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 29 June 2022 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors J Rebbeck, S Carr, M Frampton, Bailie C Ahern, Councillors L Barrett, A Forbes (substituting for Councillor N Freshwater), K Harvey (substituting for Councillor J Welch), N Khogali, B Leishman, Provost X McDade, Councillors T McEwan (substituting for Councillor I Massie), I MacPherson, C Reid, C Shiers and C Stewart; Mrs M Conroy, Mr A Ferguson, Professor T Moran and Mrs C Weston.

In attendance: S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); G Boland, J Chiles, G Doogan, S Johnston, D Macluskey, H Robertson and B Scott (all Education and Children's Services); L Brown, A Brown, M Pasternak, A McMeekin and B Parker (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies for absence: Councillors Freshwater, Massie and Welch; Mr A Charlton, Mr M Gowrie and Mrs A McAuley.

Councillor J Rebbeck, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were 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) Lifelong Learning Committee

The minute of meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 30 March 2022 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(ii) Executive Sub-Committee

The minute of meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 21 March 2022 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

(iii) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff

The minute of meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 7 December 2021 was submitted and noted. (Appendix II)

4. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES JOINT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2022/23 AND SERVICE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021/22

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (22/137) presenting (1) the Education and Children's Services Joint Service Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) 2022/23 and Annual Performance Report (ARP) 2021/22, (2) detailing progress against targets and improvement actions over the last year, and (3) setting out priority focus areas for the coming year to support the delivery of the Council's strategic objectives and outcomes.

Resolved:

- (i) The Education and Children's Services Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2022/23 and Service Annual Performance Report 2021/22, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 22/137, be approved
- (ii) It be noted that the Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan and the Service Annual Performance Report were submitted to the Scrutiny and Performance Committee on 8 June 2022 for scrutiny and comment.

5. NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS

It be noted that the Council at its meeting on 25 May 2022 agreed that the current non-Council Members be re-appointed and that elections for the appointment of new members be held as soon as possible.

6. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LEARNING AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

Resolved:

It be noted that at the Council meeting of 22 June it was agreed that 7 members of the Learning and Families Committee be appointed to the Executive Sub-Committee in line with the guide to political balance.

7. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE EDUCATION APPEAL COMMITTEE

Resolved:

The members of the Lifelong Learning Committee be appointed to a panel from the which the Council's representatives would be selected as required to sit on the Education Appeal Committee.

8. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PERTH AND KINROSS EDUCATIONAL TRUST COMMITTEE

Resolved:

The Head of Legal and Governance Services to further consult with members of the Learning and Families Committee to appoint 11 members to the Perth and Kinross Educational Trust Committee.

9. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE JOINT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR TEACHING STAFF

It be noted that the Council as it's meetings of 25 May and 22 June 2022 agreed the following three members of the Learning and Families Committee be appointed to the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff:-

Councillor John Rebbeck Councillor Caroline Shiers Councillor Steven Carr

10. VALEDICTORY - LINDA BROWN

The Convener made reference to the upcoming retiral of Linda Brown, Committee Officer who had worked for the Council in a number of roles since 1978.

The Convener, members of the Committee and staff all thanked Linda for her hard work and guidance over a number of years and wished her well in her retirement.