Rolling Actions Log

Education, Children and Families Committee

13 September 2022

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1		Funding for excursions for educational purposes	 To note the value of school residential excursions for pupils but also the pressures, often hidden, felt by many families around the costs. To commend the workload taken forward by schools and parent councils to mitigate the costs to ensure every child is able to attend, as per our equity for all learners and poverty 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	March 2022 December 2021		September 2022 Item 6 – briefing will be prepared and circulated to Education, Children and Families Committee Members. December 2021 Report considered by Committee at its meeting on 7 December 2021



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			proofing the school day agendas.				
			3) To agree to forward the costs at Appendix 9.1 for creating a citywide fund to the next Finance and Resources Committee for future budget consideration, along with any other identified funding information.				
			4) To agree that the Convener write to the Scottish Government to ask that a residential school excursion be considered for national funding.				
			5) To ask officers to report back to Committee in one cycle on the full				

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			scope of possible alternative and equitable options, including EPIC days and on all of the above.				
			6) To request that a briefing be circulated to members in early 2022 on the funding needed to implement the poverty proofing policies prior to consideration of the Council budget.				
2	21-05-19	Edinburgh Learns: Framework for Digital Learning	To request a report in December 2019 which details the progress made on the implementation of the digital strategy. This should focus on any technical difficulties encountered with the infrastructure and any	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	March 2022	March 2022	Recommended for closure Reported to March 2022 Committee December 2021 The report on empowered learning will be

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			as identified by the officer working group including cluster technicians, school budgets and the affordability of hardware, and Wi-Fi access at home.				submitted to Committee in March 2022. October 2020 An update was included in the Return to Schools Report on 13 October 2020 and a report on Empowered Learning will be submitted to the December Committee.
3	03-03-20	Children and Young People's Participation	Request a further report in March 2021.	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	March 2022		Recommended for closure December 2021 This report has been deferred to March 2022.

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							March 2021 This report has been deferred to December 2021.
4	07-12-21	Response to Consultation on Education Reform	 To note the response to the Consultation on Education Scotland Reform. To request updates on how the Education Reform proposals would be addressed through strategic planning within Education and Children's Services. 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	December 2021		September 2022 Update Education Reform will be ongoing for the next few months. We will be consulting with parents and carers, and young people, and with Headteachers at various points as the overall project unfolds
5	03-03-20	Motion by Councillor Laidlaw - Thistle Foundation Children's	Officers to review the results of the projects to date and assess how these principles and partnership working could be applied in other	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	Ongoing		Recommended for closure The Principal Educational Psychologist had dialogue with

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		Wellbeing Project	schools across the North East and beyond.				schools in the area and whilst the work was very highly regarded it was a small scale initiative
							October 2021 Update Thistle Foundation have delivered excellent work to mainstream school leavers with a disability in Edinburgh and Midlothian. Pre- Covid-19 they had started work in two Edinburgh primary schools on pupils' emotions. They were set to roll out this work to three further schools but Covid-19 caused this work to pause.

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							Officers are in discussions with Thistle and other Community Mental Health and Wellbeing organisations in the Craigmillar area on an ongoing basis.
6	15-12-20	Edinburgh Learns for Life – Inclusion Annual Report	Noted. To circulate to Committee members school exclusion figures as well as the number of appeals to these exclusions.	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	December 2022 for session 2021/22 then March thereafter		
7A	15-12-20	Motion by Councillor Laidlaw – Delivery of School Sports	Motion approved subject to the Committee political group leads being consulted immediately on any potential requirement to review the delivery of school sports should Edinburgh be moved into the	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	October 2021		December 2021 On 7 December 2021, Committee agreed to keep actions 10A and 10B open until the questions and concerns raised in

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			Scottish Government's Protection Level 3.				the composite motion at the
			To circulate a briefing note to committee members on:				October meeting had been addressed.
			 the impact of the Covid restrictions on the delivery of curricular (Nat5, Higher, Advanced Higher) sports. 				March 2021 Update Committee on 2 March 2021 agreed that a meeting be
			the position of CEC and their delivery of school sports in comparison to other local authorities across Scotland				arranged between political group leads to discuss the return of school sports prior to the Easter Holiday
			Details of the level of outdoor sports activity which had been targeted at individual schools across the school estate				break. Parents and carers to be informed of the outcome of this discussion.
			3) To note that a response would be sent to the Edinburgh Parent Council Network to the				

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			points raised in their written deputation. 4) To confirm if the above response had been sent to the Edinburgh Parent Council Network via Headteachers.				
7B	24.08.21	Motion by Councillor Laidlaw – School Sports and Extra Curricular Activities	 Motion approved To include information on in-school school lets in the report. To include any outstanding or new requests from groups that have not been actioned at the time of the report coming to Committee. 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	October 2021		December 2021 On 7 December 2021, Committee agreed to keep actions 10A and 10B open until the questions and concerns raised in the composite motion at the October meeting Superseded by composite motion agreed at October Committee meeting. Please refer to Action 10

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8	02-03-21	Equalities – Investigation into Allegations of Racism	 To thank the young people who brought these allegations to light and for sharing their personal accounts and recollections enabling the investigation to take place. To thank the staff who supported the investigation process. To note the overall conclusion that a culture of racism did not exist within the schools investigated. To note however that important improvements were required for: Setting out clear processes to report racist incidents Managing racist 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	Ongoing		Recommended for Closure March 2022 Updates will be included in the Promoting Equality Reports / Verbal Updates which are included on the work programme October 2021 Updates were included within the Promoting Equality Report on the agenda for the October Committee meeting.
			incidents sensitively and				

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			ensuring follow up actions were taken				
			7) Reviewing the curriculum to ensure it did not perpetuate and actively challenged racist or colonialist attitudes				
			8) Improving the culture to clearly show zero tolerance of racist conduct				
			9) To further note that these improvements were in motion and appeared in the Equalities Action Plan previously brought before this Committee.				
			10)To ask for a follow up report to every Committee meeting until further notice to allow members to monitor and evaluation specific actions.				

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			11)To ask that future reports address incidents of racism separately from curriculum review and development work.				
			12)To note that management actions would be reported back to Committee if required.				
			13)To circulate a briefing note to members providing information on teaching materials provided for religious and moral education, what was mandatory in terms of the national				
			curriculum, any discretions which could be applied by local education authorities and any subsequent discretions that could be applied by individual Head Teachers.				

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			14)To record the Committee's thanks and appreciation to all the young people, staff and the Independent Equalities and Education Specialist for enabling and supporting the investigation process.				
9	02-03-21	Holiday Support for Children Affected by a Disability	 To note the current provision for holiday support for children affected by a disability. To note that the model of service delivery developed to address the challenges of Covid-19 outlined in the report should continue to be applied for the Easter holidays. To aim to return to pre-Covid provision for the 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	March 2022		October 2021 An update was provided in the business bulletin for the October Committee meeting on the summer 2021 holiday playscheme and included an update on engagement with SQA.

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			restrictions allow and to note that this improved provision was the result of a significant period of consultation with parents in 2018.				
			4) To agree to engage with parents as soon as possible and specifically on addressing any previous challenges, lessons learned during Covid-19 provision and with the goal of exploring further improvements to the pre-Covid-19 provision for children and their families in time for the Summer break 2021.				
			5) To agree that any additional funding for education, identified as part of the amended budgets after May 2021 should consider the challenges around the				

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			availability of staffing for the playscheme.				
			6) To confirm that the presumption was not for a reduced service but for an improved service with funding remaining at least at the current levels and being open to all eligible children and young people. To note that consideration may be given to a focus on the summer holiday provision due to greater availability of appropriate staff but that this must be a part of the consultation.				
			7) To ask council officers to engage with SQA on feasibility options to develop a vocational qualification that those working on the play scheme can train				

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			towards which would provide a formal qualification as a result of working with our young people.				
10	18-05-21	Business Bulletin – Outdoor Learning, Homelessness Prevention Group and Response to Incidents Survey	 To update Committee on outdoor learning and the Council's next steps to implement this following the release of Scottish Government's updated guidance on outdoor learning. To circulate a briefing note and impact statement from the Homelessness Prevention Group. 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	August 2021	August 2021	Decisions 1) and 2) closed by Committee on 12 October 2021. 1. An update on decision 1) was included in the School Excursions report on 24 August 2021. 2. A briefing note was circulated to members on 17 June 2021.
			To bring an update on the Response to Incidents Survey via the Business Bulletin at the		June 2022 November 2022		December 2021 An update will be included in the Inclusion Report scheduled to be

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			24 August 2021 Committee.				submitted to Committee in June 2022.
11A	28-05-21	Gaelic Medium Education in Edinburgh – Statutory Consultation	Committee noted the report Next Steps agreed: Once a response has been received from the Cabinet Secretary a further update report will be submitted to Committee for consideration.	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	Ongoing		Recommended for closure On the agenda for September 2022 December 2021 Update report considered by Committee at its meeting on 7 December 2021.
11B	24-01-22	Update on Gaelic Medium Education Statutory Consultation	1) To continue consideration of the matter to the next meeting of the Committee on 1 March 2022 to allow for further discussions between the Council and the GME community. 2) To request officers to provide further additional information on the present	Executive Director of Education & Children's Services	March 2022		Recommended for closure

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			sites and any other sites that would support the quality of education as set out in the educational benefits section in the appendix to the report.				
12	01.03.2022	Gaelic Medium Education (GME) Update	 To request a revised report in one cycle that contains the following information: Details of the proposal for a standalone school on the site of the former Castlebrae Community High School Details of mitigation measures to address concerns regarding Liberton High School including public transport routes, possible provision of CEC supported bus networks and immersion challenges. Regarding the sites 1,2, 3, 4 and 7 listed in the paper, additional detail to 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	September 2022		

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			enable clearer rule- in/rule-out to include: a) the level of nearby public transport connections b) the nearest secondary school and the number of metres to walk to that school c) what scale of secondary school provision could be provided on sites that has been listed as too small, including pupil capacity and ability to access shared sports facilities e.g. other schools, Edinburgh leisure facilities d) Information on whether discussions have been had with current stakeholders regarding medium-term future of the following sites:		date	date	
			i. Russell Road depot ii. Royal Victoria Hospital Site				

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			iii. Drummond bus depot iv. Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion v. Police Scotland Fettes (details of decommissioning and indicative land values) 2) The report to also include a timeline setting out key decision making milestones 3) To note that the Convenor ould share the latest response from the Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills with committee members and Comann Nam Pàrant.				
13A	12-10-21	West Edinburgh High School	To note the update and that a further report was scheduled to be submitted to Committee in December 2021 focussing on the outcome of the detailed	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	March 2022 December 2021		Recommended for closure December 2021 Update was included in the Learning Estate

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			work on options with a view to an informal consultation process beginning early in 2022.				Infrastructure Report approved at the Education, Children & Families Committee on 7 December 2021.
13B	07-12-21	Learning Estate Infrastructure	 To note the intention to publish the latest school roll projections in January 2022. To note the intention to return a report to Committee in March 2022 setting out how any accommodation pressures arising from the new projections would be addressed. 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	March 2022		Recommended for closure.
			3) To note the update on the Trinity Academy Phase 2 replacement project.				
			4) To agree that a detailed informal				

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			consultation on future learning estate infrastructure requirements in West Edinburgh be progressed with an outcomes report to Committee in June 2022.				
			5) To affirm the essential goals set out in the Council's sustainable Capital Budget Strategy 2022-2032, that future developments in the Educational Estate must include strategic briefs outlining the teaching, learning and wider community requirements from the outset to ensure that the buildings constructed were fit				

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			for purpose, and that this should include options for wider service delivery and active listening to/engagement with all potentially impacted local communities.				
			6) To request a progress update at the March Committee to include issues remaining outstanding at that point and proposed next steps.				
			7) To agree that Ward Councillors be invited to participate in the planned school working group sessions.				
14	12-10-21	Business Bulletin –	To include in the Strategic Overview of Early Years	Executive Director of	March 2022		Recommended for closure

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		Strategic Overview of Early Years Childcare Provision	Childcare Provision report coming to the December Committee meeting a focus on: • a more comprehensive option for families utilising the Play Scheme that includes more than two half days throughout the holiday; • a focus on specific considerations and implications for families with children attending special schools.	Education and Children's Services	December 2021		December 2021 Update reported to Committee at its meeting on 7 December 2021.
15A	12-10-21	Review Cuts to English as an Additional Language for Dalry Primary School	1) To note the ongoing work to develop a sustainable, equitable and capacity building approach to provision for English as an Additional Language to learners across all schools.	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	March 2022		Recommended for closure

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			2) To note the ongoing work to support Dalry Primary School to adjust and engage with this approach.				
			3) To note progress with the next steps previously agreed by Committee on 18 May 2021.				
			4) To submit an update report in December 2021 on the recommendations and actions detailed in the Integrated Impact Assessment and the review of the criteria for allocating distribution of EAL Teacher support to all primary schools.				
15B	01-03-2022	Report Regarding Petition –	To agree that an update is presented in October 2022 to report on the overall evaluation of the	Executive Director of Education	November 2022		

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		Review Cuts to English as an Additional Language Provision for Dalry Primary School	implementation of Phases 1 and 2 of the Language and Literacy Collaboration at Dalry Primary School 2) To agree that an update is presented in December 2022 to report on the recommendations and actions detailed in the Integrated Impact Assessment.	and Children's Services			
16	07-12-21	Motion by Councillor Mary Campbell – Support for Teachers and School Staff	"Committee recognises the extreme pressures on school staff caused by the pandemic, particularly in relation to staff absence, and the mental health impacts of the pandemic on staff and pupils. Committee feels the resumption of school inspections is not appropriate when schools are under such pressure and agrees to write to the Cabinet Secretary for	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	March 2022		Recommended for Closure

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			Education and Skills sharing the concerns of committee and of EiS, and to request consideration of delaying inspection visits for this academic year.				
			Committee also understands that the pressures of the pandemic has shown the need for the Council to do more to support our Pupil Support Assistants. Committee requests a report to come to Education, Children and Families in one cycle, to analyse what could be done in terms of recruitment, training, pay and career				
			structures. Committee expresses thanks to all school staff working so hard in these difficult times and acknowledges the difficulties they are facing. Committee				

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			requests that Council officers look to see if any part of the workload of schools can be reduced without impacting learning and teaching."				
17	07-12-21	Motion by Councillor Perry – Support for Teachers and School Staff	"Committee acknowledges the challenges outlined in the EIS email that was sent to committee members recently. We recognise this as one of the toughest times in educational history for our teachers and school staff due to pandemic related issues.	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	March 2022		
			Committee expresses its deep gratitude for the sheer workload that all school staff have undertaken to keep our schools open and to ensure that there is no further educational impact				

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			on our children and young people.				
			Consequently, Committee agrees:				
			1. To write to the Scottish Government and Education Scotland and ask them to suspend school inspections during such challenging times.				
			2. To ask officials to report back early in the new year on the work being undertaken to improve Pupil Support Assistants' terms and conditions.				
			3. To communicate to parents the challenges facing schools in this				

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			recovery phase and the efforts teachers and school staff are making to keep schools open." To note that the Convener and Vice-Convener intended to write to teachers and school staff on behalf of the Committee to thank them for their continuing commitment and efforts throughout the pandemic.				
18	01-03-2022	Motion by Councillor Laidlaw – Preparation of School Meals	"Committee notes that across the school estate there is a split between schools that produce their meals in on-site production kitchens and those with 'dining centres' that rely on re-heating facilities for meals produced in other schools. Recognises that despite the best-efforts of catering staff,		September 2022		

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			food served in dining centres can fall short of the quality standards of that produced on-site and that this is exacerbated by longer journeys.				
			Acknowledges that the ambition would be to have production facilities in all schools but that current resources do not allow for that ambition to be fulfilled in the short-term.				
			Notes that Scottish Government has committed to offering free school meals to all children in primaries one to five from January 2022 and recognises the additional pressure this puts on kitchens and dining centres.				
			Supports officers in their efforts to secure additional Scottish Government				

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			funding to help grow the number of production kitchens.				
			Asks officers to review the current relationships between Production Kitchens and Dining Centres with the aim to reduce the journey times and prepare food as close to the destination as possible, and to look to optimise menus for food items that both 'travel' well and appeal to young diners.				
			In addition, to include in the report back, information on those schools where decisions had been taken to remove production kitchen facilities and any resulting impacts.				
19	01-03-2022	Motion by Councillor Laidlaw –	Committee notes the concerns that have been raised by pupils, parents	Executive Director of Education	March 2022	March 2022	Recommended for Closure

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		Scottish Government Health and Wellbeing Census	and educationalists with regard to the Health and Wellbeing Census that is being asked of school pupils across Scotland and the decision of a number of local authorities to halt its rollout. Recognises that following debate, Council agreed to its implementation in CEC	and Children's Services			
			schools. Understands members' desire for further detail on the background and implementation of the well- being census in Edinburgh.				
			Asks for a briefing note to be circulated to all members by Friday 4 March 2022 detailing the roll-out in Edinburgh, to include:				
			Questions being asked of pupils in each year group				

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			 Number of pupils included (per schools and year group) 				
			Number of opt-outs (per school and year group)				
			Number of completed questionnaires received				
			Number of 'cause for concern' responses logged by CEC"				
			To agree that the list of Scottish Government census questions is published on the Council's website by the end of this week (4 March 2022) and that this action is communicated to Head Teachers and Parent Councils; further, that each Head Teacher be requested				
			to inform their specific school parent body if they plan to deviate from the core				

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			Scottish Government census questions."				
20	01-03-2022	Energy in Schools – Annual Report	To circulate a briefing note on demand reduction.	Executive Director of Place			Recommended for closure
21	01-03-2022	School Sports and Extracurricular Activities: Progress Report	 To circulate a briefing note previously provided to Committee Members to the wider parent council body for information, if appropriate. To circulate a briefing note on the reintroduction of sports academies to Committee Members and the wider parent council body, if appropriate. 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services			Recommended for closure
22	01-03-2022	Business Bulletin – Supporting	To note that a detailed report on supporting Teach the Future would be submitted to the next	Executive Director of Education and			September 2022 The Edinburgh Learns Sustainability

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		Teach for the Future	meeting of the Committee on 21 June 2022.	Children's Services			Group have prepared an annual report and plan which will be circulated to the Education, Children and Families Committee Members. This will clearly detail the actions underway to ensure schools in Edinburgh meet the objectives to be net zero, as per the council business plan
23	03-05-2022	Edinburgh Secure Services - Update Report	The committee agrees that as far as possible all debates and scrutiny of council decisions should be held in public. However, it also recognises that confidentiality is appropriate for specific items, and	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services			

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			should be considered on a 'B' agenda.				
			In relation to the report for this meeting, officers have advised that this report should be considered on a 'B' agenda as there may be legal consequences if debated in public				
			The committee requests that officers redraft the report to clearly identify all items which can be considered on an 'A' agenda and those which must remain on the 'B', in order that as much as possible can debated in public. It is too late to complete this properly				
			during the meeting, and should be reviewed and confirmed with the council's legal team. This should also be done with the report on this matter that was received by GRBV and Full				

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			Council. These revised reports should be referred to a special meeting of Education, Children and Families Committee as soon as possible following the election.				
			The committee also agrees that we should proceed as a 'B' agenda for this meeting to consider the information contained within the report as requested in the Conservative motion.				
24	30-06-2022 (Council)	Motion by Councillor Gardiner – Currie Community High School	Council asks for a report to the Education, Children and Families Committee, providing an update on the construction of Currie Community High School, in the context of construction price inflation due to labour and supply chain issues related to Brexit and the pandemic and with the	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	Being referred to EC&F from F&R on the 8 September.		Recommended for closure On the agenda for September 2022

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			following principles addressed: 1) The new school achieves Passivhaus standard as this will reduce ongoing energy costs for the new facility and contribute towards Edinburgh's carbon reduction. 2) There will be no reduction in the educational and community facilities to be incorporated into the new school, including swimming pool." 3) Any delay in completion of construction will not impact the quality of education, facilities and development of teaching materials for those pupils currently attending CCHS				
25	25.08.2022 (Council)	Appointment of Religious	To request an update in the Business Bulletin of the next	Executive Director of	November 2022		

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		Representatives	Education, Children and	Education			
		to the	Families Committee on:	and			
		Education,	Appointment of a second	Children's			
		Children and	parent members to the	Services			
		<u>Families</u>	committee to facilitate				
		Committee	representation from both				
			primary and secondary				
			school parents.				
			Progress with establishing a				
			children and young people's				
			liaison group as agreed by				
			committee in March 2022.				