

Rolling Actions Log

Education, Children and Families Committee

15 November 2022

No	Date	Report Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Actual completion date	Comments
1		<u>Funding for excursions for educational purposes</u>	<p>1) To note the value of school residential excursions for pupils but also the pressures, often hidden, felt by many families around the costs.</p> <p>2) 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</p>	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	March 2022 December 2021		<u>November 2022</u> 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

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			<p>proofing the school day agendas.</p> <p>3) To agree to forward the costs at Appendix 9.1 for creating a city-wide fund to the next Finance and Resources Committee for future budget consideration, along with any other identified funding information.</p> <p>4) To agree that the Convener write to the Scottish Government to ask that a residential school excursion be considered for national funding.</p> <p>5) To ask officers to report back to Committee in one cycle on the full</p>				<p>Policy and support wider guidance such as Finance for Equity resources. This work is coherent with the aims to poverty 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</p>

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			<p>scope of possible alternative and equitable options, including EPIC days and on all of the above.</p> <p>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.</p>				<p>equal access to opportunities, regardless of income; and reducing poverty-related stigma) remain key 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:</p> <p>https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s41074/7.12%20School%20Excursions%20Equity%20Update.pdf</p> <p><u>September 2022</u></p>

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							<p>Item 6 – briefing will be prepared and circulated to Education, Children and Families Committee Members.</p> <p><u>December 2021</u> Report considered by Committee at its meeting on 7 December 2021</p>
2	07-12-21	<u>Response to Consultation on Education Reform</u>	<p>1) To note the response to the Consultation on Education Scotland Reform.</p> <p>2) To request updates on how the Education Reform proposals would be addressed through strategic planning within Education and Children’s Services.</p>	Executive Director of Education and Children’s Services	December 2021		<p><u>September 2022 Update</u></p> <p>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</p>

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							the overall project unfolds
3	15-12-20	Edinburgh Learns for Life – Inclusion Annual Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Noted. 2) 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	December 2022 for session 2021/22 then March thereafter	Recommended for closure – included on the Committee Work Programme
4A	15-12-20	Motion by Councillor Laidlaw – Delivery of School Sports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2) To circulate a briefing note to committee members on: 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	October 2021		<p><u>November 2021</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>December 2021</u></p> <p>On 7 December 2021, Committee agreed to keep</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the impact of the Covid restrictions on the delivery of curricular (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 <p>3) To note that a response would be sent to the Edinburgh Parent Council Network to the points raised in their written deputation.</p> <p>4) To confirm if the above response had been sent to the Edinburgh Parent</p>				<p>actions 10A and 10B open until the questions and concerns raised in the composite motion at the October meeting had been addressed.</p> <p><u>March 2021 Update</u></p> <p>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.</p>

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			Council Network via Headteachers.				
4B	24.08.21	<u>Motion by Councillor Laidlaw – School Sports and Extra Curricular Activities</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Motion approved 2) To include information on in-school school lets in the report. 3) 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		<p><u>Please see 4A</u></p> <p><u>December 2021</u></p> <p>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</p> <p>Superseded by composite motion agreed at October Committee meeting. Please refer to Action 10</p>

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5	02-03-21	<u>Holiday Support for Children Affected by a Disability</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To note the current provision for holiday support for children affected by a disability. 2) 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. 3) 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. 4) To agree to engage with parents as soon as possible and specifically 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	March 2022		<p><u>November 2022</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>October 2021</u></p> <p>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.</p>

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			<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>				

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			<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>				
6	18-05-21	<u>Business Bulletin – Outdoor</u>	1) To update Committee on outdoor learning and the Council’s next steps to	Executive Director of Education	August 2021	August 2021	Decisions 1) and 2) closed by

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		<u>Learning, Homelessness Prevention Group and Response to Incidents Survey</u>	<p>implement this following the release of Scottish Government's updated guidance on outdoor learning.</p> <p>2) To circulate a briefing note and impact statement from the Homelessness Prevention Group.</p>	and Children's Services			<p>Committee on 12 October 2021.</p> <p>1. An update on decision 1) was included in the School Excursions report on 24 August 2021.</p> <p>2. A briefing note was circulated to members on 17 June 2021.</p>
			<p>3) To bring an update on the Response to Incidents Survey via the Business Bulletin at the 24 August 2021 Committee.</p>		<p>June 2022</p> <p>January 2023</p>		<p><u>November 2022</u></p> <p>Update to come to January committee</p> <p><u>December 2021</u></p> <p>An update will be included in the Inclusion Report scheduled to be submitted to</p>

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							Committee in June 2022.
7A	01.03.2022	<u>Gaelic Medium Education (GME) Update</u>	<p>1) To request a revised report in one cycle that contains the following information:</p> <p>a. Details of the proposal for a standalone school on the site of the former Castlebrae Community High School</p> <p>b. 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.</p> <p>c. Regarding the sites 1,2, 3, 4 and 7 listed in the paper, additional detail to</p>	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	September 2022		

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			<p>enable clearer rule-in/rule-out to include:</p> <p>a) the level of nearby public transport connections</p> <p>b) the nearest secondary school and the number of metres to walk to that school</p> <p>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</p> <p>d) Information on whether discussions have been had with current stakeholders regarding medium-term</p>				

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			<p>future of the following sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) <p>2) The report to also include a timeline setting out key decision making milestones</p> <p>3) To note that the Convener would share the latest response from the Cabinet Secretary for</p>				

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			Education & Skills with committee members and Comann Nam Pàrant.				
7B	20.09.22	<u>Gaelic Medium Education (GME) Update</u>	<p>1) 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.</p> <p>2) To agree that the Gaelic Implementation Group should have its first meeting in advance of the next meeting of the Education, Children & Families Committee scheduled for 15 November 2022.</p>	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	December 2022		November 2022 Appointments report on the agenda for item 2

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8	01-03-2022	<u>Report Regarding Petition – Review Cuts to English as an Additional Language Provision for Dalry Primary School</u>	<p>1) 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:</p> <p>2) To agree that an update is presented in December 2022 to report on the recommendations and actions detailed in the Integrated Impact Assessment.</p>	Executive Director of Education and Children’s Services	November 2022		<p>November 2022</p> <p>(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 positive impact on teaching, learning and attainment for learners at all stages of English language acquisition. Phase</p>

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							<p>3 started in August 2022, with EAL Specialist teachers continuing to support the school to consolidate and embed practice.</p> <p>(2) Evaluative Statement October 2022</p> <p>Almost all (26 out of 30) recommendations and actions have been completed, fully or partially. 4 (out of 30) recommendations and actions are planned. This process is ensuring that we continue to strengthen practice for bilingual and minority ethnic learners to ensure</p>

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							equality of opportunity and outcome.
9	07-12-21	Motion by Councillor Perry – Support for Teachers and School Staff	<p>“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.</p> <p>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 on our children and young people.</p> <p>Consequently, Committee agrees:</p>	Executive Director of Education and Children’s Services	March 2022		<p><u>November 2021</u></p> <p>All items complete with the exception of item 2 – we will provide a report on the PSA role in early 2023</p>

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 recovery phase and the efforts teachers and school staff are 				

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			<p>making to keep schools open.”</p> <p>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.</p>				
10	01-03-2022	Motion by Councillor Laidlaw – Preparation of School Meals	<p>“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.</p> <p>Recognises that despite the best-efforts of catering staff, food served in dining centres can fall short of the quality standards of that</p>		September 2022		Recommended for closure

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			<p>produced on-site and that this is exacerbated by longer journeys.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Supports officers in their efforts to secure additional Scottish Government funding to help grow the number of production kitchens.</p>				

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			<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>				
11	01-03-2022	<u>Business Bulletin – Supporting Teach for the Future</u>	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			<p><u>September 2022</u></p> <p>The Edinburgh Learns Sustainability Group have prepared an annual</p>

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							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
12	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 should be considered on a 'B' agenda.	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services			<u>November 2022</u> Recommended for closure - on the agenda

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			<p>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</p> <p>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 be 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 Council. These revised reports should be referred to</p>				

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			<p>a special meeting of Education, Children and Families Committee as soon as possible following the election.</p> <p>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.</p>				
13	25.08.2022 (Council)	<u>Appointment of Religious Representatives to the Education, Children and Families Committee</u>	<p>To request an update in the Business Bulletin of the next Education, Children and Families Committee on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of a second parent members to the committee to facilitate representation from both primary and secondary school parents. • Progress with establishing a children 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	January 2023		<p><u>November 2022</u></p> <p>Secondary sector parent representative appointed (Alexander Ramage) and the primary sector representatives will be confirmed at the EC&F committee on the 15 November.</p>

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			and young people's liaison group as agreed by committee in March 2022.				<p><u>November 2021</u></p> <p>Point 1 – Update to be provided after the next Consultative Committee with Parents meeting on the 8 November.</p> <p>Point 2- A further report is being submitted to full council in November which should address this request.</p>
14	20.09.2022	<u>Edinburgh Learns for Life: Equity</u>	To request an update as early as possible to a future Committee on the work of the new Contracts and Commissioning Team.	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services			Recommended for closure - on the agenda

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15	20.09.2022	<u>Early Years Partner Provider – Hourly Rate for Funded Early Learning and Childcare</u>	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		
16	20.09.2022	<u>Quality, Improvement and Scrutiny</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To agree to provide a copy of all recent QICS school reports to members of the committee and relevant ward councillors. 2) To request an update on 5.3 support at the November Education, Children & Families committee. 3) To request an update on any new inspection visits 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services			Recommended for closure - on the agenda

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			<p>that take place during September to November, at the November committee.</p> <p>4) To agree to provide a report to this committee (at the next scheduled date) on any school that receives a less than satisfactory rating for any *individual score, to allow for detailed discussion and scrutiny.</p>				
17	20.09.22	<u>Motion by Councillor Young – West Edinburgh High School</u>	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		

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18	20.09.22	<u>Motion by Councillor Burgess – Outdoor Learning for Edinburgh Schools</u>	<p>To request an update report on outdoor learning in Edinburgh schools including in particular;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; • How schools and teachers are supported to provide outdoor learning; • Plans for further development of outdoor learning.” 	Executive Director of Education and Children’s Services	Early 2023		

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19	22.09.22 (Council)	<u>Motion by Councillor Miller – Bikeability in all Primary Schools</u>	<p>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:</p> <p>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 to uptake and providing recommendations on ways to address these.</p> <p>b) Methods for re-communicating the scope and the benefit</p>	Executive Director of Education and Children’s Services	Early 2023		

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			of the free offer to schools “				
20	27.10.22 (Council)	<u>Motion by Councillor Gardiner – Information about Vaping</u>	Council requests a report to Education, Children and Families Committee within one cycle which considers a coordinated approach involving council school 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 about the choices they make.	Executive Director of Education and Children’s Services	January 2023		
21	27.10.22 (Council)	<u>Motion by Councillor Cowdy – YouTube Access at High Schools</u>	1) To instruct the Director of Education to prioritise resources to resolve the outstanding issues so that YouTube access is restricted no later than	Executive Director of Education and Children’s Services	November 2022		Recommended for closure. The works carried out to enhance the YouTube restrictions have

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			<p>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.</p> <p>2) Agrees that the Education and IT teams work to ensure that as 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.”</p>				<p>been successful. A new configuration is available and will reinstate YouTube access for Students on their Empowered Learning iPads.</p> <p>The rollout is underway but due to the large number of devices, may take a few days to roll through to every device.</p>

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22	27.10.22 (Council)	<u>Motion by Councillor Jones – Absenteeism in Schools</u>	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ensuring schools identify children who have had less than 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 	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	January 2023		

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			<p>tuition or small group tuition is available outside the normal school day.</p> <p>Where the above is not in place, what steps the Authority can take to assist Headteachers in providing pupils with increased assistance to improve attendance and, ultimately individual attainment.”</p>				