leisure for the Phase 2 schools.

### **Motion**

- 1) To note the ongoing work to progress transfer of the management of nonsports lets to Edinburgh Leisure.
- 2) To note the level of access by community groups in the first four months of the pilot with 9 high schools.
- 3) To delegate responsibility to officers to scope the transfer management of nonsports lets to Edinburgh Leisure for Phase 2 schools from August 2024.



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- 4) To delegate responsibility to officers to work with schools and Edinburgh Leisure to determine any secondary schools that are not able to generate any or sufficient income to justify offering lets as part of Phase 2 and beyond.
  - 5) To agree to receiving a further report in three cycles (January 2025) to provide an update on progress, prior to agreeing the full transfer of all schools.
- moved by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Graham

### **Amendment**

- 1) To note the ongoing work to progress transfer of the management of nonsports lets to Edinburgh Leisure.
  - 2) To note the level of access by community groups in the first four months of the pilot with 9 high schools.
  - 3) To delegate responsibility to officers to scope the transfer management of nonsports lets to Edinburgh Leisure for Phase 2 schools from August 2024.
  - 4) To delegate responsibility to officers to work with schools and Edinburgh Leisure to determine any secondary schools that are not able to generate any or sufficient income to justify offering lets as part of Phase 2 and beyond.
  - 5) To agree to receiving a further report in three cycles (January 2025) to provide an update on progress, prior to agreeing the full transfer of all schools. The January Report will include consultation with user groups and school communities that have been affected by the changes.
- moved by Councillor Hyslop, seconded by Councillor McFarlane

In accordance with Standing Order 22.13, the Amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Griffiths

- 1) To note the ongoing work to progress transfer of the management of nonsports lets to Edinburgh Leisure.
- 2) To note the level of access by community groups in the first four months of the pilot with 9 high schools.
- 3) To delegate responsibility to officers to scope the transfer management of nonsports lets to Edinburgh Leisure for Phase 2 schools from August 2024.

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- 4) To delegate responsibility to officers to work with schools and Edinburgh Leisure to determine any secondary schools that were not able to generate any or sufficient income to justify offering lets as part of Phase 2 and beyond.
- 5) To agree to receiving a further report in three cycles (January 2025) to provide an update on progress, prior to agreeing the full transfer of all schools. The January Report would include consultation with user groups and school communities that had been affected by the changes.

(Reference - report by the Executive Director of Children, Education and Justice Services, submitted.)

## **9. Early Years Partner Provider – Early Learning and Childcare**

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Parents in Edinburgh were currently able to access funded early learning and childcare through a variety of providers such as 104 local authority settings; 7 local authority forest kindergartens; 104 private, voluntary and independent sector settings and 4 childminders.

The Care Inspectorate expected that the following age range ratios would apply to all children's daycare settings, including out of school care: 0 to under 2 years 1 adult to 3 children; 2 to under 3 years 1 adult to 5 children and 3 to under 8 years 1 adult to 8 children.

Under Funding Follows the Child, local authorities were required to set an hourly rate that was paid to funded providers in the private and voluntary sectors, including childminder, to deliver the funded entitlement. This rate should be sustainable and reflect national policy priorities, including funding to enable payment of the real Living Wage to all childcare workers delivering the funded entitlement. The Scottish Government made a commitment that childcare providers should be paid £12.00 per hour from 1 April 2024. COSLA Leaders agreed to take advice from Resources and CYP spokespeople, in line with advice from LG professional advisors and to apply a fixed percentage uplift of 7.6% on 2023/24 hourly rates. There was however no prescribed increase to meal costs. The Scottish Government made available additional National funding of £16m to fund this initiative. Edinburgh's share of this was calculated at £1.2m while the 3 additional costs to pay the full 7.6% were calculated at £1.71m which would result in a £0.5m shortfall. The Council's approved revenue budget for 2024/25 made provision for in-year inflationary increases. Following review of the provisional financial outturn for 2023/24 it had been confirmed that £0.5m could be released from the approved contract inflation provision to address the residual shortfall in the cost of applying a 7.6% uplift. In April 2024, the Education, Children and Families Committee agreed an increase of 4.8% on the previous hourly rate, based on budget affordability, but instructed officers to bring a further report to the June committee detailing actions that would be required to enable us to pay the full prescribed 7.6%. The 4.8% increase resulted in the undernoted hourly rates as follows:

- £3.10 per meal
- + £6.32 per hour for children aged 3-5 years old, which equates to £6.84 per hour.
- + £6.79 per hour for children aged 2 years old, which equates to £7.31 per hour.

A work has now been undertaken and if approved the full 7.6% resulting in the undernoted hourly rates would be introduced as follows:

- £3.10 per meal
- + £6.49 per hour for children aged 3-5 years old, which equates to £7.01 per hour.
- + £6.97 per hour for children aged 2 years old, which equates to £7.49 per hour.

### **Motion**

- 1) To note the information within this report.
  - 2) To agree an effective hourly rate increase of 7.6% on the 2023/24 rate to providers with a contract to deliver funded early learning and childcare, with increase backdated to 1 April 2024.
  - 3) To encourage all early year partner nurseries to pay the Real Living Wage.
  - 4) To request an update on 1.1.3 in a future Business Bulletin.
- moved by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Graham

### **Amendment**

- 1) To note the information within this report.
  - 2) To agree an effective hourly rate increase of 7.6% on the 2023/24 rate to providers with a contract to deliver funded early learning and childcare, with increase backdated to 1 April 2024.
  - 3) To acknowledge:
    - Information in the Nursery Guide, Edinburgh & Lothians will be out of date by August.
    - Office for National Statistics reports RPI for 2023 at 9.7%.
    - This level of inflation suggests average non-funded rates mentioned in 4.4 would now be in excess of £7.20 per hour or £0.19 more than the 7.6% increase rate suggested in the report.
- moved by Councillor Cowdy, seconded by Councillor Mowat.

In accordance with Standing Order 22.13, the Amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

## Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Griffiths:

- 1) To note the information within this report.
- 2) To agree an effective hourly rate increase of 7.6% on the 2023/24 rate to providers with a contract to deliver funded early learning and childcare, with increase backdated to 1 April 2024.
- 3) To encourage all early year partner nurseries to pay the Real Living Wage.
- 4) To request an update on 1.1.3 in a future Business Bulletin.
- 5) To acknowledge:
  - Information in the Nursery Guide, Edinburgh & Lothians will be out of date by August.
  - Office for National Statistics reports RPI for 2023 at 9.7%.
  - This level of inflation suggests average non-funded rates mentioned in 4.4 would now be in excess of £7.20 per hour or £0.19 more than the 7.6% increase rate suggested in the report.
- 6) To note there are 44 childminders registered as Partner Providers.

(Reference - report by the Executive Director of Children, Education and Justice Services, submitted.)

**Declaration of Interest:** Louise Collingwood made a transparency statement in relation to item 7.5 as she works for a partner provider.

## 10. Statutory Consultations proposing new primary schools at Granton Waterfront and Gilmerton Station Road

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This report sought approval to progress two separate statutory consultations proposing new primary schools at Gilmerton Station Road and Granton Waterfront. Both had been subject to previous engagement and the outcomes of the latest informal engagement process in Gilmerton were provided in Appendix 1. Changes to the school estate were governed by the Schools (Scotland) (Consultation) Act 2010 as amended and both consultations would be conducted according to the requirements of the Act. If agreed, the outcomes of the consultation would be reported to Council in January 2025.

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- 1) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children, Education and Justice Services to issue two separate statutory consultation papers according to the requirements of the schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 as amended proposing the following:
  - The establishment of a new primary school at Gilmerton Station Road with associated catchment changes; and
  - The establishment of a new primary school at Granton Waterfront with associated catchment changes.
- 2) To note the intention to share draft copies of the consultation papers with Committee members and affected ward members for their input in advance of publication in August 2024.
- 3) To note the outcome of the consultation was anticipated to be reported to full council in December 2024.

(Reference - report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **11. Children's Services Improvement Plan and Edinburgh Residential Services Improvement Plan Update**

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Progress has been made in all areas of the Children's Services Improvement Plan. In some areas progress hasn't been at the pace expected; this primarily relates to ongoing challenges in recruitment of experienced staff. Some areas of progress have moved back to amber to be considered within the wider service review/redesign that has just commenced. This report sets out the improvements in the Residential Services Improvement Plan from the last report that went to the Education, Children and Families Committee in April 2024.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the positive progress made against the Children's Services Improvement Plan, and the Edinburgh Residential Services Improvement Plan, last reported April 2024.
- 2) To note those areas where progress is slower than planned and be assured that effective mitigations are in place.
- 3) To note that officers will provide more examples of good practice in a future Improvement Plan Update.

(Reference - report by the Executive Director of Children, Education and Justice Services, submitted.)

## 12. Internal Audit Open and Overdue Internal Audit Actions – Performance Dashboard as at 29 April 2024 – referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

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The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee has referred the Internal Audit Open and Overdue Internal Audit Actions – Performance Dashboard as at 29 April 2024 report to the Education Children and Families Committee for ongoing scrutiny of the overdue Internal Audit actions relevant to its remit.

### Decision

To note the content report.

(Reference - report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.) – check this if correct form

## 13. Internal Audit Update Report: June 2024 – referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

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The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee has referred the Internal Audit Update Report: June 2024 report to the Education, Children and Families Committee to consider the significant concerns that the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee has for service delivery implications within its area of responsibility were a cyber-attack or other incident which affects business continuity to take place, and to note that there will be a follow up report which will also be referred to it.

### Decision

To note the content of the report.

(Reference - report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

## 14. Teams Around the Learning Communities

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An update on the progress of developing Teams Around the Learning Communities including the proof-of-concept case studies in the Liberton and Craigmoynton was presented to the Committee members.

### Motion

To note the progress in developing approaches to Team Around the Learning Communities including the proof-of-concept case studies in the Liberton and Craigmoynton learning communities. These case studies examine an integrated

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approach to service design and delivery within a Team Around the Learning Community model that will address poverty and related attainment gaps. This model is designed to respond to local context by aligning the work of City of Edinburgh Council services and third sector organisations in a way that removes fragmentation, duplication, maximises opportunities for effective partnerships, and delivers best value.

- moved by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Graham

### **Amendment**

- 1) To note the progress in developing approaches to Team Around the Learning Communities including the proof-of-concept case studies in the Liberton and Craigmoynton learning communities. These case studies examine an integrated approach to service design and delivery within a Team Around the Learning Community model that will address poverty and related attainment gaps. This model is designed to respond to local context by aligning the work of City of Edinburgh Council services and third sector organisations in a way that removes fragmentation, duplication, maximises opportunities for effective partnerships, and delivers best value.
- 2) To agree that a new integrated family support model is crucial in the council's approach to tackling child poverty and social exclusion.
- 3) To welcome increasing recognition of the requirement to deal with the whole family experience or deprivation.
- 4) To request an update report within three cycles on progress towards the new family support model and what work is taking place to ensure coordination with adult social care, mental health and housing colleagues to ensure the model is comprehensive.

- moved by Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Thornley

In accordance with Standing Order 22.13, the Amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Griffiths:

- 1) To note the progress in developing approaches to Team Around the Learning Communities including the proof-of-concept case studies in the Liberton and Craigmoynton learning communities. These case studies examined an integrated approach to service design and delivery within a Team Around the Learning Community model that would address poverty and related attainment gaps. This model was designed to respond to local context by aligning the work of City of Edinburgh Council services and third sector organisations in a way that removes fragmentation, duplication, maximises opportunities for effective partnerships, and delivers best value.

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- 2) To agree that a new integrated family support model was crucial in the council's approach to tackling child poverty and social exclusion
- 3) To welcome increasing recognition of the requirement to deal with the whole family experience or deprivation.
- 4) To request an update report within three cycles on progress towards the new family support model and what work was taking place to ensure coordination with adult social care, mental health and housing colleagues to ensure the model was comprehensive.

(Reference - report by the Executive Director of Children, Education and Justice Services, submitted.)

## **15. The City of Edinburgh Council British Sign Language Plan for 2024-2030 – referral from the Policy and Sustainability Committee**

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The Policy and Sustainability Committee has referred a report on the City of Edinburgh Council British Sign Language Plan for 2024-2030 to the Education, Children and Families Committee to scrutinise and discuss the implementation of the Plan, with the final Plan to be brought back to the Policy and Sustainability Committee for approval.

### **Decision**

- 1) To scrutinise and discuss the implementation of the Plan, with the final Plan to be brought back to the Policy and Sustainability Committee for approval.
- 2) To request a briefing note - Deaf Support in Braidburn School to be circulated to committee members.

(Reference - report referred by the Policy and Sustainability Committee.)

## **16. Motion by Councillor Young - Food Waste in Schools**

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The following motion by Councillor Young was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

Committee notes:

- 1) The importance of providing school meals to children and that for many families this is a vital service in supporting health and wellbeing, and ensuring children receive a healthy and filling meal during times of financial difficulty.



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- 2) That while the healthy balance of the school lunch menu planning in primary schools is essential, the most important consideration is ensuring that children enjoy their meal and therefore leave a clean plate.
- 3) The presentations made by pupils in late 2023 highlighted the potential scale of food waste and some of the influencing reasons for this; and how some schools are tackling the challenge to reduce food going to waste.
- 4) That pupils and school catering staff are best placed to provide insight into what works well (both in terms of food item choices but also in how food is cooked) and that simple steps could be taken to address issues highlighted such as the examples given in those presentations.
- 5) Uneaten school meals are not only a waste of food itself but is bad for the environment and inefficient for education budgets at a time of financial challenge for the Council.
- 6) That while food waste is also an issue for secondary schools, the 'menu planning' approach in primary schools means it is appropriate to look at improvements with these schools as a first step.

Committee therefore:

- 7) To ask education and catering officers to set up a consultee forum to help influence future menu planning and food selection, with members to include pupils and catering staff, and that this should be representative of different schools sizes, catering provisions, and age/gender for pupils. That this forum should meet in a way to make participation as accessible as possible.
- 8) To instruct education officers to contact all primary school head teachers:
  - Requesting information on average volume of food waste being generated daily/weekly
  - Enquiring if catering staff can share insight into what meals routinely generate more waste.
  - Asking if pupils (potentially through the pupil councils) can share their views on what works and doesn't work in their school meals
  - Inviting a representative from their pupil council to be nominated as a potential member of the new forum (with final members being selected from those nominated and schools changing on an annual basis)
- 9) To request a report back to the September committee with the results from head teacher engagement and providing details on the proposed plans for holding regular meetings of the new forum from the start of the next academic year, and how these will be able influence menu planning.

- moved by Councillor Younie, seconded by Councillor Thornley

**Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Young.

## 17. Motion by Councillor Burgess - 1.5 Max Global Schools Climate Summit

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The following motion by Councillor Burgess was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17 and verbally adjusted in terms of Standing Order 22(5):

“Committee notes:

- 1) To congratulate pupils and teachers from Edinburgh and the Lothians who took part in the recent 1.5 Max Global Schools Climate Summit that saw around 300 children from schools across four countries - Scotland, Malawi, Nepal and Bangladesh – meet online to share their experiences and projects on the global climate emergency.
  - 2) To note that the summit was achieved in cooperation with Sustainability Partnerships organisation and reported on STV and featuring pupils from James Gillespie’s High School <https://tinyurl.com/bdky4ner>.
  - 3) To note a qr code with a black and white background Description automatically generated
  - 4) To recognise that working in partnership with pupils in climate-vulnerable countries makes pupils appreciate how important their efforts are and the positive impact on young people’s climate anxiety.
  - 5) To welcome this groundbreaking Learning for Sustainability taking place in Edinburgh schools which has been boosted through this year’s Council budget decision to continue protecting half-a-day for one teacher in every school in Edinburgh to be a Sustainability Champion and looks forward to further projects coming out of Edinburgh’s schools.”
  - 6) To note that ‘Sustainability Partnerships’ organisation promotes climate change and sustainability education and action in schools across Scotland and in frontline countries facing the impacts of extreme weather and environmental damage.
  - 7) To suggest that members of the Education, Children & Families committee raise awareness of this groundbreaking educational initiative on the climate emergency with their Party group colleagues.
  - 8) To suggest that Party groups consider continuing to fund teacher Sustainability Champions and Learning for Sustainability in Edinburgh’s schools through the 2025-26 budget round to ensure that this initiative is able to continue.
- Moved by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor O’Neill

### Decision

**Tuesday, 11th June, 2024**

To approve the adjusted motion by Councillor Burgess.