Rolling Actions Log

Education, Children and Families Committee

31 January 2023

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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		January 2023 Regarding specific types of UK residential visits (package tours and self-led) and overseas visits, the new proposed approval process was shared with the Head Teacher Executive and reviewed by a small working group, including senior school staff. These resources incorporate educational



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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.		completion	completion	effectiveness and minimising financial risks, as well incorporating wider Council priorities linked to equity, equality and environmental sustainability. This is sector-leading work and the resources plus guidance will be launched in January, thus allowing approved visits to commence (subject to meeting the new criteria). Other equity work continues,
			5) To ask officers to report back to Committee in one cycle on the full				including a November workshop with Primary Head Teachers. Good

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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.				practice was shared and an action plan for future work created. A new school improvement toolkit is being developed, which also incorporates equity. Further details on progress and forward planning are contained in the January 2023 Outdoor Learning Committee Report. This report contains links to past Committee Reports including a March 2022 Equity Update.

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							November 2022
							Proposals including draft resources were approved to be trialled and will be implemented shortly. These will include poverty/equity. These resources are due to be reviewed by a small group of Head Teachers and will then be implemented into the new and updated Excursions Policy and support wider guidance such as Finance for Equity resources. This work is coherent with the aims to poverty

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							proof the school
							day, which were
							exemplified by
							Head Teachers at
							the Equity
							workshop for
							elected members in
							September 2022 at
							The Royal High
							School. The three
							aims of The City of
							Edinburgh Council
							Pupil Equity
							Framework
							(minimising costs
							and reducing
							pressure on family
							budgets; ensuring
							equal access to
							opportunities,
							regardless of
							income; and
							reducing poverty-
							related stigma)
							remain key

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							priorities across all schools, and equity of access to excursions is integral to this. Please use the link to see a previous report that went to committee: https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s41074/7.12%20School%20Excursions%20Equity%20Update.pdf September 2022 Item 6 – briefing will be prepared and circulated to Education, Children and Families Committee Members.

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							December 2021 Report considered by Committee at its meeting on 7 December 2021
2	07-12-21	Response to Consultation on Education Reform	To note the response to the Consultation on Education Scotland Reform. 2) 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	January 2023		January 2023 Briefing will be circulated by the end of January. November 2022 Update Committee agreed that the consultation response would be issued to members in a briefing note. September 2022 Update Education Reform will be ongoing for the next few months. We will be consulting with

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							parents and carers, and young people, and with Headteachers at various points as the overall project unfolds
3A	15-12-20	Motion by Councillor Laidlaw – Delivery of School Sports	1) 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 Scottish Government's Protection Level 3.	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	Early 2023 December 2021		November 2022 A report will come to EC&F committee early 2023 on sports in schools which will cover all the remaining items from Councillor Laidlaw's motion.
			To circulate a briefing note to committee members on:				December 2021 On 7 December 2021, Committee
			the impact of the Covid restrictions on the delivery of curricular				agreed to keep actions 10A and 10B open until the questions and

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			 (Nat5, Higher, Advanced Higher) sports. the position of CEC and their delivery of school sports in comparison to other local authorities across Scotland Details of the level of outdoor sports activity which had been targeted at individual schools across the school estate 3) To note that a response would be sent to the Edinburgh Parent Council Network to the points raised in their written deputation. 4) To confirm if the above response had been sent to the Edinburgh Parent Council Network via Headteachers. 				concerns raised in the composite motion at the October meeting had been addressed. March 2021 Update Committee on 2 March 2021 agreed that a meeting be arranged between political group leads to discuss the return of school sports prior to the Easter Holiday break. Parents and carers to be informed of the outcome of this discussion.

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3B	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	Early 2023 October 2021		Please see 3A 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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4	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 Summer break 2021 provided the Covid restrictions allow and to note that this improved provision was the result of a significant period of consultation with parents in 2018. To agree to engage with parents as soon as possible and specifically 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	March 2023		January 2023 A report will come to March Committee. November 2022 Item 7 - We have explored this option but unfortunately it is not a viable option based on what is available linked to the profile of potential staff we would use. 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

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			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.				on engagement with SQA.
			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 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				

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			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 towards which would provide a formal qualification as a result of working with our young people.				

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5	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.
			3) To bring an update on the Response to Incidents Survey via the Business Bulletin at the 24 August 2021 Committee.		March 2023 June 2022		January 2023 A report on Behaviours of Concern will come to March committee. November 2022 Update to come to January committee

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							December 2021 An update will be included in the Inclusion Report scheduled to be submitted to Committee in June 2022.
6A	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 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	September 2022		September 2022 A report was submitted to Committee on 20 September 2022.

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			and immersion challenges.				
			c. Regarding the sites 1,2, 3, 4 and 7 listed in the paper, additional detail to 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				

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			d) Information on whether discussions have been had with current stakeholders regarding medium-term future of the following sites:				
			i. Russell Road depot				
			ii. Royal Victoria Hospital Site				
			iii. Drummond bus depot				
			iv. Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion				
			v. Police Scotland Fettes (details of decommissioning and indicative land values)				
			The report to also include a timeline setting				

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			out key decision making milestones				
			3) To note that the Convener would share the latest response from the Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills with committee members and Comann Nam Parant.				
6B	20.09.22	Gaelic Medium Education (GME) Update	 To agree to further engagement with the Gaelic community through reconvening the Gaelic Implementation Group with the same representation as previously constituted in 2021-22 to discuss the current position and explore future proposals, if alternative sites become available. To agree that the Gaelic 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	January 2023 December 2022		January 2023 A meeting of the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group was held on 23 January 2023.
			2) To agree that the Gaelic Implementation Group should have its first				

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			meeting in advance of the next meeting of the Education, Children & Families Committee scheduled for 15 November 2022.				
7	01-03-2022	Regarding Petition – Review Cuts to English as an Additional Language Provision for Dalry Primary School	 To agree that an update is presented in October 2022 to report on the overall evaluation of the implementation of Phases 1 and 2 of the Language and Literacy Collaboration at Dalry Primary School: To agree that an update is presented in December 2022 to report on the recommendations and actions detailed in the Integrated Impact Assessment. 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	November 2022		November 2022 (1) Phases 1 and 2 of the Language and Literacy Collaboration at Dalry Primary School were completed in June 2022. This involved planning and teaching alongside class teachers, training, and wider development work. The intended outcomes were achieved, with data showing

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							positive impact on teaching, learning and attainment for learners at all stages of English language acquisition. Phase 3 started in August 2022, with EAL Specialist teachers continuing to support the school to consolidate and embed practice.
							(2) Evaluative Statement October 2022
							Almost all (26 out of 30) recommendations and actions have been completed, fully or partially. 4 (out of 30) recommendations and actions are

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							planned. This process is ensuring that we continue to strengthen practice for bilingual and minority ethnic learners to ensure equality of opportunity and outcome.
8	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		November 2021 All items complete with the exception of item 2 – we will provide a report on the PSA role in early 2023
			Committee expresses its deep gratitude for the sheer workload that all school staff have undertaken to keep our schools open and to				

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			ensure that there is no further educational impact 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				

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			challenges facing schools in this 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.				
9	01-03-2022	Business Bulletin – Supporting Teach for the Future	To note that a detailed report on supporting Teach the Future would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on 21 June 2022.	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services			September 2022 The Edinburgh Learns Sustainability Group have prepared an annual report and plan which will be circulated to the Education, Children

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							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
10	25.08.2022 (Council)	Appointment of Religious Representatives to the Education, Children and Families Committee	To request an update in the Business Bulletin of the next Education, Children and Families Committee on: • Appointment of a second parent member to the committee to facilitate representation from both primary and secondary school parents. • Progress with establishing a children and young people's liaison group as agreed	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	January 2023		January 2023 Primary sector parent representatives will be confirmed at the Full Council Meeting on the 9 February 2023 A further report went to full Council on the Young People's Assembly in November 2022 asking: Council is

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			by committee in March 2022.				asked to approve the proposal to develop a young people's assembly
							November 2022 Secondary sector parent representative appointed (Alexander Ramage) and the primary sector representatives will be confirmed at the EC&F committee on the 15 November.
							November 2021 Point 1 – Update to be provided after the next Consultative

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							Committee with Parents meeting on the 8 November.
							Point 2- A further report is being submitted to full council in November which should address this request.
11	20.09.2022	Early Years Partner Provider - Hourly Rate for Funded Early Learning and Childcare	To agree to provide full detailed reports on the Gross Early Learning Annual Budgets for 2020/21 and 2021/22 to show how the Gross Early Learning Total Budget is allocated to the Private, Voluntary, Independent Sectors and the Local Authorities and how these allocations are calculated.	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	January 2023		January 2023 A briefing has been prepared for members.

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12	20.09.22	Motion by Councillor Young – West Edinburgh High School	To bring a report to the Education, Children and Families Committee in November on the outcome of discussion with West Lothian Council and if agreeable, setting out the next steps for the formal catchment consultation process.	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	tbc		
13	20.09.22	Motion by Councillor Burgess – Outdoor Learning for Edinburgh Schools	To request an update report on outdoor learning in Edinburgh schools including in particular; • How outdoor learning is delivered day-to-day in Edinburgh schools; • The coverage and frequency of provision of outdoor learning across all schools, particularly primary schools;	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	January 2023		Report on the agenda for this meeting.

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			 How schools and teachers are supported to provide outdoor learning; Plans for further development of outdoor learning." 				
14	22.09.22 (Council)	Motion by Councillor Miller - Bikeability in all Primary Schools	To call for a report to the Education Children and Families Committee within 2 cycles outlining the path to 100% Bikeability for Edinburgh's primary schools, including but not limited to: a) Support for Active Schools to promote Bikeability uptake by schools not currently offering both Level 1 and 2. Work with Head Teachers and Active Schools to identify any barriers	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	January 2023		Report on the agenda for this meeting.

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			providing recommendations on ways to address these.				
			b) Methods for re- communicating the scope and the benefit of the free offer to schools "				
15	27.10.22	Motion by	Council requests a report to	Executive	January 2023		Update is in the
	(Council)	Councillor	Education, Children and	Director of			Business Bulletin
		Gardiner – Information	Families Committee within one cycle which considers a	Education and			for this meeting.
		about Vaping	coordinated approach	Children's			
		<u>anout tuping</u>	involving council school	Services			
			staff, NHS Lothian school				
			nurses to raise awareness				
			and provide evidence based				
			public health information in schools and across services				
			for young people about any				
			potential health side effects				
			from vaping to ensure young				
			people are well informed				

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			about the choices they make.				
16	27.10.22 (Council)	Motion by Councillor Cowdy - YouTube Access at High Schools	 To instruct the Director of Education to prioritise resources to resolve the outstanding issues so that YouTube access is restricted no later than Monday 7th November, or failing this, agrees to provide access to senior pupils in S4, S5 and S6 in the interim, with a report to the Education Committee on 15th November for a decision over how to return access for all other pupils, with a suitable parental information and choice communications plan. Agrees that the Education and IT teams work to ensure that as 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	January 2023 November 2022		January 2023 An update to both points is provided in the Technology in Education report on the agenda for January committee. November 2022 Update Committee agreed to keep this action open until the points raised in the motion had been addressed in a report back to members. The works carried out to enhance the YouTube restrictions have

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			safe access as possible for pupils is restored as soon as technically possible and an update report on progress to come the Education, Children and Families Committee in one cycle."				been successful. A new configuration is available and will reinstate YouTube access for Students on their Empowered Learning iPads. The rollout is underway but due to the large number of devices, may take a few days to roll through to every device.
17	27.10.22 (Council)	Motion by Councillor Jones – Absenteeism in Schools	Council calls for a report in one cycle to Education, Children and Families Committee to report on how schools are addressing absenteeism with specific reference to: 1) Ensuring schools identify children who have had less than	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	January 2023		January 2023 Interim update report on this agenda with a further Thematic Review of Attendance coming to March Committee.

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			85% attendance in the years following covid in order to support them.				
			2) Whether schools are providing tailored catch-up plans for the children noted above with specific measurable achievable learning outcomes for each child;				
			3) Whether provision of private one-to-one tuition or small group tuition is available outside the normal school day.				
			Where the above is not in place, what steps the Authority can take to assist Headteachers in providing pupils with increased assistance to improve				

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			attendance and, ultimately individual attainment."				
18	15.11.22	Attainment in the Broad General Education in Edinburgh Primary and Secondary Schools 2021-22	 To note the update regarding the position in educational attainment in Edinburgh primary and secondary schools within the Broad General Education for session 2021-2022. To agree the next steps as outlined in section 5 of the report. 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	April 2023 (Action 4) August 2023 (Action 5)		
			 3) To agree to receive further annual reports on attainment and improvements in performance. 4) To agree to an update on the Council's Literacy Strategy Review in two cycles. 				

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			5) To agree to an update on the Thematic Review of Literacy Across Learning in four cycles.				
19	15.11.22	Getting it Right for Every Child – Inclusion in City of Edinburgh Schools	 To note the significant work being carried out to support inclusion across mainstream and special schools. To supply information to Committee on the sources of funding for providing support services to children with additional post-covid needs, and which third party providers were assisting with the provision of these support services - to be provided within 4 weeks and by briefing note. 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	January 2023		January 2023 This has been delayed and should be issued by the end of January Action 2 – briefing note to be issued to members within 4 weeks

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20	15.11.22	Edinburgh Child Protection Committee – Annual Report 2021-22	 To note the content of the Edinburgh Child Protection Committee Annual Report 2021-2022. To note the positive contribution made by services across the city in keeping children safe. To circulate by email to members timelines for the delivery of the areas of work set out at 5.2.1 to 5.2.3 of the report, detailing what was being delivered by what target date during the 'coming year' mentioned at section 5.1 of the report. 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	January 2023		Recommended for closure Action 3 – Requested information was emailed to members on 21 November 2022.

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21	15.11.22	Motion by Councillor Davidson – Internet Safety (see agenda)	Committee therefore requests a report to Education, Children & Families within 2 cycles containing the following: • The current guidance given to schools/headteachers and parents/carers on expectations regarding education on digital safety and risk management. • What initiatives are being carried out in relation to promoting internet safety education in schools and any examples of good practice or innovative ideas that could be spread more widely. • The outcome of further consultation with the various youth representative bodies in	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	April 2023		

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			the city in order to ensure that children and young people's voices are being considered in this process and their needs identified.				
			A timeline for rolling out further support and education during the rest of the current academic year and how this will be integrated into standard practice from 2023/24 academic year onwards.				
22	24.11.22 (Council)	Motion by Councillor Kumar – Care Experienced Protected Characteristic	"Council: 1) Recognises our collective responsibility as corporate parents and our commitment for the delivery of 'The Promise' that Scotland's children and young people will grow up loved, safe, and respected. 2) Agrees the Council should add 'Care	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	April 2023		

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			Experienced' as an additional protected characteristic in the Council's Integrated Impact Assessments where Care Experienced people is used to describe anyone who is currently, or has been, in the care system. For example, kinship care, looked after at home, foster care, residential care, secure homes, and adoption. 3) Notes that the addition of this protected characteristic would formally recognise the impact of any policies and decision making might have on care experienced people. 4) Notes that councils in				
			Manchester, Cumbria, Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council; and Ashfield District Council in				

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			Nottinghamshire have made a similar move to include Care Experienced as a protected characteristic.				
			5) Requests a report to the Education, Children and Families Committee in two cycles to scope the implementation of this additional protected characteristic."				
23	24.11.22 (Council)	Motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron – Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Adults at Risk	Council has statutory responsibilities as a public body in respect of the safeguarding of children, young people and adults at risk. Council is committed: To creating an organisational culture which prioritises and promotes the	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	April 2023		
			importance of safeguarding and the				

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			welfare of all children and adults at risk;				
			To protecting children, young people and adults at risk from abuse;				
			To ensuring all Council policies and procedures pertinent to statutory safeguarding responsibilities are designed, implemented, monitor ed and audited in an open, transparent, democratically accountable way.				
			Council notes:				
			The remit and focus of The Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry, established by the Scottish Government, is on historic abuse				

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			and specific to children in care;				
			The Children's and Young People's Commissioner of Scotland Annual Report to the Scottish Parliament, Page 29, "Child Protection and Safeguarding" (CYP CS-AR-2022.pdf);				
			Council:				
			Supports the calls for the strengthening of accountability, oversight and public scrutiny of the systems for reporting disclosures to public bodies in Scotland, and how such disclosures are handled, investigated, reported and				

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			recommendations from report findings are implemented;				
			Welcomes the recent call for the next phase of the SCAI which will look into residential and secure services and commits to giving the enquiry its full support.				
			 Welcomes the next phase of the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry (phase 8) which will begin in the second half of 2023 holding public hearings about abuse of children in residential and secure accommodation Commits to fully 				

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			process and requests officers in the children and families directorate give the enquiry their full support.				
			Council notes that CYPSCS Annual Report highlights the ongoing extent of inappropriate restraint/physical intervention as a potential safeguarding concern.				
			Council calls for a report to the Education, Children and Families Committee within two cycles detailing what steps are being taken in CEC settings to firstly reduce incidences of restraint				

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			and physical intervention and secondly to improve recording of these incidents.				
			 Council requests that the Integration Joint Board consider commissioning a similar report into adult settings. 				
24	17.01.23 (Policy and Sustainability Committee)	Emergency Motion by Councillor Day – LOVE Gorgie Farm	Note that LOVE Learning have walked away from running Gorgie Farm. Recognise the	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	January 2023		Report is on the agenda for this meeting.
			importance of the Farm to volunteers, mental health and vulnerable families, and for staff and volunteers, to care for the animals				

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			temporarily on site while a way forward is investigated.				
			 Recognises that the last 40 years Gorgie City Farm has been the jewel in the crown in terms of attractions in an urban setting. 				
			Recognises it has been a lifeline for residents and volunteers in terms of their social activity and isolation and has provided an exceptional training service for those with additional support needs.				
			Appreciates the Farm attracts groups of school children who have often never had contact with live				

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			animals. It also hosts tens of thousands of visitors from within and outwith Edinburgh.				
			 To commit to an ongoing Farm and its social and community benefit on the existing site. 				
			 To note a public meeting was held on 9th January 2023. 				
			 To note the Cross- Party Meeting with MSPs, Group Leaders and Local Members with the Executive Director of 				
			Education and Children's Services, and the Service				
			Director for Sustainable Development, to				

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			discuss options for a sustainable future for the Farm took place on 11th January 2023. To note the Council Leader will continue discussions with the Steering Group from the Save Gorgie Farm Campaign. To request an update to the next Education, Children and Families Committee on 31st January 2023 on the current situation and any ongoing discussion / opportunities to support a new sustainable model for Gorgie Farm which is fit for the future.				

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			To delegate power to the Chief Executive to TUPE two full-time equivalent staff subject to consideration of the costs of running the facility, who will take responsibility for the essential upkeep of the Farm, the care of the animals, maintaining links with volunteers and public until a new operator is in place. The remaining discretionary grant fund should be utilised to cover any additional costs until the staff can be TUPE'd to a new operator subject to confirmation that the costs can be covered				

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			by the funding within the discretionary grant fund and that legal checks are in place.				