

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 19 JUNE 2018

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 19 June 2018 at 4pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Curley, Crowther (for MacLeod), McCabe, C McEleny, McVey, Murphy, Quinn, and Robertson, Rev. D Burt and Mrs F Gilpin, Church Representatives, Ms A McMillan, Parent Representative and Ms P McEwan, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Head of Education, Early Years Manager, Head of Environmental & Public Protection, Ms G Murphy (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms S Lang (Legal & Property Services), Mr I Cameron (for Chief Financial Officer), Education & Exchequer Finance Manager, Property Services Manager and Mr M Bingham (Corporate Communications).

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

395 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 395

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod, with Councillor Crowther substituting.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

396 Revised Financial Submission to Increase Early Learning and Childcare to 1140 Hours 396

There was submitted a report by the Head of Education advising the Committee of the revised plan for the increase of early learning and childcare from 600 to 1140 hours. During the course of discussion on this item, it was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting to allow the Committee to discuss the lease arrangements in respect of Gourrock YAC building, on the grounds that the discussion would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act. Thereafter, the Committee resumed consideration of the matter in public session.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed that the revised plan as set out in the report be implemented in line with funding allocations;
- (2) that the changes in the early phase projects for 2018/19 be noted;
- (3) that regular update reports be submitted to the Committee throughout the implementation of the plan; and
- (4) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the lease arrangements in respect of the Gourrock YAC building and the implications of the proposals on the operation of the football club at that location.

Prior to the commencement of the Communities items of business, Rev. Burt, Mrs

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Gilpin and Ms McEwan left the meeting. Ms McMillan remained as an observer.

397 Indoor Bowling Facility Works**397**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Public Protection (1) informing the Committee of developments in respect of Inverclyde Indoor Bowling and (2) seeking Committee approval for Inverclyde Leisure to carry out works.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the procurement by Inverclyde Leisure of a new carpet and lighting system for Inverclyde Indoor Bowling;
- (2) that approval be given to any remaining balance in the earmarked reserve being spent on further improvements to the facility, subject to officer agreement; and
- (3) that the position relative to the transfer of the facility to Inverclyde Leisure be noted.

398 Grants to Voluntary Organisations**398**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental & Public Protection requesting the Committee to approve the removal of a clause relating to a turnover cap from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Guidance Notes.

Decided: that approval be given to the removal of the clause relating to a turnover cap from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Guidance Notes.