

MORAY COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, 05 November 2019

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

PRESENT

Councillor George Alexander, Councillor James Allan, Councillor David Bremner, Councillor Paula Coy, Councillor Lorna Creswell, Councillor Claire Feaver, Councillor Shona Morrison, Councillor Derek Ross, Mrs Susan Slater, Councillor Sonya Warren

APOLOGIES

Ms Nicola Belcher, Councillor Frank Brown, Mrs Anne Currie, Councillor Tim Eagle, Councillor Ryan Edwards, Councillor Aaron McLean, Mr John Morrison, Reverend Tembu Rongong, Ms Angela Stuart, Caitlin Thomson-Gardner

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were the Head of Education, Jackie Stevenson, Acting Joint Head of Children's Services, Willem Smit, Quality Improvement Officer and Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer.

Resumption of the Meeting

Resumption of the meeting of 30 October 2019.

13. National Education Priorities - Excellence and Equity

Councillor A McLean joined the meeting during the discussion of this item.

During the discussion of this item, it became apparent that the report was not the correct version, therefore the Committee agreed that the paper be deferred until the December meeting of the Committee to allow the correct version to be submitted.

14. Singleton Inspections of ELC - Published Reports July and August

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) informed the Committee of singleton inspection reports of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) centres by the Care Inspectorate which were published during July and August 2019.

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

15. Implementation of Pupil Equity Fund in Moray Schools - Progress Update

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) informed the Committee about progress made with the implementation of the Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) in schools and the evidence of impact to date.

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

15a. Improvement and Partnership Plan - Education Self Evaluation Pilot Project

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) informed the Committee about a pilot project to collaboratively self-evaluate educational provision in Moray in partnership with Education Scotland.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to:

- i) note the content of this report; and
- ii) note that there will be a standards and quality report to this Committee on 18 December 2019.

16. Progress Report on Developing the Young Workforce Partnership

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) invited the Committee to scrutinise and note the progress made across Moray in relation to Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) in response to Scotland's Youth Employment Strategy.

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

17. Question Time ***

Under reference to paragraph 17 of the minute of the meeting of 28 August 2019, Councillor Ross requested a diagram of the new structure within Education and Children and Families Social Work.

In response, the Head of Education confirmed that she would be circulate a structure chart to all members.

Under reference to paragraph 11 of the minute of the meeting of 28 August 2019, Councillor Feaver sought an update on the Additional Support Needs and SEBN review.

In response, the Joint Acting Head of Children's Services, Jackie Stevenson confirmed that all the research and consultation has been completed is being compiled into a report to be brought back to a future Committee. She further confirmed that the formal consultation will take place in January 2020.

Councillor Ross requested the all Councillors and Officers have a full day booked out in their diary for Children and Young People's Committee in the future so that

the Committee do not find themselves in the same position of having to re-convene the Committee on a different day.

In response, the Chair confirmed that she had requested member's diaries to be updated and that consideration will be given to meeting lengths when compiling the agendas for future meetings.

Councillor Bremner, on behalf of Councillor Laing sought confirmation on the number of Climate Change Working Groups in operation in the schools.

In response the Chair confirmed that the information would be obtained and passed to members of the Committee.

Councillor Creswell asked whether inviting Head Teachers to meetings of the Committee was going to continue in the future, as she had found it a useful to get their perspective.

In response, the Head of Education confirmed that Head Teachers should be coming along to meetings to be scrutinised, however thought needs to be given on how this is managed as Head Teachers in both primary and secondary schools are under pressure particularly if they have a teaching commitment.

Mrs Slater sought clarification on whether the staffing update given in confidence at the end of Children and Young People's Committee still needs to take place.

In response the Head of Education, said that she felt there was still a need for the Committee to be kept up to date on the current staffing position.