

MORAY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting of the Children and Young People's Committee

Wednesday, 03 April 2019

Council Chambers, Council Office, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BX

PRESENT

Councillor George Alexander, Councillor James Allan, Ms Nicola Belcher, Councillor Frank Brown, Councillor Paula Coy, Mrs Anne Currie, Councillor Ryan Edwards, Councillor Claire Feaver, Councillor Louise Laing, Councillor Aaron McLean, Councillor Shona Morrison, Councillor Derek Ross, Mrs Susan Slater, Councillor Sonya Warren

APOLOGIES

Miss Leah Burt, Councillor Lorna Creswell, Councillor Tim Eagle, Ms Angela Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance at the above meeting were Denise Whitworth, Corporate Director (Corporate Services), Vivienne Cross, Head of Schools and Curriculum Development, Nick Goodchild, Acting Head of Culture, Sport and Lifelong Learning, Jennifer Gordon, Corporate Parenting and Commissioning Manager, Maxine Scott, ESO Skills Officer, Stuart McLaughlin, Quality Improvement Officer and Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer.

1. Chair of Meeting

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Sonya Warren.

2. Business

The Chair asked the Committee to confirm that they had all received a copy of the supplementary item on the agenda, item 15a Care Inspectorate - Joint Children's Services Return Inspection Report 2019. The Committee agreed that they all had received item 15a.

The Chair confirmed that all items on the agenda should be starred to allow consideration by all members of the Committee.

3. Congratulations

The Committee joined the Chair in congratulating a Keith Grammar student on winning a national award.

Lee Scott was named the Astra Zeneca STEM Student of the Year at a ceremony in London on 2 April 2019.

The award recognised the student from across the UK who has made the most progress towards a career in a STEM industry through the national Career Ready programme. The award also recognised the student who can inspire others to consider STEM careers with their stories.

Eighteen year old Lee completed two internships at engineering firms in Keith and Aberdeen under the guidance of his mentor Steven Dunbar, the Managing Director of oil and gas engineering company, Global Resources.

This followed Milne's High School pupil Erika Stewart, who was named 'Moray Student of the Year' at a ceremony in Perth last week.

Career Ready is one of Moray Council's key offers to all secondary school students in their senior phase through the Moray Skills Pathway. Thirty eight young people also graduated this year and 50 are enrolled in this year's intake.

The Committee joined the Chair in sincerely congratulating the Council's education team for all the work they put into Moray's programme, one which is seen as leading by the national executive.

The Committee also joined the Chair in thanking the main sponsors of the programme in Moray, Diageo.

4. Declaration of Group Decisions and Members Interests *

In terms of Standing Order 20 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct, there were no declarations from Group Leaders or Spokespersons in regard to any prior decisions taken on how Members will vote on any item on the agenda or any declarations of Member's interests in respect of any item on the agenda.

5. Minute of Meeting on 13 February 2019

The minute of the meeting of the Children and Young People's Committee dated 13 February 2019 was submitted and approved.

6. Written Questions **

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted.

7. Young Carers Strategy

A report by the Acting Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) informed the Committee of the Young Carers Strategy 2018-19.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mrs Slater, Secondary School representative highlighted that the Named Person Strategy has changed and the changes would need to be reflected in the strategy. In response the Corporate Parenting and Commissioning Manager confirmed that the Health Steering Group acknowledged that updates would need to be made and since the papers were distributed to Committee a more refined version has been created and that the document will continue to be refined as the process goes on to reflect the issues raised.

Mrs Slater, Secondary School represented further expressed concerns about distributing a draft working document which does not reflect the changes around Getting It Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) and child planning as it could be confusing for practitioners/teachers due to the re-launch of the child planning process. The draft Young Carers Strategy still sits with the old child planning process and she would prefer to see the draft Strategy presented to the next Committee for approval.

In response, the Corporate Parenting and Commissioning Manager confirmed that, submitting the updated Strategy to the next meeting of the Committee would be agreeable.

As there was no one otherwise minded the Committee agreed to amend the recommendations in the report to agree that the updated draft Young Carers Strategy will be submitted to the next Committee meeting in May 2019 for agreement.

8. Schools for the Future Reviews - Speyside High School ASG

A report by the Acting Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) informed Committee of the findings of the Schools for the Future Review visits to the Speyside High School Associated Schools Group (ASG) which took place between November and December 2018.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to:

- i) note the report; and
- ii) receive a further report detailing the new Schools for the Future Strategy in line with the Council's ongoing Property Asset Management review and the resource required to implement.

9. Analysis of Secondary School Attainment 2017-18 and Wider Achievement 2017-2018

A report by the Acting Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) updated the Committee on the interim Secondary School Attainment 2017/18 report submitted to the meeting on 21 November 2018.

This report included information from Senior Phase National Qualifications results, including information on the National Measures on attainment and achievement as profiled on "Insight", the Senior Phase Benchmarking Tool.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note:

- the updated attainment information of young people in Moray, with specific
- i) regard to the National Measures for leavers published on Insight in February 2019; and
 - ii) the content of the Wider Achievement report.

10. Northern Alliance RAILLC Emerging Literacy Workstream, Taking a Developmental Approach to Emerging Literacy

A report by the Acting Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) invited the Committee to scrutinise and note the progress of impact of the Northern Alliance Regional Improvement Collaborative (RIC) workstream - taking a developmental approach to Emerging literacy - in Moray, reviewing last full sessions data set for impact (2017/18) and current year implementation plan (2018/19)

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note the content of the report.

11. Education and Social Care Capital Budgets 2018-19-April

A report by the Acting Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) informed Committee of projects and proposed expenditure for Capital Budgets within Education and Social Care for 2018/19.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

12. Education Scotland Inspection of Millbank Primary School

A report by the Acting Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) invited the Committee to scrutinise and note the outcomes of the recently published report on a Moray School following inspection by Education Scotland.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note the content of the report.

13. Education and Children and Families Revenue Budget Monitoring Report February 2019

A report by the Acting Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) informed the Committee of the budget position for Education and Children and Families Services as at 28 February 2019.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to note the budget position as at 28 February 2019.

14. Education Scotland Inspection of Cullen Primary Nursery, Cullen - October 2018

A report by the Acting Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) invited the Committee to scrutinise and note the outcomes of the recently published report on a Moray Early Learning Centre (ELC) setting following inspection by Education Scotland.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note the content of the report.

15. Education Scotland Inspection of Cullen Primary

A report by the Acting Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) invited the Committee to scrutinise and note the outcomes of the recently published report on a Moray school following inspection by Education Scotland.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note the content of the report.

16. Singleton Inspections of ELC - Published Reports from January

A report by the Acting Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) informed the Committee of the content of singleton inspection reports of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) centres by the Care Inspectorate which were published during January and February 2019.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

17. Introduction of Sector Days as Part of Moray Skills Pathway

A report by the Acting Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) informed the Committee of the significant development in implementing the Moray Skills Pathway through the introduction of 7 sector days, and acknowledge the contribution from Partners.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to note the content of the report.

18. Care Inspectorate - Joint Childrens Services Return Inspection Report 2019

A report by the Acting Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) informed the Committee of the outcome and publication of the Return Inspection Report.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note the content and recommendations contained in the return inspection report.

19. Question Time ***

Under reference to paragraph 20 of the minute of the previous meeting of 13 February 2019, Councillor Feaver sought an update on the work carried out to highlight to parents the option to opt out of completing the surveys which are currently being undertaken by the Scottish Government.

In response the Head of Schools and Curriculum Development confirmed that no work had been carried out as on further investigation the letters sent to parents clearly stated that there was an option to opt out of completing the surveys.

Councillor Morrison sought agreement from the Committee that the meeting dates for Children and Young People's Committee avoid Easter and October holiday times in the future.

In response the Committee Services Officer agreed to look at the future meeting dates of the Children and Young People's Committee.