

## Action Note

### **Consultative Committee with Parents**

**6pm, Wednesday 6 December 2023**

**Virtual Meeting held by Microsoft Teams**

#### **Present**

Councillors Griffiths (Convener), Burgess, Glasgow, Jones

#### **In Attendance**

#### **Parent/Carer Representatives**

Alex Ramage  
Eva Oliverira  
Jennifer Graham  
Rachel Brand  
Patrick McGlinchey  
Cheryl Burnett  
Lynsey Houston

#### **Council Officers**

Arran Finlay – Senior Education Officer  
Catherine Chrystal - Senior Education Officer  
Lorna French – Service Director Education  
Lynn Paterson – Senior Education Manager  
Stephen Kelly – Senior Education Manager  
Daniel Baigrie – Committee Officer

#### **Apologies**

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Decision/Action</b>	<b>Action Owner</b>
1.	<b>Welcome by Convener</b>	Noted.	
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None.	Committee Services
3	<b>Note of the meeting of Consultative Committee with Parents – 10 October 2023</b>	Approved.	Committee Services
4.	<b>Executive Director's Update</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To note the latest PISA scores for Edinburgh were disappointing. To note the ongoing work of colleagues across the education service to raise attainment at all levels and stages.</li> <li>2) To note the Literacy Strategy report will go to the Education, Children and Families Committee in January.</li> <li>3) To note the ongoing concerns regarding dysregulated behaviour and the engagement at a local level with parents and learners to minimise incidents. The ongoing work on this matter will be raised in locality meetings to get feedback from parents in February and will come back to CCWP as appropriate.</li> <li>4) To note the upcoming report to Education, Children and Families regarding School Placement Appeals. There is a commitment across the council to improve the process. To note the upcoming meeting with Committee Services, Transactions</li> </ol>	

		<p>Team and Chairs to be held in January. There had been some interest from parents in joining the appeals committee.</p> <p>5) To note that it can be challenging to find the correct information regarding the education service and policies on the Council Website. This link had been shared to assist parents - <a href="#">Edinburgh Learns supporting documents and framework summaries – The City of Edinburgh Council</a></p>	
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5.	<b>Update from Connect Representative</b>	To note the presentation heard, regarding the history of Connect and parental involvement in education more broadly. This was in recognition of the 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Connect.	
6.	<b>Updates from National Parent Forum Representative</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To note the ongoing work of the NPFS in relation to Education Reform and Behaviour in Schools.</li> <li>2) To note the follow-up survey regarding Education Reform was live for parents to participate.</li> </ol>	
6.	<b>Updates from Locality Groups – Vaping – ongoing concerns</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To note the presentation and the short life working group focusing on Vaping Issues.</li> <li>2) Work was ongoing to develop a city-wide policy to be implemented at a local level in schools.</li> <li>3) To note the response from trading standards: Trading Standards absolutely recognise the issue, and any information regarding the routes of sale to under 18's which can be sent on is always gratefully received and helps to guide our work. We generally receive this through school link officers, but also from the general public. If parents do take vapes from their children who indicate a source of where they got it, we would be pleased to respond to them directly. Trading Standards are available on <a href="mailto:trading_standards@edinburgh.gov.uk">trading_standards@edinburgh.gov.uk</a> or via the reporting tool: <a href="#">Report a trading standards issue anonymously – The City of Edinburgh Council</a></li> </ol>	

		Trading Standards undertake visits to premises and test purchasing operations in an attempt to combat this, but as you may be aware it is recognised as a problem throughout the UK, and extremely challenging. The Scottish Government have recently released some new materials on this and were due to report back in the autumn from their own consultation, but this has then been amalgamated with the UK response to try to provide consistency across the UK. <a href="https://www.gov.scot/resources/documents/2023/03/3_Tobacco_Control_Policy_in_Scotland_-_Background_-_Tobacco_and_vaping_framework_roadmap_to_2034.pdf">3. Tobacco Control Policy in Scotland – Background - Tobacco and vaping framework: roadmap to 2034 - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)</a>	
7.	<b>Updates from Locality Groups – Education Reform</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To note the presentation updating members on Education Reform, concerning reform of the SQA and Education Scotland.</li> <li>2) To note some consideration is currently being given to the Senior Phase Education.</li> </ol>	
8.	<b>Any Other Business</b>	Lorna French noted that Lynn Paterson is retiring in Early 2024, and this would be her last meeting. Cllr Griffiths thanked Lynn for her work with this group and her significant contribution to education in the city.	

9.	<b>Dates of Next Meetings</b>	Wednesday 13 March 2024 – 6pm – by Teams Wednesday 15 May 2024 – 6pm – by Teams	
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