

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the **CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE** held in Angus House, Orchardbank, Forfar on Thursday 2 March 2023 at 10.30 am.

Present: Councillors LYNNE DEVINE, MARTIN SHEPHERD, CHRIS BEATTIE, JULIE BELL, KENNY BRAES, IAIN GALL, ROSS GREIG, MARK McDONALD, GEORGE MEECHAN, LLOYD MELVILLE, GAVIN NICOL, LOUISE NICOL, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, LOIS SPEED, DEREK WANN and BETH WHITESIDE.

Church

Representative: Mrs JACKIE WILSON.

Teacher

Representatives: Mr MIKE CALLAGHAN and Mrs ANNA CHEYNE.

Councillor DEVINE, Convener, in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of the business, the Convener referred to the serious damage to the roof of Burnside Primary School as a result of Storm Otto and paid tribute to the officers who had work tirelessly to enable the young people to return to the school.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

There were no apologies intimated.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

There were no declarations of interest or statements of transparency made.

3. BUDGET EFFICIENCIES – EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING DIRECTORATE

There was submitted Report No 72/23 by the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning summarising the budget efficiencies identified by the Education and Lifelong Learning directorate for the Council's 2023/24 revenue budget. The Report also detailed identified budget savings for financial years 2024/25 and 2025/26 which were included on an indicative basis only, with final decisions on those savings being made as part of the budget setting process for those financial years.

The Report provided an overview of the budget issues, efficiencies and increases to charges within Section 4 and Appendices A-C to the Report.

The Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate would continue to monitor the effective use of budgets and consult with Head Teachers and setting managers to evaluate the service provided to our children, young people and families.

Having heard from Councillor Louise Nicol in relation to the indicative future budget savings, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the Education and Lifelong Learning budget issues detailed in Appendix A in relation to inflationary increases, totalling £1,381,000;
- (ii) to note the budget efficiencies identified for Education and Lifelong learning detailed in Appendix B, totalling £2,423,000 for 2023/24, £2,807,000 for 2024/25 and £1,402,000 for 2025/26; and
- (iii) to note that any feedback and comments would be reported verbally by the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning to the Special meeting of Angus Council following the conclusion of this Committee.