

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the **CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 21 February 2019 at 11.00 am.

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

Teacher

Representatives: Mr MIKE CALLAGHAN and Mrs ANNA CHEYNE.

Councillor WANN, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Angus MacMillan Douglas OBE, with Councillor Craig Fotheringham substituting. Apologies for absence were also intimated on behalf of Miss Lesley Hood and Mrs Liz Howson, Church Representatives.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. ANGUS SCHOOL STAFFING - BUDGET EFFICIENCIES

There was submitted Report No 67/19 by the Head of Schools and Learning summarising the progress of the implementation of efficiencies to the school staff budget and providing an updated programme of budget efficiencies. The Report also sought approval of the updated programme of delivery as part of the Council's overall change programme.

The Report provided an overview of the proposals, particularly in relation to primary, secondary and visiting teachers. The recommended changes to service delivery, as detailed within Section 5 of the Report, would deliver budget savings of £1.816m over the period 2018-2023.

At this stage in the meeting Councillor Devine gave notice of an amendment, the contents of which were circulated.

The time being 11.03am, the Committee agreed that the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes to afford members the opportunity to consider the contents of the tabled amendment.

The meeting resumed at 11.08 am.

COUNCILLOR WANN, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SPEED, MOVED THAT THIS COMMITTEE AGREES:-

- (I) TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED REVISED SECONDARY TEACHER SAVINGS IN APRIL 2019 FROM £395,000 TO £227,000;
- (II) TO NOTE THE PROPOSED TEACHER WORKFORCE BUDGET EFFICIENCIES FOR 2019 – 2024, AS DETAILED IN TABLE 3 OF THE REPORT;
- (III) TO NOTE THAT THE INCREASING SECONDARY SCHOOL ROLL WAS A LIKELY BUDGET PRESSURE FOR THE 2020/2021 BUDGET SETTING PROCESS;
- (IV) TO APPROVE THE REVISED BUDGET EFFICIENCIES FROM THE GRADUAL REDUCTION OF ADDITIONAL PRIMARY TEACHERS OVER FOUR YEARS, AS DETAILED IN TABLE 2 OF THE REPORT;

- (V) TO NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL TEACHER SAVINGS AS AGREED IN RECOMMENDATION (IV) ABOVE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL MONITORING TO MANAGE ANY RISK ON SERVICE DELIVERY AND PUPIL-TEACHER CENSUS; AND
- (VI) TO NOTE THAT ANY ALTERATIONS TO THE SAVINGS DETAILED IN TABLE 3 AS THE RESULT OF ANNUAL MONITORING WOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED TO A FUTURE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER SCRUTINY.

Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Duff, moved as an amendment, that this Committee agrees:-

- (i) to approve recommendations (i)-(iii) and (v)-(vi) as detailed above; and
- (ii) to approve revised budget efficiencies from the gradual reduction of only the 17FTE additional primary teachers as per Table 1 over 4 years, noting this will reduce the proposed savings in Table 2 by £204,000 to Nil in 2019/2020.

On a vote being taken, the members voted:-

For the motion:-

Councillors Wann, Speed, Brown, Lawrie, Fotheringham, Myles, Proctor, Stewart and Sturrock (9).

For the amendment:-

Councillors Bell, Braes, Devine, Duff, McDonald, and Whiteside (6).

No vote:-

Mr Callaghan and Mrs Cheyne (2).

The motion was declared carried and become the finding of the meeting.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 16(11)(ii), Mr Callaghan requested that his dissent be recorded from the terms of both the motion and the amendment.