

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 22 JANUARY 2019

Organisational Development providing an update on the progress made by Community Learning & Development (CLD) in achieving the LGBT Youth Charter Award.

Decided: that the decision of LGBT Youth Scotland to award a Youth Scotland Charter Award at bronze level to CLD Youth Work Services be noted.

58 Grants to Voluntary Organisations

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of (1) the current playscheme service and funding requirements for future delivery of summer activity service provision from 2019 onwards and (2) an increase in rental for Samaritans third sector organisation and the funding requirements for the future delivery of service provision from 2 January 2019 onwards.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the funding for summer playschemes for the duration of the Grants to Voluntary Organisations (GTVO) funding; and
- (2) that approval be given to the funding for the rental by Samaritans as detailed in the report for the period 2019/20.

The Communities business concluded at 2.40pm. The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4pm with Rev. Donaldson, Rev. Burt, Mrs Gilpin and Ms McEwan joining the meeting.

59 Education 2018/19 Revenue Budget – Period 7 to 31 October 2018

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on the position of the 2018/19 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 7 to 31 October 2018.

Decided:

- (1) that the current projected underspend of £217,000 in the 2018/19 Education Revenue Budget as at Period 7 be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that Officers are currently reviewing virement proposals which will address the number of overspends and underspends contained in the report and that these will be included in the report to the next meeting of the Committee; and
- (3) that a report be submitted to the Committee on the various services provided under the remit of Facilities Management.

60 Education Capital Programme 2018 – 2021 - Progress

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development and Chief Financial Officer (1) on the status of the projects forming the Education Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the following proposals in respect of the Hillend Children's Centre refurbishment project:
 - (a) the revised budget allocation and utilisation of the overall Capital Programme contingency/lifecycle fund allocation as outlined in section 7.2;
 - (b) the issue of tenders for the project and the granting of delegated authority to the

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Head of Legal & Property Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender, provided the cost is within the revised budget allocation for the project; and
 (3) that the over-expenditure in the Lady Alice Primary School refurbishment extension project and the intention to submit a more detailed report to a future meeting, as outlined in section 5.4, be noted.

61 **Inspection of Local Authorities – ‘How well is Inverclyde Council improving, learning, raising attainment and closing the poverty-related attainment gap?’** 61

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of the recent Education Scotland Inspection which focused on progress being made within Inverclyde relative to improving learning, raising attainment and closing the poverty-related attainment gap. The report advised that the report, which was published in October 2018, outlined the many sector-leading practices and interventions which were having a significant impact on improving outcomes for young people.

Decided:

- (1) that the Education Scotland report be noted; and
- (2) that the Committee’s appreciation be conveyed to all those involved in the service provision.

62 **Education and Communities Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan 2016/19 – Progress Report** 62

There was submitted a report by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications providing an update on the achievement of key objectives in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan (CDIP) 2016/19, focusing on improvement actions which sit within the Education and Inclusive Education, Culture & Communities Services.
 (Councillor Curley left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made in delivering the Year 3 improvement actions outlined in the Education, Communities & Organisational Development CDIP be noted; and
- (2) that a second progress report be submitted to the meeting of the Committee on 7 May 2019.

63 **Clyde Conversations** 63

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing an update on the recent Clyde Conversations 3 event.

(Councillor Curley returned to the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that the success of the Clyde Conversations 3 event be noted.

64 **Inverclyde’s Autism Strategy – Progress to Implementation** 64

There was submitted a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture & Communities informing the Committee of the progress made in the implementation of Inverclyde’s Autism Strategy 2014/24 and the need to move from the previously agreed Grants to Voluntary Organisations (GTVO) grant-funded approach to a strategy of

direct contract award in order to deliver the strategy outcomes.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made to date in the implementation of Inverclyde's Autism Strategy be noted; and
- (2) that it be agreed to change the strategy from the previously agreed allocation of funding through the GTVO process to a negotiation and direct contract commissioning approach in order to achieve the stated autism strategy outcomes.

65 Primary 1 School Day

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development informing the Committee of arrangements in place for Primary 1 pupils on their entry to school which will involve attendance for the full day on entry from the first day of term in August 2019.

Decided: that it be noted that pupils starting in Inverclyde Council primary schools in Primary 1 will attend for the full day on entry to school from the first day of term in August 2019.