



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the PEOPLE COMMITTEE held via Video Conference (MS Teams), on
THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2021 at 9.30 AM**

PRESENT

Councillor Graham Lindsay (Convenor)
Councillor Les Sharp (Vice Convenor)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor Darren Lee
Councillor Ellen Forson (S)
Councillor Kathleen Martin
Councillor George Matchett QPM
Pastor David Fraser, Religious Representative, Scottish Baptist Church
Mr George Marcinkeiwicz, Religious Representative, Catholic Church

IN ATTENDANCE

Lorraine Sanda, Strategic Director (People)
Lindsay Sim, Chief Finance Officer
Catherine Quinn, Chief Education Officer
Sharon Robertson, Chief Social Work Officer (Interim)
Lynda McDonald, Improving Outcomes Officer
Michael Boyle, Improving Outcomes Business Manager
Kaye Hills, Improving Outcomes Team Leader
Catriona Scott, Improving Outcomes Manager
Lynne McBain, Attainment Leader
Tom Black, Head Teacher, Lornshill Academy
Colin Bruce, Head Teacher, Alloa Academy
Scott McEwan, Head Teacher, Alva Academy
Iain McGhee, Development Officer Forth Valley and West Lothian Regional Improvement Collaborative
Colin McKerchar, Columba 1400
Jaki Reid, Improving Outcomes Principal Teacher
Gillian Buchanan, Service Manager, Corporate Parenting
Lee Robertson, Legal and Governance Team Leader (Clerk to the Committee)
Gillian White, Committee Services, Legal and Governance

PC(21)24 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Rev Sang Y Cha and from Councillor Helen Lewis. Councillor Ellen Forson acted as substitute for Councillor Lewis.

PC(21)25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

PC(21)26 CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2021

The minutes of the Meeting of the People Committee held on 16 September 2021 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the Meeting of the People Committee held 16 September 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convenor.

PC(21)27 FAMILY WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP AND THE SUMMER OF WELLBEING

The report, submitted by Lynda McDonald, Improving Outcomes Manager and Veronica Cully, Seconded Teacher, Improving Outcomes Team, provided background and an update on the Family Wellbeing Partnership and by way of example, learning from the Summer of Wellbeing Programme.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Ellen Forson.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note:

1. The aim of the Family Wellbeing Partnership; to improve the wellbeing and capabilities of families and young people in Clackmannanshire in partnership with Columba 1400, Heriot-Watt University and funded by the Scottish Government's Social Innovation Partnership; and
2. The learning from the implementation of the Scottish Government funded Summer of Wellbeing programmes, in particular the 'Families First' approach and the impact this had for the children and families.

PC(21)28 PERFORMANCE IN THE SENIOR PHASE (INSIGHT)

The report, submitted by Catriona Scott, Improving Outcomes Manager, provided an update on progress in relation to secondary performance in the Senior Phase (S4-S6)

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Ellen Forson.

Decision

Having commented on the data and progress outlined in the report, the Committee agreed to note the report.

PC(21)29 PERFORMANCE (PRIMARY) EDUCATION RECOVERY

The report, submitted by Cathy Quinn, Chief Education Officer, provided information on the percentage of pupils who have achieved the expected Curriculum for Excellence level in Literacy and Numeracy, Session 20/21; teacher professional judgement in Literacy and Numeracy from Session 16/17, particularly in relation to closing the poverty related attainment gap; and provided an update on Education Recovery

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Les Sharp.

Decision

Having commented on the report, the Committee agreed to note the report.

PC(21)30 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER 2020-2021

The report, submitted by Sharon Robertson, Interim Chief Social Work Officer, presented the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report reflecting the period 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021 (Appendix 1). The report and its consideration are a requirement to ensure oversight and accountability within the local authority for all social work and social care services, including those delegated to the Integration Joint Board. Following scrutiny and consideration by Committee, the report is required to be submitted to Scottish Government.

The report provided an overview of professional activity for social work and social care within Clackmannanshire through the delivery of statutory functions and duties held by the Chief Social Work Officer.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Kathleen Martin.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:

1. Note and endorse the contents of the Annual Report of the Chief Social Work Officer 2020-2021; and
2. Its submission to the Scottish Government.

PC(21)31 1:1 DIGITAL DEVICE DEPLOYMENT PROGRAMME

The report, submitted by Catriona Scott, Improving Outcomes Manager, updated Committee on the progress of the 1:1 Digital Device Deployment Programme, which was agreed in the 21/22 Budget at Council on 24 March 2021.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Donald Balsillie. Seconded by Councillor Graham Lindsay.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note:

1. The projected deployment timeline and plan (paragraph 3.12); and
2. Progress to date at (paragraph 3.13)

PC(21)32 EDUCATION REFORM CONSULTATION

The report, submitted by Catriona Scott, Improving Outcomes Manager, advised Committee on the Scottish Government's plans for consultation on education reform, further to the recommendations of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) review, to replace the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and reform Education Scotland (ES). The report sought to inform Committee on plans to take the consultation forward, so that the views of Clackmannanshire stakeholders are represented.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Graham Lindsay.

Decision

Having commented on the report, the Committee agreed to note the report.

PC(21)33 KINSHIP CARE SUPPORT

The report, submitted by Gillian Buchanan, Service Manager, Corporate Parenting, updated the Committee on the on-going developments of the kinship service within Clackmannanshire and sought views on a Draft Strategy and Implementation Plan.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Kathleen Martin.

Decision

Having commented on the report including the development of kinship services, the Committee agreed to note the report.

PC(21)34 UPDATE ON THE REGIONAL IMPROVEMENT COLLABORATIVE

The report, submitted by Iain McGhee, Development Officer Forth Valley and West Lothian Regional Improvement Collaborative, updated the Committee on progress made by the Regional Improvement Collaborative in supporting educators in Clackmannanshire.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

Decision

Having commented on the report, the Committee agreed to note:

1. The contents of the report;
2. The Forth Valley and West Lothian Regional Improvement Collaborative Recovery Plan 2021-22 (Appendix 1);
3. The progress made against the Recovery Plan 2020-21 in terms of Governance, Numeracy, Literacy, Health & Wellbeing and Curriculum and Online learning (Appendix 2); and
4. The priorities outlined in the Recovery Plan 2021-22 (Appendix 3).

**PC(21)35 UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
(INCORPORATION) (SCOTLAND) BILL**

The report, submitted by Catriona Scott, Improving Outcomes Manager, advised the Committee on the plans for the implementation of United Nations on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill in Clackmannanshire; and updated Committee on the decision of the Supreme Court taken on 6 October 2021 regarding this Bill and the resultant next steps for implementation.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Donald Balsillie. Seconded by Councillor Kathleen Martin.

Decision

Having commented on the report, the Committee agreed to note the report.

PC(21)36 PERIOD POVERTY: ACCESS TO FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS

The report, submitted by Kaye Hills, Improving Outcomes Team Leader, provided an overview of the progress across Clackmannanshire of access to free sanitary products and plans for wider partnership support and engagement.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Darren Lee.

Decision

Having commented on the report, the Committee agreed to note the report.

PC(21)37 UPDATE ON EXPANSION OF EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE (ELC)

The report, submitted by Lynda McDonald, Improving Outcomes Manager, provided a final update on the progress of work that has taken place to deliver Clackmannanshire's Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Expansion Plan 2017.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Ellen Forson.

Decision

Having commented on the current status, the Committee agreed to note the progress relating to the expansion of the ELC provision to 1140 hours for all 3-5 year olds and eligible 2 year olds.

PC(21)38 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2020/21 AUGUST OUTTURN

The report, submitted by Lindsay Sim, Chief Finance Officer, provided an update on the financial performance for the People Directorate of the Council in respect of revenue spend for the current financial year, 2020/21. This was based on forecast information as at August 2021.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

Decision

Having challenged and commented on the report, the Committee agreed to note the forecast General Fund revenue overspend relating to the People Directorate for the year of £1.794, and delivery of planned savings in the year forecasted to achieve 85.3%.

Ends 13:00 hours