

Education, Children and Families Committee

10am, Tuesday 24 August 2021

Appointments to Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families, Consultative Committee with Parents and Working Groups 2021/2022

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To appoint the membership of the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 To appoint the Convener of the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families for 2021/22.
- 1.3 To appoint the membership of the Consultative Committee with Parents for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 2.
- 1.4 To appoint the Convener of the Consultative Committee with Parents for 2021/22.
- 1.5 To appoint membership of the Working Groups for 2021/22 as set out in Appendices 3, 4 and 5 and confirm the lifespan and necessity for those Working Groups.
- 1.6 To agree to dissolve the Short Life Youth Work Working Group (Appendix 6).

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Education, Children and Families Committee is required to annually re-appoint the membership of its Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families, Consultative Committee with Parents and Working Groups. The membership structures and remits of each are detailed in appendices 1 to 6 of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 The appointments of committees, joint committees and joint boards is a reserved matter for Full Council.
- 3.2 The Policy and Sustainability Committee on 6 August 2020 agreed that, given the impact of the Covid-19 emergency and resource pressures that remain, working groups only meet if:
- there is officer capacity and resource available;
 - it is required for specific actions to progress;
 - they take place virtually.
- 3.3 On 24 June 2021, the Council, following consideration of a report on Political Management Arrangements, agreed that working groups would remain virtual in the short term, and that an assessment should be made as to whether, in the long term, some working groups should remain virtual.
- 3.4 The findings of this assessment would be reported back to Council as part of the next review of political management arrangements.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The Committee is required to appoint the membership of its Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families, Consultative Committee with Parents and other Working Groups for 2021/22.

- 4.2 On 18 May 2021, the Education, Children and Families Committee agreed to establish a Short Life Cross-Party Working Group with a remit focusing on recommencing youth work in the Council’s community centres. The issues considered by the Working Group have been dealt with and further information is being gathered for members. It is therefore recommended that the Short Life Youth Work Working Group is dissolved (the current membership and remit are detailed at Appendix 6).
- 4.3 While there is no requirement for the membership of working groups to be proportionate to that of the Council, it is suggested that this is good practice. The proposed membership has therefore been adjusted to reflect the overall political balance on the Council. It is, however, open to the Committee to alter the membership where it feels this is warranted.
- 4.4 The current membership structures and remits are set out in Appendices 1 to 6 of this report.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 The Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families will be unable to take decisions unless a membership is appointed by the Committee in line with the Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 [Minute of the Policy and Sustainability Committee of 6 October 2020](#)
- 8.2 [Minute of Policy and Sustainability Committee of 23 February 2021](#)
- 8.3 [Minute of the City of Edinburgh Council of 24 June 2021](#)
- 8.4 [Review of Political Management Arrangements – report by the Chief Executive](#)

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families
- 9.2 Appendix 2 – Consultative Committee with Parents
- 9.3 Appendix 3 – Corporate Parenting Member Officer Group
- 9.4 Appendix 4 – Gaelic Implementation Steering Group
- 9.5 Appendix 5 – Wester Hailes Working Group
- 9.6 Appendix 6 – Short Life Youth Work Working Group

Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families

Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families

Membership - 8 Members and 1 Religious Representative

(2 SNP, 2 Conservative, 2 Labour, 1 Green, 1 SLD and 1 Religious Representative)

Councillor Perry (Convener)

Councillor Dickie

Councillor Bird

Councillor Laidlaw

Councillor Burgess

Councillor Rust

Councillor Griffiths

Councillor Louise Young

Religious Representative

Rabbi David Rose

Remit

Power is delegated to the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families to:

- provide oversight of the quality of education and care experiences for young people in the City of Edinburgh by scrutinising the reports and follow up actions of Education Scotland inspections in schools
- Consider an annual report on Care Inspectorate inspections in early years provision
- Consider individual reports on Care Inspectorate inspections in residential schools, care services for children and local authority reviews of service areas, establishments and units
- Monitor the implementation of initiatives relating to quality improvement and assurance, and attainment and achievement
- Maintain an overview of the implementation of national and local policies specifically related to quality standards by officers, establishments and services
- Contribute to the support and challenge agenda within the context of establishment plans
- Celebrate the success of establishments, units, teams and the service including recognising items of good practice

Last Met: 11 March 2020

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in August 2022

Consultative Committee with Parents

Consultative Committee with Parents

Membership - 7 members and Parent Representative

(Convener and Vice-Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee and 2 Conservative members, 1 SNP member, 1 Green member, 1 SLD member)

Councillor Dickie

Councillor Perry (Convener)

Councillor Burgess

Councillor Douglas

Councillor Bird

Councillor Louise Young

Councillor Laidlaw

Parent Representative

Alexander Ramage

Other Members

Three parent representatives from each of the Locality Groups

Two parent representatives from the citywide Special Schools Group

One parent representative from the Additional Support for Learning (ASL) Forum

One head teacher from each sector on a rota basis

One representative from the National Parent Forum

One representative from Connect

Remit

The Consultative Committee with Parents is a forum which:

- provides discussion and consultation with parents on citywide and national issues
- provides a parent perspective at local and national level
- identifies common areas of discussion
- makes a recommendation to the Council on the appointment of a parent representative (non-voting) to the Education Children and Families Committee
- ensures parent groups ie National Parent Forum and Connect are represented
- communicates with locality groups and the wider parent councils

Last Met: 13 May 2021

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in August 2022

Corporate Parenting Member Officer Group

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Membership - 8 members and 1 Religious Representative

(Convener and Vice-Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee and 2 Conservative members, 1 SNP member, 1 Labour, 1 Green member, 1 SLD member and 1 Religious Representative)

Councillor Dickie (Convener)	Councillor Laidlaw
Councillor Bird	Councillor Perry
Councillor Corbett	Councillor Rust
Councillor Griffiths	Councillor Louise Young

Religious Representative

Rabbi David Rose

Other Partner Agency Members

One representative from the Champions Board (as Co-Chair)

Two representatives from NHS Lothian

One representative from Police Scotland

Remit

The remit of the Corporate Parenting Member Officer Group is to:

- establish a common understanding of the factors which lead to poor outcomes for looked after children
- agree a clear set of outcomes for looked after children
- set up a robust scrutiny mechanism of the outcomes for looked after children
- ensure that looked after children are considered in all policy initiatives
- have an overview of all recommendations in reports on looked after children
- ensure that looked after children are a high priority for all Council departments and partner agencies
- communicate with looked after children
- convey celebrations of success
- identify initiatives to progress the outcomes of looked after children
- support foster carers and kinship carers

Last Met: 8 June 2021

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in August 2022

Gaelic Implementation Steering Group

Gaelic Implementation Steering Group

Membership – 5 Members

(Gaelic Champion (as Convener), 1 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Green, 1 SLD)

Councillor Dickie (Convener)

Councillor Perry

Councillor Booth

Councillor Louise Young

Councillor Laidlaw

Remit

- 1) To support the implementation of Edinburgh's current Gaelic Language Plan (2018-22) by:
 - overseeing and providing constructive support and challenge to progress
 - contributing to discussions on the prioritisation of next steps
- 2) To support the production of annual progress reports.
- 3) To support the development of future Gaelic Language Plans.

Last Met: 20 April 2021

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in August 2022

Wester Hailes Working Group

Wester Hailes Working Group

Membership – 5 Members

(Convener and Vice-Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee,
1 Conservative, 1 Green, 1 SLD)

Councillor Perry	Councillor Laidlaw
Councillor Dickie	Councillor Corbett
Councillor Louise Young	

Other Members

One parent council representative from Wester Hailes Education Centre

One parent council representative from each of the three feeder Primary Schools
(Canal View, Clovenstone and Sighthill)

Head Teacher, Wester Hailes Education Centre

One Head Teacher to represent the three feeder Primary Schools

Officers from Quality, Improvement & Curriculum, Communities and Families

Remit

- 1) To research and understand the decisions parents and young people make about placing choices.
- 2) To deal with reputation and communication issues.
- 3) To strengthen the curriculum offer.
- 4) To strengthen the partnership with feeder primaries and nearby high schools.
- 5) To consider options for a “re-brand” of WHEC in response to concerns raised by some of the parents at the feeder schools, and to explore the feasibility of introducing a specialism in its curriculum such as a focus on Digital & IT skills and/or vocational skills, encouraging placement requests to come in, for those wishing to develop these skills for employment or further education.

Last Met: 8 June 2021

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in August 2022

Short Life Youth Work Working Group

Short Life Youth Work Working Group

Membership – 5 Members

(Convener and Vice-Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee,
1 Conservative, 1 Green, 1 SLD)

Councillor Perry (Convener)

Councillor Laidlaw

Councillor Dickie (Vice-Convener)

Councillor Corbett

Councillor Louise Young

Remit

To focus on recommencing youth work in community centres.

Last Met: 25 May 2021

Expected completion date: 24 August 2021 – it is recommended that this group is formally dissolved.