

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors MARK SALMOND, DEREK WANN, JULIE BELL, KENNY BRAES, COLIN BROWN, LYNNE DEVINE, BEN LAWRIE, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, MARK McDONALD, IAN McLAREN, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, LOIS SPEED, TOMMY STEWART, RON STURROCK and BETH WHITESIDE.

Church

Representatives: Mr DAVID ADAMS.

Teacher

Representatives: Mr MIKE CALLAGHAN.

Councillor SALMOND, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Angus MacMillan Douglas OBE and Bob Myles, with Councillors Craig Fotheringham and Ian McLaren substituting respectively.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 7 November 2017 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 24 OCTOBER TO 12 DECEMBER 2017

There was submitted Report No 1/18 by the Strategic Director - People providing key information to members with regard to services delivered in the Children and Learning Directorate for the period 24 October to 12 December 2017 relating to:-

- Education Plan Mid-Term Update (Schedule 1)
- Angus Works Update (Schedule 2)
- New Model for Joint Inspection of Services for Children and Young People within Community Planning Partnerships (Schedule 3)

Having heard a number of members welcome the positive work being carried out by the Directorate (Schedules 1 and 2), the Committee agreed to note the contents of the Report.

5. CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2019-2022

With reference to Article 13 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 13 June 2017, there was submitted Report No 2/18 by the Head of Schools and Learning providing an overview of the outcomes of a consultation exercise with parents and carers, school staff and unions, and seeking approval for school holiday dates for 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.

The Committee agreed to approve the school holiday dates for 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, as detailed in the Appendices to the Report.

6. FIRST IMPRESSIONS REVIEW OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL WEEK

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 10 January 2017, there was submitted Report No 3/18 by the Head of Schools and Learning providing a 'first impressions' review of the changes to the secondary school week.

The review concentrated on the views of Angus' young people who had experienced the change first-hand and a further evaluation would be conducted at the end of the school session and would seek broader stakeholder views.

The Report provided a summary of the outcomes of the first impressions review and detailed proposals for future action.

Having heard a number of members welcome the positive Report, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the outcomes of the first impressions review of the changes to the secondary school week, as detailed in Section 4 of the Report; and
- (ii) to approve the proposals for future action, as detailed in Section 5 of the Report.