

MINUTE of MEETING of the **SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE** hosted in Angus House, Forfar and held remotely on Thursday 23 April 2020 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors DAVID FAIRWEATHER, ANGUS MACMILLAN DOUGLAS OBE, LYNNE DEVINE, RICHARD MOORE, MARK SALMOND, DEREK WANN, and BETH WHITESIDE.

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Representatives: Miss LESLEY HOOD and Mr ERIC SUMMERS.

Councillor Fairweather, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. SECONDARY SENIOR PHASE ATTAINMENT 2018 - 2019

The Convener advised that Report No 127/20 could not be considered at today's meeting due to an administrative error in not having been published timeously and consequently the Council was unable to meet the requirement under Section 50B(3) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 of having given three days public notice of the Report.

The Committee agreed to note the position.

4. PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CAPACITIES

There was submitted Report No 128/20 by the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, providing an update on school capacities and projected rolls for academic session 2020/21 as at 9 April 2020, and seeking approval for the application, extension or removal of roll caps on the identified schools as set out in the Proposals in Paragraph 5.

Having heard questions from Councillors Devine, Whiteside and Moore, and responses from the Director and Officers, the Committee agreed:

- (i) to approve the updated school capacity for Hayshead Primary School;
- (ii) to an extension on the comprehensive review of published capacities;
- (iii) to approve the capping of the rolls at Glamis Primary School, Mattocks Primary School, Warddykes Primary School, Whitehills Primary School and Woodlands Primary School;
- (iv) to remove the cap from Timmergreens Primary School; and
- (v) to approve the temporary reduction of the S1 intake limit at Monifieth High School.

5. EARLY YEARS EXPANSION PROGRAMME UPDATE

There was submitted Report No 129/20 by the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, updating Members on progress in the expansion of early learning and childcare (ELC) provision in Angus from 600 hours to 1,140 hours per annum by August 2020.

Members were advised of a typographical error in Paragraph 4.23 of the Report, where the reference to 'February 2018' should read 'February 2020'.

Having heard questions and comments from Councillors Devine, Whiteside and Moore, and responses from Officers, the Committee agreed to note:

- (i) the current position with regard to progress on the Angus implementation of the national expansion of ELC by August 2020; and
- (ii) the intention to provide up to 1,140 hours of funded ELC to those requiring it from August 2020, in temporary spaces where necessary until construction projects were complete.