

# LEARNING AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Learning and Families Committee held in the Council Chambers, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 23 August 2023 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors J Rebbeck, S Carr, M Frampton, Bailie C Ahern, K Allan (substituting on behalf of Councillor N Khogali), L Barrett, N Freshwater, D Illingworth (substitute on behalf of Councillor C Reid), B Leishman, I MacPherson, I Massie, Provost X McDade (substituting on behalf of Councillor C Stewart), C Shiers, and J Welch; Ms M Conroy, Mr T Kearns and Ms M Powell.

In attendance: S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); P Cunningham, G Doogan, S Johnston, D Macluskey, F MacKay, S Sweeney and S Turner (all Education and Children's Services); D Williams, A Brown and M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies: Councillors N Khogali and C Reid; Mr A Ferguson.

Councillor J Rebbeck, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led on Items 1-6 and 8-9 and Vice-Convener Frampton led on Item 7.

## 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting. Apology for absence was noted as above.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

## 3. MINUTES

### (i) Learning and Families Committee

The minute of meeting of the Learning and Families Committee of 3 May 2023 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

### (ii) Executive Sub-Committee of the Learning and Families Committee

The minute of meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 20 March 2023 was submitted and noted.

### (iii) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 27 March 2023

The minute of meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 27 March 2023 was submitted and noted.

**(iv) Children, Young People and Families Partnership of 3 March 2023**

The minute of meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Partnership of 3 March 2023 was submitted and noted.

**4. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STATEMENT**

The Outstanding Business Statement (23/232) was noted.

**5. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE**

The Committee welcomed the new primary and secondary teacher representatives to their first meeting Committee.

Following advertisement there was one application received for the appointment of a third religious representative, this being the current member Mr Adrian Ferguson. As Mr Ferguson has currently sat on the Committee since 2019 and in consultation with the Convener it be agreed that Mr Ferguson be reappointed to the Committee.

Following advertisement there were insufficient nominations for primary or secondary parent representatives. It was noted that once parent councils have reformed following the school holidays these vacancies will be advertised again.

**6. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2022/23**

There was a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (23/181) (1) presenting the Annual Performance Report 2022/23; and (2) detailing progress against targets and improvement actions over the last year against the 2022/23 Business Management and Improvement Plan.

**Resolved:**

The Education and Children's Services Annual Performance Report 2022/23, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 23/181, be approved.

**7. CARER'S STRATEGY 2023-2026 FOR YOUNG AND ADULT CARERS**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (23/223) seeking approval for the refreshed Joint Young Carers Strategy 2023-2026 which was developed to allow response to new duties contained in the Carer (Scotland) Act 2016.

**Resolved:**

The refreshed Carers Strategy for 2023-2026 for Young and Adult Carers be approved.

**8. PERTH AND KINROSS EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023/2024**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (23/224) providing (1) an update on progress against the

Education Improvement Plan 2022-2023; and (2) details on the priorities set within the Education Improvement Plan 2023-2024.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Education Improvement Plan 2023-2024 be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be requested to submit the Plan to the Scottish Government by 30 September 2023.

**9. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY (2023-2026)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) presenting for approval the Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) Parental Involvement and Engagement (PIE) Strategy and Three-Year Improvement Plan.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The comments on the contents of the Strategy be noted.
- (ii) The Three-Year Implementation Plan to support the Strategy, for delivery from August 2023; be approved.
- (iii) A report on progress prior to the introduction of a new Strategy, in August 2026, be requested.