

Chlach Mhanann

MINUTES OF MEETING of the PEOPLE COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber, Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, ALLOA, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 30 AUGUST 2018 at 9.30 am.

PRESENT

Councillor Graham Lindsay Chair) Councillor Les Sharp (Vice Chair) **Councillor Donald Balsillie** Councillor Martha Benny Councillor Dave Clark (S) Councillor Darren Lee **Councillor Helen Lewis** Councillor George Matchett, QPM

Father Michael Freyne, Religious Representative (Appointed Member)

IN ATTENDANCE

Garry Dallas, Strategic Director (Place) Anne Pearson, Chief Education Officer Celia Gray, Head of Social Services Paula Tovey, Chief Accountant (Interim) Jane Rough, Improving Outcomes Manager Margaret McIntyre, Childrens Service Manager Lindsay Thomson, Service Manager, Legal and Democracy (Clerk to the Committee) Melanie Moore, Committee Services

Councillor Lindsay welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the People Committee.

PC(18)01 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kathleen Martin. Councillor Dave Clark attended as substitute for Councillor Martin.

PC(18)02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

PC(18)03 UPDATE ON THE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE (ELC) **EXPANSION TO 1140 HOURS**

A report which provided the People Committee with an update on the work that has taken place to revise and re-profile Clackmannanshire's ELC Expansion Plans was submitted by the Chief Education Officer.

Motion

That Committee notes the information set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Dave Clark.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:

- 1. Note the progress that has been made relating to the expansion of the ELC provision to 1140 hours for all 3-4 year olds.
- 2. Note that the option appraisal for Menstrie nursery expansion finds that the Dumyat Centre is not suitable for conversion to a Nursery. The education benefits of a purpose built nursery based alongside the primary school will deliver the highest guality learning experience and will enhance the whole school environment.
- 3. Note that some changes may require to be made to the ELC Expansion Plans as the project progresses resulting from financial, planning or infrastructure matters or as demand for extended year places becomes more certain.
- 4. Authorise the Chief Education Officer, in consultation with the Convenor of the People Committee to make necessary changes to the ELC Plans.
- 5. Agreed that regular updates be provided to the People Committee on plans and progress with the ELC expansion project as they develop.

Action

Chief Education Officer

PC(18)04 FORTH VALLEY AND WEST LOTHIAN IMPROVEMENT COLLABORATIVE – PROGRESS REPORT AND UPDATE ON THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT "EMPOWERING SCHOOLS" AGENDA

A report which provided the People Committee with an update on the work of the Forth Valley and West Lothian Improvement Collaborative (FVWLC). It also provided an update on Clackmannanshire Education Service's contribution in terms of leadership and development relating to FVWLC's priorities for session 2017-18.

Motion

That Committee notes the information set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Martha Benny

Decision

That Committee note the current involvement of Clackmannanshire Education Service in the FVWLC and agreed that the Chief Education Officer should provide further reports to Committee which will detail:

- 1. Evaluation of the Phase 1 plan.
- 2. Feedback received from Education Scotland on the Phase 2 Regional Improvement Plan.
- 3. The allocation of support to be received from Education Scotland.
- 4. The level of financial support the FVWLC will receive from the Scottish Government.
- 5. The implication of additional staffing resources required as the pace and demands of the FVWLC increase.

Action

Chief Education Officer

Father Michael Freyne left the meeting at this point

PC(18)05 EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE – FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY

A report which informed the People Committee of the positive impact, improved outcomes for children and significant budget savings from the *Spend to Save* funding for Functional Family Therapy (FFT).

Motion

That Committee notes the information set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Dave Clark.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:

- 1. Note the positive impact of Functional Family Therapy, in particular the improved outcomes for 12 families and;
- 2. Review and note the budget savings achieved and forecast from this initiative.

PC(18)06 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2018/19 – JUNE OUTTURN

A report which provided an update on the financial performance for the People Directorate of the Council in respect of revenue spend for the current financial year, 2018/19. Capital expenditure will be reported to the Partnership and Performance Committee as part of the overall Council's financial performance report.

Motion

That Committee notes the information set out in the report.

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

Decision

The Committee agreed to note:

- 1. The Division's net service expenditure is forecasting an underspend of $\pounds(0.278)$ m for the year ended 31 March 2019.
- 2. Progress on delivering planned savings in the year.

Ends 1105 hours