

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 27 MARCH 2023

Education and Communities Committee

Tuesday 27 March 2023 at 1.30pm

Present: Councillors Clocherty, Daisley, McCormick, McGuire, McVey, Moran, Quinn, Reynolds, Robertson and Wilson, and Rev F Donaldson, Church Representative.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance:

Ruth Binks	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development
Michael Roach	Head of Education
Tony McEwan	Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources
Anne Sinclair	Managing Solicitor (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services)
Iain Cameron	Principal Accountant (Education & Communities) (for Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance)
Mary McCabe	Finance Manager (Education & Communities)
Elaine McLoughlin	Education Officer
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Peter MacDonald	Solicitor, Legal Services
George Barbour	Service Manager, Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors McCormick and McGuire attending by video-conference.

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

201 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 201

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Armstrong, with Councillor Reynolds substituting, Councillor Brennan, with Councillor McCormick substituting, Councillor Law, Mr J Docherty, Church Representative and Ms P McEwan, Teacher Representative.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

202 Provision of Secondary Gaelic Education in Inverclyde 202

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development advising the Committee of the outcome of the options appraisal and the subsequent recommendation from the Advisory Group for the implementation of Secondary Gaelic Education within Inverclyde.

Following discussion, Councillor Clocherty moved the recommendations as detailed in the report.

As an amendment, Councillor Wilson moved that no action be taken.

On a roll call vote, 1 Member, Councillor Wilson, voted for the amendment, and 10 Members, Councillors Clocherty, Daisley, McCormick, McGuire, McVey, Moran, Quinn, Reynolds and Robertson and Mr Donaldson voted for the motion, which was declared

carried.

Decided:

(1) that (a) approval be given to officers developing a proposal to establish an offer of Gaelic Secondary Education provision for the academic year beginning August 2024 within Inverclyde Academy, and (b) it be agreed that the final proposal for statutory consultation be brought to a future meeting of the Education & Communities Committee; and

(2) that delegated powers be granted to the Corporate Director of Education, Communities and Organisational Development to explore the potential provision for Gaelic Secondary Education and identify resources for the academic year 2023/24, which would be actioned if there was a demand for provision.