

Addendum by the SNP Group

Education, Children and Families Committee

7 November 2023

Item 7.3 – Commissioning and Contract Management Update

Adds:

1.1.6. Agrees to bring an updated Appendix 1 Extract of the contract register (Children, Education and Justice Services Directorate) with report to Education, Children, and Families Committee following consideration of contracts in 1.1.5 for approval.

1.1.7 Agrees that an IIA will be produced and reported to ECF committee before a recommendation is made to end any contract.

Moved by: Cllr Simita Kumar

Seconded by:

Addendum by the SNP Group

Education, Children, and Families Committee 7 November 2023 Item 7.6 – Inclusion Review

Adds

1.1.3 Notes the invaluable work delivered by Education Welfare Officers and agrees to provide a six-monthly update report to ECF committee on the Inclusion Review.

1.1.4 Agrees to provide a member briefing following conclusion of consultation on 10th November on the proposal to close the Education Welfare Service.

Moved by: Cllr Simita Kumar
Seconded by:

Addendum by the SNP Group

Education, Children, and Families Committee

7 November 2023

Item 7.8 – Afterschool Care Provider – Additional Support Needs support.

Adds new 1.1.1. and renumbers accordingly

1.1.1 Notes SNP Motion on Childcare 4 All approved at the meeting of the Full Council of 31st August 2023.

Regrets that the report does not provide adequate details as requested in the motion indicated in 1.1.1 and iterates previous agreement to make a commitment to continue to provide ASN support including honouring existing support arrangements and ensuring scheme is open to new applicants within existing budget.

Adds

1.1.5 Agrees to provide answers to ‘What assurances have parents, carers, and families received around continuity of support and alternative arrangements’ and

1.1.6 Agrees to include an update report with a copy of equalities impact assessment to ECF committee within one cycle.

Regrets that parents, carers, and families continue to feel unclear about the process, eligibility criteria, and information of in-house service provision. Some have reported no written communication has been provided to confirm continued support for children with ASN.

1.1.7 Agrees to produce clear guidance for parents, carers, and families to help families navigate this service including if and how it may impact on their 1140 hours ELC allocation.

Moved by: Cllr Simita Kumar

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Green Group

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7.8 After School Provider – Additional Support Needs

After 1.1.2 insert a new 1.1.3:

“1.1.3 Requests an update to Committee twice a year to ensure transparency around how many young people are being supported, how staff and providers are trained, how Council officers are supported in their roles, and include updates on the next steps mentioned in section 5, and any further areas of concern that Councillors should be aware of.

Renumber accordingly

Moved by: Cllr. O’Neill

Seconded by: Cllr. Burgess

Addendum by SNP & Green Groups

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Item 7.9 - Early Years – Response to motion by Councillor McKenzie

Adds at end of 1.1.2

The report will include an Integrated Impact Assessment on changes to the process for allocating discretionary Early Years places along with details of how future impacts will be assessed and reported.

Adds a 1.1.3

A briefing note will be sent to all councillors by 30 November 2023 which clearly explains the process of transition to a fully needs-based allocation methodology for Early Years, including details of when this funding change was communicated to the Council, and why it has appeared as an in-year pressure rather than being included in the Revenue Budget Framework 2023/24.

Moved by: Councillor Simita Kumar

Seconded by: Councillor Steve Burgess

Addendum by the Conservative Group

Committee – Education, Children & Families

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Item 7.9 – Early Years – Response to motion by Councillor McKenzie

1.1.3 Acknowledge that Private, Voluntary, and Independent (PVI) settings make up approximately 40% of all Early Years spaces and are essential partners in delivering parents/carers with flexible options for the delivery of their child's funded hours and provide access to additional ELC that is accessible and affordable.

1.1.4 Agree that full engagement with PVI settings is vital and that Officers should meet regularly with industry representatives including National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) and Scottish Private Nurseries Association (SPNA) to consult and plan on the delivery of early learning and childcare.

Moved by: Cllr Tim Jones
Seconded by: Cllr Christopher Cowdy

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.10 – Early Years Capital Programme Update

1.2 In particular Committee notes:

1.2.1 The funds available for the Capital programme are now approximately £800K short of the projected cost of delivering the programme.

1.2.2 The current inflationary economic environment is likely to see costs increase further.

1.3 Committee acknowledges:

1.3.1 Contingency allocations are generally not designed to cover significant inflationary pressures.

1.3.2 When the Contingency of £3.1mil was allocated it represented 7.85% of total cost but now represents only 4.69% of revised total cost.

Committee therefore instructs Officers to review the Capital Programme and present a Report to Committee in one cycle with recommendations for a revised programme including an updated Contingency reflecting the revised Programme Costs.

Moved by: Cllr Christopher Cowdy

Seconded by: Cllr Tim Jones