

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE** held remotely on Tuesday 14 February 2023 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors LYNNE DEVINE, LINDA CLARK, 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, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM and BILL DUFF.

Teacher

Representatives: Mrs ANNA CHEYNE and Mrs GILLIAN LAWRENCE.

Councillor DEVINE, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Martin Shepherd, Derek Wann and Beth Whiteside, with Councillors Linda Clark, Craig Fotheringham and Bill Duff substituting respectively. Apologies for absence were also intimated on behalf of Mrs Jackie Wilson, Church Representative and Mr Mike Callaghan, Teacher Representative, with Mrs Gillian Lawrence substituting for Mr Callaghan.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

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

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 15 November 2022 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. GRANT FUNDING - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 18 May 2021, there was submitted Joint Report No 22/23 by Director of Children, Families and Justice, and the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning seeking approval for the Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing programme.

The Report advised that as part of the commitment to improve mental health and wellbeing, Scottish Government had made grant funding available to deliver a mental health and wellbeing programme for children and young people aged 5-26. The grants supported the Scottish Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Supports and Services Framework to meet the aim that every child and young person in Scotland would be able to access local community services which would support and improve their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

The 2023/24 grant award had been notified on 13 January 2023 and a full programme could now be considered. The current Angus programme and spend was detailed in Section 4.3 of the Report.

Having heard from a number of members, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report and the progress towards developing and supporting community based mental health and wellbeing services for young people aged 5-26;
- (ii) to note the spend for the Children and Young People Mental Health and Wellbeing Programme for 2021/22;
- (iii) to approve the spending plan for the Children and Young People Mental Health and Wellbeing Programme for 2022/23;

- (iv) to accept the grant allocation for 2023/24 and to delegate authority to the Depute Chief Executive to decide how the grant allocation would be spent; and
- (v) to direct that a Report be brought to a future meeting of this Committee on the spending plans for 2023/24 agreed by the Depute Chief Executive in accordance with recommendation (iv) above, and to advise Members of the outcomes achieved from year 1 and year 2 of the programme.