

## **ANGUS COUNCIL**

MINUTE of MEETING of the **CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE** held remotely on Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 2.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors RON STURROCK, COLIN BROWN BEM, JULIE BELL, BRIAN BOYD, KENNY BRAES, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, BEN LAWRIE, DAVID LUMGAIR, ANGUS MACMILLAN DOUGLAS OBE, IAN McLAREN, BOB MYLES, GAVIN NICOL, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, LOIS SPEED and BETH WHITESIDE.

**Teacher**

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

Councillor STURROCK, Convener, in the Chair.

### **1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES**

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An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Alex King, with Councillor Bill Duff substituting. Apologies for absence were also intimated on behalf of Miss Lesley Hood and Mr Eric Summers, Church Representatives.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Bell declared a non-financial interest in Item 5, Report No 347/21 as she was a Committee member of the Kirriemuir Food Hub. She indicated that she would take part in any discussion and voting on the item.

### **3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 21 September 2021 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

### **4. ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORT 2020/21 AND ANGUS ANNUAL EDUCATION PLAN 2021/22**

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 17 November 2020, there was submitted Report No 346/21 by the Director of Education & Lifelong Learning presenting the annual education report and plan, summarising the progress made with regard to the education plan, and setting out the new plan for 2021-2022.

The Report provided a review of progress, together with a summary of work carried out in session 2020-2021 against three themes, Angus Cares, Angus Learns and Angus Improves.

The proposed education plan highlighted planned improvement activity for the period September 2021 to August 2022 and outlined the priorities drawn from national and local data, including the collation of priorities identified by each of the schools in their own standards and qualities reports. Across each of the three themes, the use of the 'logic model' illustrated how national and local data had been used to inform the improvement priorities for 2021-2022.

Having heard a number of members welcome the positive Report, and pay tribute to the children and young people, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress summarised in relation to the Annual Education Plan 2020-2021, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report;
- (ii) to approve the Annual Education Plan 2021-2022, and implementation of the plan and its priorities, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report;
- (iii) to instruct provision of the approved Plan to Scottish Ministers, as required in Section 3F(2) of the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc Act 2000;
- (iv) to instruct the Director of Education & Lifelong Learning to present an evaluation Report on progress with the Annual Education Plan to a meeting of this Committee in September 2022.

## **5. GET INTO SUMMER: ANGUS IMPACT REPORT**

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 18 May 2021, there was submitted Report No 347/21 by the Director of Education & Lifelong Learning providing information on the 2021 Scottish Government - Angus 'Summer Offer for Children and Young People', also known as 'Get into Summer'.

The Report provided an evaluation and impact of the work on our children, young people and Angus communities, which had shown that investment in holiday provision could have a far-reaching positive impact on not only children, young people and families but also on local business, employment opportunity, education, community engagement and recovery.

Having heard from a number of members who welcomed the excellent programme of activities, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the expenditure of £335,000 of dedicated grant funding for the delivery of the 2021 'Get into Summer' programme and the outcomes of the evaluation exercise; and
- (ii) to note that as the most significant elements of the programme were completed, this was the final update on the Get into Summer 2021 provision.

## **6. UPLIFT OF ALLOWANCES FOR SUPPORTED LODGINGS PROVIDERS**

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 16 August 2018, there was submitted Report No 348/21 by the Director of Children, Families and Justice setting out proposals to increase the weekly fee paid to approved Supported Lodgings Providers.

The Report indicated that in order to ensure that the Angus scheme adequately recognised the costs and commitments of supported lodgings providers, it was proposed that the rate paid by Angus Council be set at £250 per week from 1 December 2021. This was an increase of £80 per week and would bring the Council more closely in line with the fees paid by other authorities.

The Committee agreed to approve a fee rate of £250 per week payable to Supported Lodgings Providers from 1 December 2021.