

Chlach Mhanann

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

PRESENT

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

Father Michael Freyne, Religious Representative (Appointed Member) Rev Sang Y Cha, Religious Representative (Appointed Member) Pastor David Fraser, Religious Representative (Appointed Member)

IN ATTENDANCE

Stuart Crickmar, Strategic Director (Partnership and Performance) Anne Pearson, Chief Education Officer Celia Gray, Head of Social Services Paula Tovey, Chief Accountant (Interim) Cathy Quinn, Improving Outcomes Manager Jane Rough, Improving Outcomes Manager Michael Boyle, Improving Outcomes Business Manager Aileen Ferguson, Headteacher, Abercromby Primary School (Item 5) Margaret McIntyre, Childrens Service Manager Lindsay Thomson, Service Manager, Legal and Democracy (Clerk to the Committee) Melanie Moore, Committee Services

PC(18)07 **APOLOGIES**

None.

PC(18)08 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

PC(18)09 **CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30 AUGUST 2018**

The minutes of the Meeting of the People Committee held on 30 August 2018 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the Meeting of the People Committee held on 30 August 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

PC(18)10 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2018/19 – AUGUST OUTTURN

The report, submitted by the Chief Accountant (Interim), provided an update on the financial performance for the People Division of the Council in respect of revenue spend for the current financial year, 2018/19.

Motion

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

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

Decision

The Committee agreed to note:

- The Division's net service expenditure is forecasting an underspend of £(0.507)m for the year ended 31 March 2019.
- Progress on delivering planned savings in the year.

PC(18)11 EDUCATION SCOTLAND INSPECTION ABERCROMBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The report, submitted by the Improving Outcomes Manager, provided an update to Committee on the outcome of the inspection process at Abercromby Primary School.

Aileen Ferguson, Headteacher, Abercromby Primary School was in attendance at the meeting. She spoke to Committee regarding the report and answered questions from the Committee.

Motion

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

Moved by Councillor Martha Benny. Seconded by Councillor Helen Lewis.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the findings of the Education Scotland Inspection Abercromby Primary School report.

PC(18)12 SCOTTISH ATTAINMENT CHALLENGE: END OF YEAR REPORT SEPTEMBER 2018

The report, submitted by the Improving Outcomes Manager, shared the Scottish Attainment Challenge End of Year Report which was submitted to Scottish Government in September 2018.

Motion

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

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor George Matchett, QPM.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note and commented on the contents of the Scottish Attainment Challenge: End of Year Report September 2018.

PC(18)13 ST MUNGO'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The report, submitted by the Improving Outcomes Manager, provided an update on the issue associated with the water ingress at St Mungo's RCPS school building. The report also advised members of the outcomes of the two reports that the Council commissioned.

Motion

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

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

Decision

The Committee decided to:

- 1. Note that St Mungo's RCPS was decanted to Alloa Academy in April 2018, as a result of concerns about the ongoing issue with damp.
- 2. Note the cost of carrying out the remedial work is estimated at between £1.7m and £1.9m.
- 3. Agree that the remedial work should not be undertaken at the school.
- 4. Agree that St Mungo's RCPS should remain in Alloa Academy for the medium term until the longer term plan have been fully developed and consulted on.

Action

Improving Outcomes Manager

PC(18)14 CONSULTATION ON AMENDING THE SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS POLICY

The report, submitted by the Chief Education Officer, proposed that Clackmannanshire Council undertake a formal consultation on amending the schools admission policy for denominational primary schools. The consultation will be a formal consultation in line with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, which will start immediately and conclude with a report to People Committee in March 2019.

Motion

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

Moved by Councillor Donald Balsillie. Seconded by Councillor George Matchett, QPM.

Decision

The Committee agreed that:

1. A formal consultation be undertaken on the proposed change to the Clackmannanshire Council school admission policy.

2. A report on the outcome of the consultation be brought to the People Committee on 14 March 2019.

Action

Chief Education Officer

All 3 Religious Representatives and Councillor Matchett, QPM left the meeting at this point. (11 am)

PC(18)15 CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

The report, submitted by the Head of Social Services and Chief Social Work Officer, provided an overview of the key priorities, challenges and achievement related to the delivery of the social work and social care services in Clackmannanshire in 2017-2018. The report also met the statutory requirement to report annually on Social Services complaints.

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 and challenged the report, the Committee agreed to note the report as set out in Appendix 1.

As this would be Celia's last report for People Committee, Councillor Sharp thanked Celia and her team and wished her all the best for the future.

Ends 1134 hours