



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the PEOPLE COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber,
Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, ALLOA, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 14 March 2019 at 9.30
am.**

PRESENT

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Fiona McOmish, Strategic Director (People)
Anne Pearson, Chief Education Officer
Dr Elaine Cook, Depute Chief Executive, West Lothian Council
Cathy Quinn, Improving Outcomes Manager
Michael Boyle, Improving Outcomes Business Manager
Debra Laird, Head Teacher, Clackmannan Primary School (Item 5)
Colin Bruce, Headteacher, Alloa Academy (Item 6)
Scott McEwan, Headteacher, Alva Academy (Item 6)
Gerry Clancy, Depute Headteacher, Lornshill Academy (Item 6)
Lorraine Sanda, Improving Outcomes Manager
Jane Rough, Improving Outcomes Manager
Elizabeth Hutcheon, Management Accountancy Team Leader
Lindsay Thomson, Service Manager, Legal and Democracy (Clerk to the Committee)
Melanie Moore, Committee Services

PC(19)24 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Father Michael Freyne.

PC(19)25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

PC(19)26 CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2019

The minutes of the Meeting of the People Committee held on 17 January 2019 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the Meeting of the People Committee held on 17 January 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convenor.

PC(19)27 CONFIRM MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2019

The minutes of Special Meeting of the People Committee held on 19 February 2019 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the People Committee held on 19 February 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convenor.

PC(19)28 FORTH VALLEY AND WEST LOTHIAN REGIONAL IMPROVEMENT COLLOABORATIVE – PROGRESS REPORT

The report, submitted by the Director, Children's Services Falkirk Council, provided an update on the work of the Regional Improvement Collaborative (RIC) and the Scottish Government's Empowering Schools agenda. Dr Elaine Cook, Depute Chief Executive, West Lothian Council was in attendance at the meeting and answered questions from the Committee.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendations in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Martha Benny.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note and comment on:

1. The contents of the report;
2. The Forth Valley and West Lothian Regional Improvement Governance Plan;
3. Achievements to Date;
4. Thematic Inspection of Readiness for Empowerment, Education Scotland report of December 2018 and
5. That further progress reports are presented to the People Committee twice per year.

Action

Chief Education Officer

PC(19)29 EDUCATION SCOTLAND INSPECTION CLACKMANNAN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

The report submitted by the Improving Outcomes Manager shared the outcome of the inspection process at Clackmannan Primary School and Nursery.

Debra Laird, Headteacher, Clackmannan Primary School was in attendance at the meeting and answered questions from the Committee.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Kathleen Martin.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the findings of the report and having engaged with the Headteacher regarding the schools strengths and areas for improvement.

Action

Improving Outcomes Manager

PC(19)30 EDUCATION SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT 2017/18

The report submitted by the Improving Outcomes Manager reported to Committee on the latest Attainment Data across Education from August 2017 to the end of June 2018. Senior Management officers from the three Secondary Schools were in attendance to answer any questions from Committee.

Motion

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

Moved by Councillor Martha Benny. Seconded by Councillor Les Sharp.

Decision

Having challenged and commented on the report, the Committee agreed to note the Education Service Performance Report 2017/18.

Councillor George Matchett QPM withdrew from the meeting at this point in the proceedings (11.10 am)

PC(19)31 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2018/19 – DECEMBER OUTTURN

The report, submitted by the Chief Finance Officer, 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 Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

Decision

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

- The Division's net service expenditure is forecasting an underspend of £(0.618)m for the year ended 31 March 2019.
- Progress on delivering planned savings in the year.

**PC(19)32 COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN
CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL – HMIE INSPECTION REPORT,
JANUARY 2019**

The report, submitted by the Team Leader Education Community Learning and Development, presented to Committee the outcome of the HMIE Inspection of Community Learning and Development in Clackmannanshire – Alloa South East Area.

Motion

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

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

Decision

The Committee agreed to note and commented on the findings of the report, the key strengths and areas for improvement recorded therein.

Councillor Kathleen Martin and Rev Sang withdrew from the meeting at this point in the proceedings (11.45am).

**PC(19)33 INSPECTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES: CLACKMANNANSHIRE
COUNCIL**

The report, submitted by the Improving Outcomes Manager, shared the Education Scotland Inspection report on how Clackmannanshire Council is improving, learning, raising attainment and closing the poverty related attainment gap.

Motion

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

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Helen Lewis.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note and commented on the findings of the report.

PC(19)34 CONSULTATION ON AMENDING THE SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS POLICY

The report, submitted by the Chief Education Officer provided Committee with an update on the outcome of the consultation that was undertaken on amending the schools admission policy for denominational primary schools.

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:

1. Note that the majority of people who responded to the consultation expressed support for the proposed change in the admissions policy.

2. Note that Education Scotland concluded that the proposed change would have educational benefits.
3. Agree to change the admissions policy for Roman Catholic primary school. The new policy is: Children whose parents can demonstrate affiliation to the Roman Catholic church, by means of a baptismal certificate, and who live in the geographical catchment area, are entitled to enrol in the school. Parents who are not entitled to automatic admission can apply via the placing request mechanism.
4. Agree that changes to the admissions policy should only apply to children who do not currently attend either school or the siblings of children who currently attend either school.

Action

Chief Education Officer

**PC(19)35 EXPANSION OF EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE
CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN 2017**

The report, submitted by the Chief Education Officer, provided Committee with an update on the progress of work that has taken place to deliver Clackmannanshire's ELC Expansion Plan 2017.

Motion

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

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

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the progress that has been made relating to the expansion of the ELC provision to 1140 hours for all 3-4 year olds.

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The Convenor advised Committee that Jane Rough would be retiring before the next People Committee. He thanked her for all the work that she has done and wished her the best in her retirement.

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Ends 1225 hours

