

# ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 7 November 2017 at 2.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors MARK SALMOND, DEREK WANN, JULIE BELL, KENNY BRAES, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, LYNNE DEVINE, BEN LAWRIE, ANGUS MACMILLAN DOUGLAS OBE, BILL DUFF, BOB MYLES, RICHARD MOORE, LOIS SPEED, TOMMY STEWART, RON STURROCK and BETH WHITESIDE.

## **Church**

**Representatives:** Miss LESLEY HOOD.

Councillor SALMOND, Convener, in the Chair.

## **1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Colin Brown, Mark McDonald and Ronnie Proctor MBE, with Councillors Craig Fotheringham, Bill Duff and Richard Moore substituting respectively.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

## **3. MINUTES**

### **(a) Previous Meeting**

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 19 September 2017 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

### **(b) Executive Sub-Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of 17 October 2017, a copy of which is appended hereto, was submitted and noted (**APPENDIX I**).

## **4. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 5 SEPTEMBER TO 24 OCTOBER 2017**

There was submitted Report No 373/17 by the Strategic Director – People providing key information to members with regard to services delivered in the Children and Learning Directorate for the period 5 September to 24 October 2017 relating to:-

- Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 – Young Carers (Schedule 1)
- Adoption Allowances (Schedule 2)
- Education Scotland Inspection of Strathmartine Primary School (Schedule 3)
- Reporting of School Achievement and Attainment (Schedule 4)

With regard to Schedule 3, the Convener, on behalf of the Committee, congratulated the staff and pupils of Strathmartine Primary School on an excellent inspection report.

Thereafter, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the Report.

## **5. RESULTS OF CONSULTATION ON PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A SHARED CAMPUS FOR HAYSHEAD AND ST THOMAS PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 20 September 2016, there was submitted Report No 374/17 by the Strategic Director – People providing a summary of the consultation outcome in relation to the proposal to create a shared campus incorporating Hayshead Primary School and St Thomas Primary School and seeking approval to proceed to develop a shared campus for both schools.

The Report indicated that formal consultation on the proposals had been undertaken between 10 May and 23 June 2017. During the period a number of events had been held including

children's, staff, public and online consultations and across the period, a total of 639 responses had been received.

In accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, the responses made during the consultation events had been collated and a report issued to Education Scotland who had indicated that the proposal had clear educational benefits for children who may attend the campus in the future. However, it was noted that not all stakeholders engaged in the consultation were supportive of the proposal and it had therefore been recommended that the Council required to clearly set out how it intended to engage with key stakeholders to address the concerns raised.

Having heard a number of members welcome the Report, the Committee agreed to approve the development of a shared campus accommodating Hayshead Primary School and St Thomas Primary School.

#### **6. ANGUS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016 – 2017**

With reference to Article 4 (Schedule 3) of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 9 August 2016, there was submitted Report No 375/17 by the Strategic Director – People presenting the Angus Child Protection Committee Annual Report for 2016-2017.

The Annual Report presented the work which had been undertaken in Angus, individually and in partnership, to deliver national, Tayside and local child protection outcomes to improve the lives of vulnerable children and their families.

The Committee agreed to endorse the contents of the Angus Child Protection Committee Annual Report 2016-2017, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report.

#### **7. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Committee agreed, in terms of Standing Order 28(2), that the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following item so as to avoid the disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7a of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Paragraphs 6, 8 and 9.

#### **8. UPGRADE OF SOCIAL WORK CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

There was submitted Report No 376/17 by the Strategic Director – People providing information in relation to the upgrade of the existing Social Work Case Management System.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendations, as detailed in the Report.