

LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee held virtually on Wednesday 3 November 2021 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors C Shiers, J Duff, K Baird, L Barrett, A Forbes, I Massie, R McCall (substituting for Councillor C Purves), X McDade, B Pover, J Rebbeck, C Reid, F Sarwar and L Simpson; Mr A Charlton, Mrs A McAuley, Professor T Moran, and Mrs C Weston.

In attendance: S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); J Pepper, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); G Boland, S Johnston, F Mackay, D Macluskey, S Turner, K Robertson, and C Taylor (all Education and Children's Services); F Robertson and M Fraser (Communities); C Flynn, L Brown, A Brown and M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies for absence: Councillor C Purves, Mr A Ferguson and Mr M Gowrie.

Councillor C Shiers, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led on Items 1-5 and 8, the Vice-Convener led on Items 6-7.

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 25 August 2021 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 15 June 2021 was submitted and noted.

4. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES JOINT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2021/22 AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2020/21

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (21/158) (1) presenting the Business Management and

Improvement Plan (BMIP) for 2021/22 and Annual Performance Report 2020/21 for Education and Children's Services; (2) providing a report on progress, performance against key performance indicators; and (3) setting out priorities for the current year.

Resolved:

The Education and Children's Services Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for 2021/22 and Annual Performance Report 2020/21 be approved.

5. ATTAINMENT AND PUPIL EQUITY FUNDING UPDATE 2021

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (21/201) (1) providing an update on progress made in Perth and Kinross to raise attainment and close the poverty-related attainment gap; (2) outlining the range of measures implemented to improve performance and monitor progress of improvements, including the use of Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) to support children and young people. This meets the requirements to report on the National Improvement Framework (NIF) for education and on the expenditure and impact of the Pupil Equity Fund.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 21/201 be noted.

6. LEARNING ESTATE STRATEGY AND LEARNING ESTATE MANAGEMENT PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (21/202) seeking approval of (1) the Perth and Kinross Learning Estate Strategy; and (2) the Learning Estate Management Plan (LEMP).

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that the management of the Learning Estate in Perth and Kinross aligns well with the national Learning Estate Strategy.
- (ii) It be noted that there are plans that the Learning Estate Strategy aligns with, and complements, the Council's Investment Blueprint. The Learning Estate Strategy will help to inform development of the Council's Corporate Asset Management Strategy.
- (iii) The Perth and Kinross Learning Estate Strategy, as Appendix 1 to Report 21/202, be approved.
- (iv) The Perth and Kinross Learning Estate Management Plan (LEMP), as Appendix 2 to Report 21/202, be approved.
- (v) The revised capacities, in paragraph 2.8 of Report 21/202, which are detailed in the LEMP, be approved.

THERE FOLLOWED A SHORT RECESS.
THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED AT 10.55AM.

7. DUAL SECONDARY SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREA – KIRKMICHAEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (21/203) presenting the outcome of a scoping exercise,

undertaken at the request of the Lifelong Learning Committee, on the possibility of making Kirkmichael Primary School catchment area a dual catchment area for both Blairgowrie High School and Pitlochry High School with the purpose of increasing the school roll at Pitlochry High School.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that the pupil roll at Pitlochry High School is projected to increase without the introduction of a dual catchment.
- (ii) The outcome of the survey undertaken with parents/carers of pupils currently attending Kirkmichael Primary School be noted.
- (iii) It be noted that establishing a dual catchment area for Pitlochry High School and Blairgowrie High School for Kirkmichael Primary School, would not achieve the objective of increasing the school roll at Pitlochry High School significantly over the next 6 years, based on the survey results;
- (iv) It be noted that there is the possibility of detriment to Blairgowrie High School, if there is a reduction in pupil numbers, due to an incremental reduction in staffing.
- (v) The challenges and additional costs associated with travel to Pitlochry High School and Breadalbane Academy be noted.
- (vi) The retention of the existing secondary catchment arrangements between Kirkmichael Primary School and Blairgowrie High School be approved.

In terms of Standing Order 22, Councillor X McDade requested that his dissent be recorded to the decision taken.

8. COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-2024

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (21/204) seeking approval of the new Community Learning and Development (CLD) Plan 2021-2024 and noting of the final performance report of the 2019-2021 CLD Plan.

Resolved:

- (i) The performance report for the CLD Plan 2019-21, at Appendix 1 to Report 21/204, be noted.
- (ii) The draft CLD Plan 2021-24, at Appendix 2 to Report 21/204, be approved.
- (iii) An annual update on the CLD Plan returning to Lifelong Learning Committee be agreed.