

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the **FAMILY, EDUCATION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 29 February 2024 at 10:30 am.

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

Church

Representative: Rev. CHRISTINE HAY.

Teacher

Representative: Mr MIKE CALLAGHAN.

Councillor DEVINE, Convener, in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of business the Convener welcomed Rev. Christine Hay, Church Representative to her first Family, Education and Justice Committee.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mrs Jackie Wilson, Church Representative.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

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

3. BUDGET UPDATE – EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING DIRECTORATE

There was submitted Report No 80/24 by the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning summarising the budget issues, savings and amendments to charges identified by Education and Lifelong Learning for the Council's 2024-25 revenue budget.

The Report indicated that identified budget savings for future years referred to within the report were included on an indicative basis only and final decisions on those savings would be 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 5 and Appendices A-C to the Report.

Having heard from Mr Callaghan and Councillors Speed and Whiteside, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the Education and Lifelong Learning budget issues as detailed in Appendix A to the Report, totalling £1,300,000;
- (ii) to note the budget savings identified for Education and Lifelong Learning as detailed in Appendix B to the Report, totalling £1,705,000 for 2024-25, £1,452,000 for 2025-26 and £450,000 for 2026-27;
- (iii) to note the proposed 20p increase to school meal charges as detailed in Appendix C to the Report; and
- (iv) that feedback and comments would be reported verbally by the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning to the meeting of Angus Council on 29 February 2024, following the conclusion of this Committee.