

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LEARNING AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Learning and Families Committee held virtually on Monday 29 August 2022 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors J Rebbeck, S Carr, M Frampton, L Barrett, N Khogali, B Leishman (substituting for Provost X McDade) and C Shiers.

In Attendance: S Johnston, Head of Education and Learning, A Carr, P Davidson, P Edwards, N Helm, B Martin-Scott, D Millar and L Richards (all Education and Children's Services) and D Williams (Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: A Brown and M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services)

Apologies: Provost X McDade

Councillor J Rebbeck, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting. An apology for absence was noted above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee of 1 November 2021 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

4. STANDARDS AND QUALITY IN SCHOOLS, LEARNING COMMUNITIES AND PRE-SCHOOL CENTRES/DAY CARE OF CHILDREN

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (22/194) setting out the key findings following inspections and evaluations of early learning and childcare settings undertaken by the Care Inspectorate on the day care of children since the Executive Sub-Committee of Lifelong Learning Committee on 20 January 2022. There were no Education Scotland/Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education inspections of schools or learning communities to report at this time.

Resolved:

Having heard from the relevant officers on the key findings of the inspection reports and following consideration and questions from the sub-committee, the reports as appended to Report 22/194 be noted as follows:

- (a) Balhousie and North Muirton ELC (Appendix 1)
- (b) Summary of Care Inspectorate Day Care of Children's Inspections (Appendix 2)

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5. PRESENTATION BY CARE INSPECTORATE

F Murray and D Watson, both Care Inspectorate, delivered a slide-based presentation to members regarding the quality framework of children, childminding and school-aged children and inspections.

The Convener thanked F Murray and D Watson for their presentation, and they both left the meeting at this point.

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6. SUMMARY REPORT ON CARE INSPECTORATE AND EDUCATION SCOTLAND INSPECTIONS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (22/195) providing an overview of the performance of Education and Children's Services inspected and reported over the past two years by the Care Inspectorate and Education Scotland, since the previous report of this type in 2020, and sets out the Service's approach to implementing improvement actions arising out of inspection. A report was not prepared in 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic which led to a pause in inspection activity.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 22/195 and its appendices, be noted.

7. INSPECTIONS OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BY THE CARE INSPECTORATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (22/196) setting out the key findings following inspections and evaluations of Services for Children and Young People undertaken by the Care Inspectorate, namely the Fostering Service, the Adoption Service and the Adult Placement Scheme.

Resolved:

Having heard from the relevant officers on the key findings of the inspection reports and following consideration and questions from the sub-committee, the reports as appended to Report 22/58 be noted as follows:

- (a) Perth and Kinross Council - Fostering Services (Appendix 1)
- (b) Adoption Service (Appendix 2)
- (c) Supported Lodgings (Appendix 3)

8. COLLABORATIVE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (22/197) (1) providing the Committee with the key findings of the Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) Collaborative Improvement Programme, (2) setting out the new approach to securing improvement within Education Services, through shared work involving staff from the local authority, Education Scotland and Association of Directors of Education Services (ADES), and (3) seeking to describe the process of collaborative improvement, to summarise the key findings for the PKC Education Service, and to outline the next steps to be taken as a result of this.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 22/195 and its appendices, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be requested to report on the impact of the actions detailed through the Education Report and Plan in August 2023.