

LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee held virtually on Wednesday 4 November 2020 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors C Shiers, J Duff, H Anderson, K Baird, A Forbes, X McDade, T McEwan, B Pover J Rebbeck, C Reid, F Sarwar, L Simpson and C Stewart (substituting for C Purves); Mr A Ferguson, Mr M Gowrie, and Mrs A McAuley.

In attendance: S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); J Pepper, G Boland, S Johnston, F Mackay, D Macleod, B Martin Scott, H Robertson, K Robertson and C Taylor (all Education and Children's Services); J Cockburn, C Flynn and L Brown (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies for absence: Councillor C Purves, Mr J Bell, Mr A Charlton, Mrs P Giles, Mr D McBride, Miss T Moran and Mrs C Weston.

The Convener led discussion on Items 1-5 and Vice-Convener Duff on Items 6-7.

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. 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 26 August 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 26 May 2020 was submitted and noted.

(iii) Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff

The minute of special meeting of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff of 23 June 2020 was submitted and noted.

4. Abernyste Primary School - Scoping Report

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (20/208) seeking approval for the scope and principles to be used to underpin the options appraisal to be developed for a catchment review for Abernyste Primary School.

Resolved:

- (i) The principles and factors, detailed in Sections 2 and 4 of Report 20/208, be approved.
- (ii) The proposed options that would form the options appraisal, detailed in Section 6.4 of Report 20/208, be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be requested to submit a completed options appraisal to Lifelong Learning Committee in May 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter.

5. SQA Examinations Update

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (20/209) (1) providing an update on the main milestones and outcomes of the 2019/20 Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) examination/assessment diet; and (2) detailing the planning taking place to address the challenges that remain for those forthcoming in the 2020/21 academic year.

Resolved:

The content of Report 20/209 and arrangements expected for 2020/21 examinations be noted.

6. Education and Children's Services Annual Performance Report 2019/20

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (20/159) (1) presenting the Annual Performance Report 2019/20 for Education and Children's Services; (2) summarising Service performance over the period of April 2019 - March 2020 in delivering better outcomes for everyone in Perth and Kinross; and (3) reporting on performance against key performance indicators.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that Report 20/159 was submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 9 September 2020 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.
- (ii) The contents of Education and Children's Services Annual Performance Report 2019/20, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 20/159, be approved.

7. Attainment and Pupil Equity Funding Update 2020

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (20/210) (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 to support learners. It 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:

- (i) The contents of Report 20/210, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 20/210 will be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 2 December 2020 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.