

# ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 22 May 2018 at 2.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors MARK SALMOND, DEREK WANN, JULIE BELL, KENNY BRAES, COLIN BROWN, LYNNE DEVINE, BEN LAWRIE, ANGUS MACMILLAN DOUGLAS OBE, MARK McDONALD, BOB MYLES, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, LOIS SPEED, TOMMY STEWART, RON STURROCK and BETH WHITESIDE.

**Teacher**

**Representatives:** Mr MIKE CALLAGHAN and Mrs ANNA CHEYNE.

Councillor SALMOND, Convener, in the Chair.

## 1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Miss Lesley Hood and Mrs Liz Howson.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

## 3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 19 April 2018 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

## 4. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 3 APRIL TO 8 MAY 2018

There was submitted Report No 168/18 by the Strategic Director - People providing key information to members with regard to services delivered in the Children and Learning Directorate for the period 3 April to 8 May 2018 relating to:-

- Online School Payments (Schedule 1); and
- Education Scotland Inspection of Friockheim Primary School (Schedule 2).

Having heard Councillor Bell raise a number of comments/issues in relation to online school payments (Schedule 1) and the Convener congratulate the staff of Friockheim Primary School on a positive inspection (Schedule 2), the Committee thereafter agreed to note the contents of the Report.

## 5. ANGUS ADOPTION AGENCY AND FOSTERING PANEL – ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

With reference to Article 15 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 13 June 2017, there was submitted Report No 169/18 by the Strategic Director - People advising members of the production of the Angus Adoption Agency and Fostering Panel Annual Report.

The Report highlighted the Council's success over several years in providing an effective service for children, foster carers and adoptive parents and noted the demand on the resources, as well as services provided.

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

- (i) to endorse the Angus Adoption Agency and Fostering Panel Annual Report, as appended to the Report; and
- (ii) to support the future plans, as detailed within the Annual Report.

## 6. ANGUS YOUTH ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

With reference to Article 11 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 7 December 2017, there was submitted Report No 170/18 by the Strategic Director – People providing details and seeking endorsement of the Angus Youth Engagement Strategy to strengthen Angus Community Planning Partnership's engagement with Angus Young People.

The Report indicated that the Year of the Young People 2018 aimed to inspire Scotland through its young people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contribution to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally. Young people from Angus and members of the Community Planning Partnership had co-designed the Youth Engagement Strategy, with young people having identified a set of principles that were important to them about how they would like to be engaged in decisions that affected their lives.

Having heard from a number of members, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the principles of the Angus Youth Engagement Strategy, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report; and
- (ii) to support young people in Angus and the Angus Community Planning Partnership to strengthen engagement with each other.