

LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee held virtually on Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors C Shiers, J Duff, K Baird, L Barrett, A Forbes, I Massie, X McDade, B Pover, C Purves, J Rebbeck, C Reid, F Sarwar and L Simpson; Mr A Charlton, Mr A Ferguson, Mrs A McAuley and Mrs C Weston.

In attendance: S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); J Pepper, G Boland, C Cranmer (up to Item 5), G Doogan (up to Item 5), S Johnston, F Mackay (up to Item 5), D Macleod, B Martin Scott (up to Item 5), D Macluskey, H Robertson, N Rogerson (up to Item 5) and C Taylor (all Education and Children's Services); C Flynn, L Brown, A Brown, M Pasternak, L McGuigan, A McMeekin and B Parker (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies for absence: Mr J Bell, Mrs P Giles, Mr D McBride, Miss T Moran and Mr M Gowrie

Councillor C Shiers, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2. TRIBUTE TO COUNCILLOR H ANDERSON

The Convener reported with sadness the death of Councillor Henry Anderson on 27 December 2020. In paying tribute to Councillor Anderson the Convener referred to his dedicated service to the Lifelong Learning Committee and to the energy and enthusiasm with which he served the local community as an elected member representative for the Almond and Earn Ward. On behalf of the Committee she extended her sincere condolences to Henry's family and friends. Councillors Rebbeck, McDade, Purves, Baird and Simpson also paid tribute to Councillor Anderson.

THE COMMITTEE HELD A MINUTE'S SILENCE AS A MARK OF RESPECT

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4. MINUTES

(i) Lifelong Learning Committee

The minute of meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 4 November 2020 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(ii) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff

The minute of meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 22 September 2020 was submitted and noted.

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING

(i) Perth and Kinross Children, Young People and Families Partnership

The minute of meeting of the Perth and Kinross Children, Young People and Families Partnership of 18 September 2020 was submitted and noted.

6. COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS – UPDATE ON IMPACT ON EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) and other senior officers provided the Committee with a verbal update on Education and Children's Services continuing response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

C CRANMER, G DOOGAN, F MACKAY, B MARTIN SCOTT AND N ROGERSON LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

THE COMMITTEE TOOK A 10 MINUTE RECESS AND RECONVENED AT 11.15AM.

7. SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT STRATEGY FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES 2021-2024

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (21/6) (1) seeking approval of the Self-Directed Support Strategy 2021-2024 for Services for Children, Young People and Families; (2) reflecting key aspects of the legislation and guidance from Social Work Scotland; and (3) outlining the plan to work with children, young people and their families to increase choice and control when receiving their social care support.

Resolved:

- (i) The Self-Directed Support Strategy for Children, Young People and Families 2021-2024 be approved.
- (ii) The development and inclusion of key performance indicators within the annual Business Management Improvement Plan for 2021/22 be supported.

8. HIGHLAND PERTSHIRE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP – UPDATE REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (21/7) providing a progress update on the work of the Highland Perthshire Learning Partnership.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress of the Learning and Property Sub-Group of the Highland Perthshire Learning Partnership be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that future progress on the work of the Learning Sub-Group will be incorporated in the annual Business Management Improvement Plan.
- (iii) It be noted that future progress on the work of the Property Sub-Group will be reported to Property Sub-Committee.