

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 9 MARCH 2021

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 1pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Clocherty, Curley, MacLeod, McCabe, McVey, Murphy, Quinn, Robertson and Wilson, Mrs F Gilpin, Church Representative and Ms P McEwan, Teacher Representative.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources, Head of Education, Service Manager, Community Learning & Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport, Mr I Cameron (for Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery (Section 95 Officer)), Ms G Murphy (for Interim Head of Legal Services), Ms S Lang and Ms D Sweeney (Legal Services), Interim Head of Property Services, Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety, Mr PJ Coulter (Communications) and ICT Services Manager.

The meeting was held by video-conference.

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

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| 117 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 117 |
| | Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor C McEleny, Rev. D Burt and Ms A McMillan. | |
| | Councillors Clocherty, MacLeod and Quinn declared non-financial interests in Agenda Item 3 (Education & Communities Committee: Expedited Business, Relevant Updates and Operational Logs for the Communities part of the Committee). | |
| 118 | Education & Communities Committee: Performance Report for the Communities Part of the Committee | 118 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing performance information for the Communities part of the Education & Communities Committee. | |
| | Decided: that the report be noted. | |
| 119 | Education & Communities Committee: Expedited Business, Relevant Updates and Operational Log for the Communities Part of the Committee | 119 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on expedited business, relevant updates and the operational log for the Communities part of the Education & Communities Committee. | |
| | Councillors Clocherty and Quinn declared a non-financial interest in this item as Members of the Board of Inverclyde Leisure and Councillor MacLeod declared a non-financial interest as a Non-Executive Director of Parklea Branching Out. All 3 Members | |

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formed the view that the nature of their interests and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence at the meeting or their participation in the decision-making process.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development after consultation with the Interim Head of Legal Services and Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery (Section 95 Officer) to accept the Regeneration Capital Grants Fund (RCGF) on behalf of Inverclyde Council;
- (3) that the Annual Report on Community Learning & Development (CLD) Services be approved and that the Committee's appreciation for the work undertaken by CLD during the COVID-19 pandemic be extended to all staff involved;
- (4) that approval be given to the grant of £10,000 to Fort Matilda Tennis Club through the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget and that Elected Members be provided with a list of the various GTVO and Under 19s Sports grant applications approved, rejected or deferred under the delegated powers arrangement;
- (5) that the proposals for Under 16s Swimming as outlined in paragraph 4.5 of the report be agreed as follows:
 - (a) that Inverclyde Council be requested, as part of the 2021/23 Budget consideration, to defer the saving of £100,000 agreed in December 2020 until March 2022, subject to the suspension of Standing Orders;
 - (b) that during the year 2021/22, Inverclyde Leisure be paid for each swim rather than a set annual sum;
 - (c) that in order to access a subsidised swim, young people under 16 register free of charge for an Under 16 Residents' Swim Card on the basis set out in the report;
 - (d) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee on proposals for the implementation of the allocated £80,000 per annum to subsidise swimming; and
 - (6) that approval be given to the Inverclyde Leisure Strategic Plan.

The Communities business concluded at 1.20pm.

The Committee commenced consideration of the Education items of business at 4pm with Mrs Gilpin and Ms McEwan joining the meeting.

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development providing performance information for the Education part of the Education & Communities Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that it be agreed to note and approve the temporary allocation of future years' lifecycle funding to contain the expenditure within the current funding model and that the overall position be reviewed, including potential allocation from the COVID contingency and re-allocation of current complete on site allowances.

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121 Education & Communities Committee: Expedited Business, Relevant Updates and Operational Log for the Education Part of the Committee 121

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development on expedited business, relevant updates and the operational log for the Education part of the Education & Communities Committee, together with a separate addendum providing updated information in relation to the opening of schools.

Decided:

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that agreement be given to the use of the Educational Recovery funding as outlined in paragraph 5.6 of the report;
- (3) that agreement be given to the Education Equality Outcomes as outlined in paragraph 5.7; and
- (4) that the Committee's appreciation be extended to the Head Teachers and all those involved in supporting in-school and remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

122 S1 Intake for Port Glasgow High School for Academic Year 2021/22 122

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development requesting the Committee to agree to an increase in the S1 intake for Port Glasgow High School from 100 to 120 for academic year 2021/22.

Decided: that agreement be given to an increase in the S1 intake for Port Glasgow High School from 100 to 120 for the academic year 2021/22.