

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the **CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 27 February 2020 at 10.00 am.

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

Teacher

Representative: Mr MIKE CALLAGHAN.

Councillor WANN, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Mrs Anna Cheyne, Teacher Representative.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. ANGUS EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING BUDGET EFFICIENCIES

There was submitted Report No 92/20 by the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning summarising the progress of the implementation of efficiencies to the school staff budget and providing an updated programme of budget efficiencies.

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 £1.419m over the period 2020-2024, which included further budget efficiencies within the teacher workforce of £1.162m.

Having heard the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning detail an amendment to the figures as contained in Section 3.1 of the Report as follows: - 'September 2019 – 13.2 (not including teachers funded by Pupil Equity Fund (PEF)); 13.0 inclusive of PEF funded teachers', and also having heard from Mr Callaghan, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note that the increasing secondary school roll had created a budget pressure for the 2020/2021 budget setting process with a financial impact of £382,000 based on a realistic estimate of an additional 186 pupils, and a financial impact of £212,000 during 2021/2022 due to the effect of the academic year,
- (ii) to note the continued revised budget efficiencies from the gradual reduction of additional primary teachers over 3 years, as detailed in Table 2 of the Report;
- (iii) to note that the information as agreed in recommendations (i) and (ii) above would also be considered by a Special Meeting of Angus Council;
- (iv) to note the continued annual teacher savings as agreed in recommendation (ii) above would be subject to annual monitoring as to the impact on service delivery and pupil-teacher census; and
- (v) to note that any alterations to the savings as a result of annual monitoring would be highlighted to a future meeting of this Committee.