

# 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 15 March 2023 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors J Rebbeck, S Carr, Bailie C Ahern, Councillors L Barrett, M Frampton, N Freshwater, N Khogali, B Leishman, I MacPherson, I Massie, Provost X McDade, Councillors C Reid, C Shiers, and J Welch.

In attendance: S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); G Boland, P Davison, G Doogan, S Johnston, D Macluskey, H Robertson, B Martin-Scott, F MacKay, L Richards and K Robertson (all Education and Children's Services); D Williams, A Brown and M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies for absence: Councillor C Stewart

Councillor J Rebbeck, Convener, Presiding.

## 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 2 November 2022 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

### (ii) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 14 June 2022

The minute of meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 14 June 2022 was submitted and noted.

### (iii) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 20 September 2022

The minute of meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 20 September 2022 was submitted and noted.

**(iv) Children, Young People and Families Partnership of 30 September 2022**

The minute of meeting of the meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Partnership of 30 September 2022 was submitted and noted.

**(v) Children, Young People and Families Partnership of 2 December 2022**

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**4. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STATEMENT**

The Outstanding Business Statement (23/84) was noted.

**5. RESERVED PLACES IN SCHOOLS 2023/2024 AND MAXIMISING CAPACITIES UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (23/85) (1) proposing the number of reserved places for session 2023/2024, within primary and secondary schools, in accordance with Section 28A of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, as amended. This allows places to be protected for local children to attend their catchment school. The report is also (2) informing Committee where primary class capacities have been maximised during school session 2022/2023.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The number of reserved places, within schools which have classes with a limited number of spaces at specific stages, for session 2023/2024 as shown in Appendix 1 of Report 23/85, be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be requested to revise these numbers each year to reflect historical or anticipated patterns of migration, information about known movements of families in to (or out of) an area, and any current residential development.
- (iii) Responsibility be delegated to the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) to keep under review the reserved places for all schools in light of any building work in schools and in light of residential development;
- (iv) The primary schools where class capacities have been maximised during session 2022/2023, be noted.

**6. POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSIONS TO NURSERY CLASSES AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (23/86) outline for Elected Members the requirement for changes to the current Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) Early Learning and

Childcare Policy and Guidelines for Admission to Nursery Classes and Early Childhood Centres 2022-23.

**Resolved:**

The changes required to the current Early Learning and Childcare Policy and Guidelines for Admission to Nursery Classes and Early Childhood Centres 2022-23, as set out within Report 23/96, be noted.

THE VICE -CONVENER S CARR LED ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM

**7. PERTH AND KINROSS EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACCESSIBILITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2022 – 2025**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (23/87) requesting approval of the Accessibility Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2025, which delivers on a duty of the Education Authority in relation to the Education (Disability Strategies and Pupils' Educational Records) (Scotland) Act 2002.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Accessibility Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2025, be approved;
- (ii) It be agreed that the approved Strategy and Action Plan is submitted to Perth & Kinross Council for noting.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be requested to review the implementation of the Action Plan annually and provide a progress report to Committee by October 2025.

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**8. CORPORATE PARENTING UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (23/88) providing an update to Committee regarding the progress of the actions contained within the Corporate Parenting Plan 2021-2024. The Corporate Parenting Plan (Appendix 1) and the Action Plan Update 2021- 2024 (Appendix 2) were included as agreed at Full Council on 9 March 2022.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress made in relation to the Corporate Parenting Plan actions, be noted.
- (ii) A further update be submitted in one year's time.

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**9. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT HEALTH AND WELLBEING CENSUS**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (23/89) presenting key findings from the Health and Wellbeing Census developed by the Scottish Government and undertaken in Perth and Kinross schools during academic year 2021/22.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The background to, and results of, the Health and Wellbeing Census, and that the Scottish Government published figures for all local authorities on 28 February 2023, be noted.
- (ii) The planned actions for use of the collated census results, be noted.
- (iii) The plans for revisiting certain topics/questions with surveys in schools, be noted.

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