

MINUTES of MEETING of COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE held BY MICROSOFT TEAMS on THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2022

Present: Councillor Yvonne McNeilly (Chair)

Councillor Jim Anderson	Councillor Iain Paterson
Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Gemma Penfold
Councillor Lorna Douglas	Councillor Alan Reid
Councillor Audrey Forrest	Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Kieron Green	Margaret Anderson
Councillor Graham Hardie	Reverend Sandy MacPherson
Councillor Julie McKenzie	Alison Palmer
Councillor Liz McCabe	Lorna Stewart
Councillor Donald MacMillan BEM	

Also Present: Councillor Gary Mulvaney Councillor Donald Kelly

Attending: Douglas Hendry, Executive Director
Wendy Brownlie, Head of Education: Learning and Teaching
Stuart McLean, Committee Manager
Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliff, Police Scotland
Chief Inspector Emma Grimason, Police Scotland
Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie, Police Scotland
Group Commander Gregg McKearney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Stephen Whiston, Head of Strategic Planning, Performance & Technology, Argyll & Bute HSCP

The Chair welcomed Wendy Brownlie to her first meeting of the Committee in her new role

Decision

The Committee considered and noted the IJB Health and Social Care Partnership report presented to the IJB in January 2022.

(Reference: Report by Head of Strategic Planning, Performance & Technology, Argyll & Bute HSCP, submitted)

7. KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FQ3 2021/22 - EDUCATION SERVICE

A paper presenting the Committee with the FQ3 2021/22 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the Education Service was considered.

Decision

The Committee reviewed and scrutinised the FQ3 2021/22 KPI Report as presented.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education dated 24 January 2022, submitted)

8. KILCHRENAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

A report updating the Committee on the current situation of Kilchrenan Primary School and inviting Members to agree to the recommendations outlined was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed that:

1. Kilchrenan Primary School be mothballed on a temporary basis and that the building be retained for two years on a care and maintenance basis;
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3. The community would have pre-arranged access to the building to promote community functions during the period of mothballing.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education dated 10 March 2022, submitted)

9. NATIONAL IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR SCOTTISH EDUCATION

A paper providing an overview of the Argyll and Bute Primary achievement in Literacy and Numeracy for P1, P4 and P7 published by the Scottish Government on 14 December 2021 in Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence Levels (ACEL) 2020/21, was considered alo) * Á ã@á Á] áæ Á } Á@ÁÙ& çā @Ó [ç^!} { ^} ç Á@CCÁ pæā] æÁ Improvement Framework and Improvement Plan for Scottish Education.

Northern Alliance Regional Improvement Collaborative and detailed spending relating to the £600,000 of funding for Covid-19 recovery provided by Argyll and Bute Council.

Decision

The Committee:

1. considered the 2020/21 overview of the Primary and Secondary achievement in Literacy and Numeracy for P1, P4 and P7 within Argyll and Bute;
2. noted that ACEL achievement data was not collected in 2020 by Scottish Government due to the impact of Covid-19 and in 2021, the collection was limited to Literacy and Numeracy achievement in the Primary sector;
3. noted the Scottish Government's National Framework and Improvement Plan for Scottish Education;
4. noted the level and nature of collaboration between Argyll and Bute Council Education Service and the Northern Alliance Regional Improvement Collaborative; and
5. noted the impact of Covid-19 on the recovery in Education.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education dated 15 February 2022, submitted)

10. SCHOOLS CONSULTATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 - CAMPBELTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Consideration was given to a recommendation from the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee meeting held on 1 December 2021, that the Committee exercise its functions of the Council as Education Authority, to request the Executive Director with responsibility for Education to prepare a report in respect to the potential for a proposal, in terms of the School (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 for a new Campbeltown Primary School which would replace the existing primaries of Dalintober and Castlehill and that this report be considered early in 2022.

Decision

The Committee:

1. noted the request from the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee;
2. further noted that, since 2017/18, the Council has delivered
 - a) a new Campbeltown Grammar School, at a cost of c.£25million,
 - b) spent £1.312 million of capital and £246K of revenue on Campbeltown/South Kintyre primary schools; and has a further £843K of capital expenditure planned for the same schools in the three year period from 2022/23 to 2024/25;
3. further noted that this Committee, at their meeting on 25 August 2021 considered and agreed a report in relation to the Learning Estate Strategy which stated, at paragraph

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review (the school) estate in Kintyre should future funding from Scottish Government
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4. agreed that the possibility of further school building in Kintyre, including a primary
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Strategy, and Learning Estates Investment Plan.

(Reference: Extract from Minute of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee 1
December 2021, submitted)

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