

S42. FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND (FPP): 2012/13 MONITORING REPORT (EDUCATION SERVICES)

The Council had previously agreed that the scrutiny of those organisations which received full or part funding be undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee.

The Committee considered a report by the Joint Acting Directors of Education presenting individual reports on the 13 voluntary/third party organisations which receive funding, in whole or part, from Education Services. Each report set out the service provided, the agreed outcomes/objectives and performance information.

In terms of the Following the Public Found Framework, a monitoring officer had been appointed by the funding service to each of the external organisations.

Gary Greenhorn provided a general overview of the report. Andrew Facherty then provided a detailed overview in relation to Barnardo's Oxcgang Family Support Team and Cluaran. This was followed by Eileen Hutton presenting the reports on the Barnardo's Bo'ness Family Support Centre, One Parent Families Scotland's Braes Children and Families Centre, Aberlour Childcare Trust's Langlees Family Centre and CLASP Early Years Outreach and Home-Start. Maureen Petrie then presented the reports on the Denny Community Support Project, Dennyloanhead Community Project, the Powerstation, Workers Education Association (WEA), Denny WASP and Kersiebank Community Project.

Members asked question in relation to the each of the organisations. In the course of the questions and discussion, some broader questions emerged; -

- whether it was always clear whether the project concerned was aimed at a particular group to at the community as a whole
- The range of services provided by each of the organisations
- If there was a rationale for reporting on one group more than once as per their SLA or should these be brought together
- Would it be better to review the work of organisations in achieving outcomes along with other organisation rather than by service? It was noted that the organisation by service was historical
- whether there was a duplication both between services provided externally through the F'TPP framework and between those services and 'in house' provision
- The process for determining the most appropriate provider of a service and whether the F'TPP providers in all case the most appropriate vehicle.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) approved the reports and acknowledged the progress made in meeting Council objectives; and**

- (2) agreed that the Depute Chief Governance Officer and the Head of Policy, Technology and Improvement would report to a future meeting on the Following the Public Pound scrutiny process carried out thus far and with options for changing this in the future.