

**MINUTES of MEETING of COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE held ON A HYBRID BASIS IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD AND BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
on THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2023**

Present:

Councillor Yvonne McNeilly (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blair
Councillor Math Campbell-
Sturgess
Councillor Garret Corner
Councillor Audrey Forrest
Councillor Amanda Hampsey
Councillor Daniel Hampsey
Councillor Graham Hardie

Councillor Paul Donald Kennedy
Councillor Liz McCabe
Councillor Dougie McFadzean

4. ARGYLL & BUTE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP - PERFORMANCE REPORT - FQ1 2023/24

A report detailing performance for FQ1 (April . June) 2023/24 for Argyll & Bute Health & Social Care Partnership was considered.

Decision

The Committee considered and noted the IJB HSCP . FQ1 Performance Report 2023/24 (April . June).

(Reference: Report by Head of Strategic Planning, Performance and Technology, Argyll & Bute HSCP dated 14 December 2023, submitted)

Margaret Anderson (Church Representative) joined the meeting at this point.

5. SCHOOLS CONSULTATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 - KILCHRENAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

A report providing details of a draft proposal for Kilchrenan Primary School formulated in accordance with the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, as amended (the 2010 Act), was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed to adopt the draft proposal, as set out in Appendix A, as a statutory consultation under the 2010 Act.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education dated 4 December 2023, submitted)

6. EDUCATION PERFORMANCE DATA ANALYSIS 2022-23

A report providing an overview of key performance data and outcomes for all pupils across CE* ^||Áæ áÁÓ c q Á} Á^&| } áæ^ Á&@ [| • Éæ &| áã * Á^&| } áæ^ Áæææ { ^} áæÁæ\ |æ} á• Á School in Helensburgh, for session 2022-2023, using local authority data on attainment, áæ Á~]] |á áÁ^ Á@ ÁJ&| cã @Á[ç^!} { ^} ç Ánsight tool, was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:

1. consider the information contained in the report;
2. commend the hard work and commitment of pupils and staff in securing these levels of attainment and achievement, and recognise the crucial role in such success played by parents and carers in partnership with our schools;
3. note the SQA directive that as a consequence of the different assessment arrangements in place each year over the period 2020-2023 as a result of Covid-19, meaningful comparison between 2023 results and results in other years in this period, specifically 2020 and 2021, was not possible; and

4. note that a further report would come to a future meeting of the Committee once final Insight data for session 2022-2023 was made available in the February 2024 Insight update.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education dated 14 December 2023, submitted)

7. ANNUAL PARTICIPATION MEASURE 2022-23

A report providing Members with information on the most recent Annual Participation Measure published in August 2023, covering the period April 2022 . March 2023, was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:

1. note the publication of the 2022-2023 Annual Participation Measure; and
2. recognise the strong and improving performance of Argyll and Bute as a Council area in facilitating the participation of 16 . 19 year olds.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education dated 14 December 2023, submitted)

3. the attainment funding for Care Experienced Children and Young People would support the continued input from the Care Experienced Education Team (Virtual Head Teacher and Health and Wellbeing Liaison Officers); and
4. that the Chief Education Officer would continue to provide updates on the improved outcomes for Care Experienced Children and Young People to the Corporate Parenting Board/Community Services Committee.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education dated 14 December 2023, submitted)

9. COUNSELLING IN SCHOOLS

A paper providing an update on the delivery and impact of the Counselling in Schools service from January . September 2023 when the service has been provided by The Therapeutic Counselling Service (The Exchange) was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed:

1. to note the change in provision of the Counselling in Schools Service to The Therapeutic Counselling Service (The Exchange), the positive impact it has had on &@!^} Áæ áÁ[~ } * Á ^ [] | ^ ¢ wellbeing since its inception in January 2023, and support the ongoing commitment to deliver this service within all schools; OW12 Tf1 0 0 1 10.453 ree
2. the continued need for support across the Health and Social Care Partnership and the Education Service to further embed this service within current processes, ensure a clear continuum of support and improve access for children and young people;
3. to note that a successful approach required joint working between Education establishments and the Counselling in Schools Service as partners in co-facilitation including the use of school spaces for young people to access their counselling sessions; and
4. the need to consider how best to ensure impact from the Counselling in Schools funding which had } [, Á ^ ^ } Áæ ^ Áæ ^ á Áæ Á Á @ Á [~ } &@ Áæ æ &@ Á ^ ¢ { ^ } Ë

Decision

The Committee agreed:

1. to note the Campbeltown feasibility study that had been undertaken and acknowledge that this could be retained for review at a later date should funding become available; and
2. ~~to note the Campbeltown feasibility study that had been undertaken and acknowledge that this could be retained for review at a later date should funding become available; and~~ It was the number one priority and therefore must take precedence for any funding.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Commercial Services and Education dated 14 December 2023, submitted)

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(Reference: Q2 2023-2024 Report by Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, submitted)

14. EXTERNAL EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION REPORT

A report providing details of all external establishment inspection reports received across Argyll and Bute Education Service during the period May to October 2023 was before the Committee for information.

Decision

The Committee noted:-

1. the contents of this report;
2. this quarterly report would be presented on an ongoing basis to the Community Services Committee detailing all establishment inspections conducted and published by Education Scotland within that period; and
3. that Ward Members would receive copies of school inspection reports for schools within their area as published by Education Scotland.

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