

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 25 October 2023 at 2.00pm.

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

In attendance: S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); G Doogan, S Johnston, D Macluskey, B Martin-Scott, H Roberton and S Turner (all Education and Children's Services); A Taylor, A Brown and R Ramsay (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies: Councillor S Carr and Provost X McDade; and Mrs M Conroy.

Councillor J Rebbeck, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led on Items 1-5 and 8-9 and Vice-Convener Frampton led on Item 6.

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) Learning and Families Committee

The minute of meeting of the Learning and Families Committee of 23 August 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 15 May 2023 was submitted and noted.

(iii) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 12 June 2023

The minute of meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 12 June 2023 was submitted and noted.

(iv) Children, Young People and Families Partnership of 16 June 2023

The minute of meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Partnership of 16 June 2023 was submitted and noted.

4. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STATEMENT

The Outstanding Business Statement (23/278) was noted.

5. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE

The Committee noted that Mrs Susan McLagan will replace Ms Teresa Moran as the religious representative from the Roman Catholic Church.

The Convener and Councillor Shiers both expressed thanks to Ms Moran for her many years of service to the work of the Committee and wished her well in the future.

VICE-CONVENER FRAMPTON LED ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

6. TAYSIDE CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

There was a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (23/279) (1) providing an update on the achievement of agreed actions throughout 2022-2023; and (2) seeking approval of the Tayside Plan for Infants, Children, Young People and Families 2023-2026.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress on the agreed actions within the Tayside Plan for Children, Young People and Families (2021-2023) Annual Report (2022-2023), as attached at Appendix 2 to Report 23/279, be noted.
- (ii) The Tayside Plan for Infants, Children, Young People and Families (2023-2026, as attached at Appendix 1 to Report 23/279, be approved.
- (iii) An annual progress report on the delivery of the 2023-2026 Plan be brought to the Learning and Families Committee in October 2024.

THE CONVENER LED ON THE REMAINING ITEMS.

7. RAISING ATTAINMENT UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (23/280) providing an update to progress on the Education and children's Services Raising Attainment Strategy 2020-2023.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 23/280 be noted.

- (ii) It be noted that Report 23/280 will be submitted to the Scrutiny and Performance Committee for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

THERE FOLLOWED A SHORT RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 3.22PM

8. PUPIL EQUITY FUNDING UPDATE 2023

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (23/281) providing an update on progress made in Perth and Kinross to close the poverty-related attainment gap through the use of Pupil Equity Funding (PEF).

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 23/281 be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 23/281 will be submitted to the Scrutiny and Performance Committee for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

9. VALEDICTORY

The Convener referred to this being the last meeting of this Committee for Sharon Johnston, Head of Education and Learning. He thanked her for the contribution she has made to the work of this Committee over the years, for her years of service to local government and wished her well for the future.

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