

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of HYBRID MEETING of the **FAMILY, EDUCATION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 15 August 2024 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors LYNNE DEVINE, CHRIS BEATTIE, JULIE BELL, KENNY BRAES, LINDA CLARK 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 CHRISTINE HAY.

Teacher

Representative: Mr MIKE CALLAGHAN and Mrs ANNA CHEYNE.

Councillor DEVINE, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ross Greig and Gavin Nicol with no substitutions and Councillors Martin Shepherd and Derek Wann with Councillors Kenny Braes and Craig Fotheringham substituting respectively. Apologies for absence were also 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. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 30 May 2024 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. ANGUS SCHOOL INSPECTION REPORT – ST THOMAS R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was submitted Report No 217/24 by the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning updating members on the recent publication of an Education Scotland report on inspection activity in an Angus School.

The Director of Education and Lifelong Learning introduced the Report which provided a summary of the inspection at St Thomas’s R.C Primary School as detailed within Appendix 1 to the Report. These inspections included areas of strength, areas for improvement, evaluations of the Quality Indicators and an expression of confidence in the school’s capacity to improve.

The Chair welcomed the Report and highlighted that the school had twenty nationalities and nineteen languages which had been noted by the Inspector.

Following questions and comments, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the areas of strength identified in the school inspection;
- (ii) to note the areas for improvement identified in the school inspection;
- (iii) to note the evaluation of the Quality Indicators in the school inspection; and
- (iv) to note the expression of confidence for the school’s capacity to improve.

5. INTERIM PERFORMANCE UPDATE – ANGUS ADVOCACY STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 20 February 2024, there was submitted Report No 218/24 by the Chief Officer, Angus Health and Social Care Partnership providing members with an update on the progress of the Angus Advocacy Strategic Framework.

The Report indicated the Advocacy Planning Group meet every two months and since approval of the Framework in February 2024, the Group had met in February, April and June. At each meeting, the Group had recorded progress of actions within the delivery plan of the Framework and progress against the high-level actions through 2023-2026, was summarised within the Report.

Following questions and comments the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to acknowledge the progress of the delivery plan within the Angus Advocacy Strategic Framework since its approval in February 2024; and
- (ii) to request a further update Report in 12 months' time.

6. TAYSIDE BAIRNS' HOOSE PATHFINDER PROGRAMME

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 20 February 2024, there was submitted Report No 219/24 by the Interim Director for Children, Families and Justice providing members with updated information as requested by this Committee on 20 February 2024, Report No 43/24 refers.

The Report provided an overview of the planning and development of the Bairns' Hoose pathfinder programme in Tayside following the successful bid submitted to Scottish Government by Angus Council, Dundee City Council, Perth & Kinross Council, NHS Tayside, and Police Scotland. The Tayside Bairns' Hoose pathfinder was one of six areas selected in Scotland to pilot and test specific trauma responsive approaches to supporting children and families involved in the child protection system. The Tayside programme would explore specific Bairns' Hoose standards to inform the Bairns' Hoose Blueprint for Scotland with full national implementation from 2027 onwards.

The Committee agreed :-

- (i) to note to the contents of the Report and progress towards designing and testing trauma informed supports and services for children, young people and families involved in child protection in line with the National Standards for Bairns' Hoose; and
- (ii) to note the extension of the pathfinder stage for a further two years.

7. ANGUS COMMUNITY JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP (ACJP) LOCAL AREA REPORT APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2023

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 March 2024, there was submitted Report No 220/24 by the Chief Executive providing an overview of the work of the ACJP and briefing members on the priority areas moving into the next year. The Angus Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan 2022-23 had been extended for a further year until March 2024 with work underway to conclude the plan 2024-2027 ensuring that alignment was made with other Protecting People Partnerships and Committees within Angus.

The Report highlighted the work undertaken by individual services within the Angus Community Justice Partnership and collectively as a partnership and provided an overview of key trends from the statistical part of the Local Area Report demonstrating a continuing demand across community justice services.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the Angus Community Justice Partnership (ACJP) Annual Report 2022 to 2023, appended to the Report;
- (ii) to note the key trends and areas for development emerging from the Report; and
- (iii) to acknowledge the Council's cross departmental responsibilities in relation to Community Justice.