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Agenda Item 3

Minute

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FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Minute of meeting of the EDUCATION, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE
EXECUTIVE held in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Tuesday 4 June 2019 at
9.30 am.**

COUNCILLORS:

David Alexander
Robert Bissett
Fiona Collie
Joan Coombes
Jim Flynn
Nigel Harris
Cecil Meiklejohn (Convener)
Laura Murtagh
Alan Nimmo
John Patrick
Pat Reid

**REPRESENTATIVES
OF RELIGIOUS
BODIES:**

Evelyn Crosbie
Maureen Harkins
Rev. Michael Rollo

CO-OPTES:

John Chalmers, Teacher Representative
Fiona Craig, Teacher Representative
Alice Dunn, Pupil Representative
Aaron Laurie, Pupil Representative
Merle Stevenson, Parent Representative

OFFICERS:

Jack Frawley, Committee Services Officer
Gary Greenhorn, Head of Planning and Resources
Kenneth Lawrie, Chief Executive
David Mackay, Head of Education
Colin Moodie, Chief Governance Officer
Robert Naylor, Director of Children's Services
Ali Walls, Service Manager

ECYE1. Apologies

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillor McCue and Karen Procek,
Parent Representative.

ECYE2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

ECYE3. Minute

Decision

The minute of the meeting of the Education Executive held on 26 March 2019 was approved.

ECYE4. Rolling Action Log

A rolling action log detailing decisions not yet implemented following the previous meeting on 26 March 2019 was provided.

Decision

The Education, Children & Young People Executive noted the rolling action log.

ECYE5. Education, Children and Young People Executive Membership

The Education, Children & Young People Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services advising of the change in name of the Education Executive to the Education, Children and Young People Executive and providing an update on membership.

Council agreed, on 9 May 2018, to expand the remit of the Education Executive to include the full remit of Children's Services. Subsequently, to better reflect the expanded remit, Council agreed at its meeting on 8 May 2019 to rename the Education Executive the Education, Children and Young People Executive.

Council also agreed on 8 May 2019 to expand the membership of the Education, Children and Young People Executive to create a new category of non-voting member for a care experienced young person. The appointment would be by nomination by the Champions Board. Any appointee required to be younger than 26 at the time of appointment.

There are three positions for religious representatives on the Education, Children and Young People Executive as required by statute. The Church of Scotland representative was appointed by the Church's Education Committee. The Council had been advised that Ms Evelyn Crosbie would succeed the late Maureen Tait who had been a member of the former Education Executive from May 2017 until January 2019.

Decision

The Education, Children & Young People Executive noted:-

- (1) the change of title from the Education Executive to the Education, Children and Young People Executive;**

- (2) the appointment of Evelyn Crosbie as the representative of the Church of Scotland on the Education, Children and Young People Executive, with effect from 4 June 2019, until the next local government elections, and**
- (3) that a new category of membership had been included for a Care Experienced Young Person on the Education, Children and Young People Executive.**

ECYE6. Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) – 2020 Expansion Plan Update

The Education, Children & Young People Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services providing an update on ELC expansion plans and progress along with details of new, wider and individual proposals which supported the wider ELC expansion. An updated progress report in the projects associated with the 1140 Hours Expansion Programme was appended to the report.

An update was provided for each of the eight major projects:-

- Hallglen ELC Centre
- Kinnaird ELC Campus
- Inchlair Amalgamated Site
- Callendar Business Park Nursery
- Woodburn ELC Centre
- Victoria Primary School – Nursery Class
- Kinglass Social Work Office
- Provision of Extended Day and All Year Establishment in Carron/Carronshore Area

The report sought to roll out across all early years establishments the Marvellous Mealtimes in Falkirk Project following on from the positive reviews and assessments received in relation to the workstream. The report also sought approval of proposals which were contained in a funding bid submitted to the Scottish Government for Falkirk's share of the £4m additional funding. The bid totalled £123,840 and provided for the following short-term project support:-

- Temporary ELC Pedagogue – to support training and the establishment of a Training Academy
- Temporary Central Assessor – to monitor and oversee the ELC staff training programme
- Temporary Workforce Development Assistant – to provide administrative support for the two posts above

Decision

The Education, Children & Young People Executive:-

- (1) noted the overall content of the progress report;**

- (2) **agreed the roll out of the “Marvellous Mealtimes in Falkirk” project across all of the early years establishment;**
- (3) **agreed the proposals contained in the funding bid submitted to the Scottish Government for Realising Change Funding, and**
- (4) **noted the updated financial position of the Early Learning and Childcare expansion project.**

ECYE7. Framework for Staged Intervention

The Education, Children & Young People Executive considered a report by the Director of Children’s Services seeking approval for the Framework for Staged Intervention guidance.

The framework and guidance refreshed and updated the previous Additional Support for Learning Staged Intervention and reflected recent developments nationally and locally. The framework and guidance were developed by the Additional Support for Learning Team, in consultation with mainstream head teachers, head teachers of specialist provision and other stakeholders.

The framework provided a clear operational framework for all educational establishments to identify, assess and meet the additional needs for children and young people. The framework defined the needs of children and young people using a tiered approach. All support beyond stage 2 was targeted support, the support available was:-

- Universal Support - available to all in the course of everyday classroom practice.
- Stage 1 - Early Intervention - Children at Stage 1 were not considered to have Additional Support Needs as they required only minimal differentiation and support.
- Stage 2 - Additional Support - Children at Stage 2 were assessed as having Additional Support Needs and would receive high quality targeted support. (This may also include highly able children).
- Stage 3 - Enhanced Support - Children at Stage 3 were assessed as having significant Additional Support Needs.
- Stage 4 - Intensive Support - Children at Stage 4 have significant Additional Support Needs which required intensive support.

The guidance supported the understanding of these tiers through a number of practical case studies and reflected the changing needs of children and young people and the importance of the Team Around the Child in monitoring their needs.

A comprehensive programme of training was being developed to support the implementation of the revised framework and guidance. This would include Pupils, Parent and Staff leaflets and guides.

Decision

The Education, Children & Young People Executive agreed the revised framework document for Staged Intervention.

ECYE8. Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) – Training in Educational Establishments

The Education, Children & Young People Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services seeking agreement to roll out the British Heart Foundation's Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation programme across all Falkirk Council secondary schools.

The British Heart Foundation had, for a number of years, sought to help and support schools to improve the teaching of CPR skills. In 2014, the British Heart Foundation launched its 'Nation of Lifesavers' campaign with the aim of ensuring no young person left school without knowing how to save a life. The British Heart Foundation had committed to ensuring that by 2020, all secondary schools in Scotland would be equipped to teach CPR. The British Heart Foundation contacted the Council to request a commitment to train all pupils in CPR using their Call Push Rescue programme.

A number of schools were already implementing aspects of First Aid and CPR. This varied from whole school initiatives to programmes targeted at specific year groups. Methods of delivery included:-

- Delivery during health week and family learning
- As part of whole school ongoing health and wellbeing curriculum
- Heartstart Training
- Staff Training

The CPR Programme would be built into the Personal and Social Education programme across S1–S6. Primary schools would be encouraged to participate in First Aid training for their pupils. It was anticipated that the roll out of CPR would be complete by June 2020.

Decision

The Education, Children & Young People Executive agreed that all secondary school pupils would be offered CPR training before they left school.

Maureen Harkins left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

ECYE9. Asset Transfer – Community Halls

The Education, Children & Young People Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services seeking to declare Bothkennar Community Hall surplus to operational requirements for disposal/sale along with approval to lease the following five community halls at below market rent to the Community Hall Management Committees:-

- Banknock Community Hall
- California Community Hall
- Limerigg Community Hall
- Tamfourhill Community Hall
- Westfield Community Hall

Community Hall Management Committees required a formal lease at a nominal rent in order to allow them to progress any fit-out or improvements to the property. This helped to ensure their activities were sustainable and maximised benefits to local communities. Each Community Hall Management Committee had requested a fifteen year lease. It was normal for leases of this type to be on a full repairing and insuring basis, where the tenant was responsible for all aspects of property maintenance and the associated costs of occupation.

As a nominal rent of £1 per annum was proposed the transaction fell within the scope of s74 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, which provided that Councils could only dispose of land for less than best consideration in certain circumstances. The Disposal of Land by Local Authorities (Scotland) Regulations 2010 set out the procedure and the circumstances in which land may be disposed of for a consideration less than the best that could reasonably be obtained. Local Authorities required to be satisfied that disposal of the assets at less than best value was considered as being reasonable and was likely to contribute in whole or in part to any of the following criteria:-

- a) economic development or regeneration;
- b) health;
- c) social well-being; or
- d) environmental well-being.

The Service considered that:-

- the proposals met the Council's priorities to empower and enable people to be self-reliant and promote stronger, more self-reliant communities;
- it accorded with the Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery Plan outcomes to make our area a fairer and more equal place to live, with a healthier population where people will lead full, independent and positive lives within supportive communities;
- there were significant benefits identified for public health, social wellbeing and the reduction of inequalities as well as strong economic development and regeneration benefits;

- the ability of the organisations to deliver was assessed as good;
- each Community Hall Management Committee had good local and wider public support through strong community networks; and
- none of the community halls competed with services being provided by Falkirk Council.

Over the preceding 18 months the Service had invited informal discussions with parties interested in taking over the management of Bothkennar Community Hall. In addition the Hall had been advertised as being available for a possible community asset transfer. As no formal expressions of interest had been received it was proposed that it be declared surplus to operational requirements and disposed of.

During the discussion the Head of Planning and Resources confirmed that: the £100k included in the Capital Programme for 2018/19 to ensure the halls were fit for purpose would be utilised; parachute revenue monies would be available but dependent upon individual circumstances and local discussions, and support from Community Learning & Development would be on-going in particular to support access to external funding.

Decision

The Education, Children & Young People Executive:-

- (1) agreed that the Council leased the community halls detailed to their respective Community Hall Management Committees for a period of 15 years on full repairing and insuring terms at a nominal rent of £1 per annum;**
- (2) noted that the proposals were assessed to be in compliance with the Council's statutory obligations in respect of disposal of land and buildings at less than best consideration;**
- (3) agreed that the Director of Development Services, in consultation with the Director of Development Services, be authorised to conduct and finalise negotiations and generally take all decisions required to take forward the lease transactions to conclusions, and**
- (4) agreed that Bothkennar Community Hall be declared surplus to operational requirements and that the Director of Development Services, in consultation with the Director of Children's Services, be authorised to agree terms for its disposal.**

Rev. Rollo left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

ECYE10. Renaming of Criminal Justice Service

The Education, Children & Young People Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services seeking to change the name of the Criminal Justice Service to Justice Services.

Community Justice Partnerships across Scotland were shifting towards more progressive branding, with many Local Authorities deciding to drop the word criminal from their justice services. It was proposed that the change promoted language which was more inclusive to people with convictions. The renaming of the Criminal Justice Service to Justice Services was reflective of a more progressive approach to the management of those with a history of offending behaviour, which sought to eliminate stigmatising labelling of those individuals, and was consistent with the national vision.

Decision

The Education, Children & Young People Executive agreed to change the title of 'Criminal Justice Service' to 'Justice Services'.