

Item 4.1 - Minutes

Education, Children and Families Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday, 24 May 2016

Present

Councillors Godzik (Convener), Fullerton (Vice-Convener), Aitken, Aldridge, Bridgman, Child, Corbett, Day, Donaldson (substituting for Councillor Austin Hart), Heslop (substituting for Councillor Nick Cook), Jackson, Key, Keil (substituting for Councillor Robson), Lewis, Lunn, Main, Milligan, Redpath, Rust and Tymkewycz.

Added members for Education matters

Marie Allan, Rev. Thomas Cooper, Allan Crosbie and Alexander Ramage.

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Charter Mark Award

Prior to the start of the meeting, Councillor Godzik, on behalf of the Communities and Families Directorate, was presented with the LGBT Charter Mark Award by John Nicholls (Youth Work Director, LGBT Youth Scotland.). The award was presented for successful completion of the LGBT Charter of Rights at Foundation level which demonstrated a commitment from the Council to be LGBT inclusive.

1. Order of business

The Convener agreed that the items of business be dealt with in the following order.

2. Tynecastle Nursery

2.1 Deputation – Parents of Tynecastle Nursery

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Peter Henderson and Beth Smith, on behalf of the parents of Tynecastle Nursery, in relation to the joint report by the Acting Executive Directors of Resources and Communities and Families on a revised proposal for the delivery of a replacement Tynecastle Nursery. The deputation highlighted the following:

- The Care Inspectorate had awarded the current nursery a good assessment report and had described the facility as a centre of excellence.
- In May 2015, this Committee had approved a new expanded nursery on the existing site. This now appeared to have been scaled back and the revised proposals represented an inferior nursery.

- The current building had a veranda area which allowed children to play and learn outdoors all year round. However, the proposed nursery new build was facing an easterly direction and would be in the shadow of a large football stand. This would limit available sunlight in the outdoor play area.
- The space in the outdoor play area was to be reduced from 800sqm to 500sqm; this would diminish the character of the nursery and result in a poorer learning environment.
- The revised proposal represented a cost saving to the Council, however, this was not significant and only equated to around £91,000.
- When the original nursery had been built in 1929 it was intended to provide a safe place to exercise and play. Children within the area still lived in high density housing, and with a recent reduction in green spaces, the nursery provided one of the few options for outdoor play and exercise in the area.
- The revised proposal sought to replace the current nursery with one that was colder, darker and had a significantly smaller garden. It would be difficult to deliver the same high quality service as previously in such a facility.

The deputation requested that the Committee reconsider the revised proposal with a view to improving the orientation and size of the available outdoor space.

2.2 Report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families

The Education, Children and Families Committee had previously approved the replacement of the existing Tynecastle nursery school with a new expanded facility within the existing site.

The Council had since been approached by Heart of Midlothian Football Club (HMFC) who required the nursery site as part of the proposed redevelopment of the main stand at Tynecastle Stadium. HMFC were proposing to provide a new permanent nursery facility (to the same specification as the previously approved proposal) as part of their stadium redevelopment which, in turn, would be leased to the Council at a peppercorn rent. HMFC would lease land to the Council to accommodate a new temporary nursery until the permanent nursery had been completed.

Authority was sought to enter into revised development proposals for the delivery of a new nursery for the Tynecastle area.

Motion

- 1) To note the proposals by Heart of Midlothian Football Club to redevelop their main stand and the impact on the Council's current proposal to replace Tynecastle Nursery.
- 2) To approve the revised strategy for the delivery of a new Tynecastle Nursery as detailed in the joint report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources and the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families.

- 3) To refer the joint report to the Finance and Resources Committee for final approval of the terms and conditions, as detailed in paragraph 3.5 of the joint report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources and the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families.
- 4) To note that discussions with staff and parents would continue before the plans were finally agreed.
- 5) To agree that a Working Group be established, including staff, parents and the project architect to bring forward these plans and to specifically look at concerns over the outdoor play/garden area.

- Moved by Councillor Godzik, seconded by Councillor Fullerton.

Amendment

- 1) To note the proposals by Heart of Midlothian Football Club to redevelop their main stand and the impact on the Council's current proposal to replace Tynecastle Nursery.
- 2) To approve the revised strategy for the delivery of a new Tynecastle Nursery as detailed in the joint report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources and the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families.
- 3) To refer the joint report to the Finance and Resources Committee for final approval of the terms and conditions, as detailed in paragraph 3.5 of the joint report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources and the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families.
- 4) To recognise the very high value attached by the nursery community to the scale and quality of the outdoor place space and therefore to seek to ensure that there is at least the equivalent size of outdoor play space in the new nursery.

- Moved by Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Main.

Voting

For the motion 18

For the amendment 6

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Godzik.

(References – minute of the Education, Children and Families Committee 19 May 2015 (item 2.2); joint report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources and the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted.)

3. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Education, Children and Families Committee of 1 March 2016 as a correct record.

4. Education, Children and Families Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan –October to December 2016

The Education, Children and Families Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for the period October to December 2016 was presented.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for October to December 2016.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan – October to December 2016, submitted.)

5. Education, Children and Families Committee Rolling Actions Log – May 2016

The Education, Children and Families Committee Rolling Actions Log for May 2016 was presented.

Decision

1) To approve the closure of actions 1, 4, 5, 8, 13 (decision 2), 15, 16 and 20.

2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log – 24 May 2016, submitted.)

6. Education, Children and Families Committee Business Bulletin – May 2016

The Education, Children and Families Committee Business Bulletin for May 2016 was presented.

The Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families provided a verbal update on the status of the 17 PP1 schools, closed for safety measures on 8 April 2016, and the ongoing contingency arrangements.

Decision

1) To note the Business Bulletin.

- 2) To note the verbal update provided at the meeting on the PP1 School closures and to express the Committee's gratitude to the teachers, staff and pupils involved in the alternative arrangements.

(Reference – Business Bulletin – 24 May 2016, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Allan Crosbie declared a non-financial interest in the foregoing item as his wife was a teacher in one of the 17 affected schools.

7. Educational Attainment 2015

A summary of key outcomes in relation to attainment/improvements in performance in City of Edinburgh Council Schools for the year 2014-15 was provided.

Decision

- 1) To note the continued improvements in educational attainment in Edinburgh schools.
- 2) To note the improvements in the performance of Looked After Children.
- 3) To note the wide range of strategies being deployed to raise attainment.
- 4) To agree to receive further annual reports on attainment/improvements in performance.
- 5) To note the continued hard work of pupils, staff and parents to support the successful implementation of the new national qualifications, in particular the implementation of the new Scottish Qualification Authority Highers in almost all subjects.
- 6) To request a follow-up report on measures to:
 - a) close the attainment gap for Looked After Children;
 - b) improve numeracy attainment; and
 - c) close the gap between leavers from the most and least deprived areas.

(References – minute of the Education, Children and Families Committee 3 March 2015 (item 7); report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted)

8. Communities and Families Capital Asset Management Programme 2014-19 – Year 2 Progress Report on Highest Priority Poorest Condition Establishments.

As previously requested by the Committee, an update was provided on progress with the delivery of the Communities and Families five year asset management improvement plan for highest priority – poorest condition establishments. The update was a forecast position up to the end of March 2016.

Decision

- 1) To note the significant progress made in delivering the schedule of works designed to upgrade the C condition (poor) rated schools to B condition (satisfactory).
- 2) To note the progress made with B condition schools to prevent risk of deterioration to C condition.
- 3) To note that further asset management works would be progressed for properties based on the future expected lifespan of the building.
- 4) To note that should unforeseen issues or emergencies arise over the course of the (five year) programme, it may require reprioritisation of the later years spend.
- 5) To request that the conditioned reassessment of the Education, Children and Families estate be moved forward as a priority.

(References – minute of the Education, Children and Families Committee 6 October 2015 (item 21); report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources, submitted.)

9. Children and Families Asset Management Plan 2014 - Update

An update was provided on the delivery of the Children and Families Asset Management Action Plan.

Decision

- 1) To note the update on the action plan detailed in the report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families.
- 2) That the Acting Executive Director investigate the best way to publicise the support available from the Council to Parent Councils wishing to undertake playground improvement projects and include an update in the Committee's next Business Bulletin.

(References – minute of the Education, Children and Families Committee 8 December 2015 (item 11); report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted.)

10. Local Development Plan Education Infrastructure Update

An update was provided on the anticipated education infrastructure implications of future housing developments across Edinburgh as a result of the Local Development Plan (LDP). Approval was sought to progress any informal consultations that may be required.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families and the significant level of new education infrastructure which it was anticipated would be required as a result of the pupils expected to be generated from new housing development throughout the city in the coming years.
- 2) To note that the new education infrastructure assessment was based on the most up to date indication of future housing numbers provided by the Council's Planning Service and that a further assessment and update of the required actions would be carried out once the recommendations of the Scottish Government's planning reporter were received.
- 3) To approve that informal consultation be undertaken regarding those actions which required to be progressed imminently to ensure that any required infrastructure and/or catchment reviews could be delivered on a timely basis.
- 4) To note that any changes proposed to the education infrastructure would be taken to Committee for approval prior to either being implemented, or in advance of any statutory consultation which may be required to be undertaken in advance of implementation.
- 5) That East Craigs Primary School be included in the informal consultation for the West Edinburgh Contribution Zone.

(Reference – report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted.)

11. Strategic Management of School Places: P1 and S1 Intakes for August 2016

Details were presented of the accommodation and placement issues for the anticipated P1 and S1 intakes for the 2016/17 school year.

Primary 1 intake in August 2015 remained at a high level and continued to cause the overall P1-P7 school rolls to increase. Due to the delivery of additional accommodation through the rising rolls programme there were few accommodation pressures for the August 2016 P1 intake, however, priority would be given to baptised Roman Catholic pupils in 13 Roman Catholic Primary Schools. In the secondary sector, the number of registrations for S1 in August 2016 was comparable with the equivalent time in August 2015.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families.
- 2) To note that baptised Roman Catholic pupils were being prioritised into 13 primary schools and into St Thomas of Aquin's RC High School.

(References – minutes of the Education, Children and Families Committee 1 March 2016 (item 8) and 3 March 2015 (item 11); report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted)

12. Primary School Estate Rising Rolls

An update was provided on potential accommodation pressures which may arise in August 2017 and beyond at seven primary schools (Bruntsfield, Liberton, Newcraighall, St Margaret's, Stockbridge, Trinity and Victoria). Since the previous report to Committee on 1 March 2016 a further school (Corstorphine Primary School) had also been identified as facing accommodation pressures and had been added to the Rising Rolls programme for August 2017. Since the previous report to Committee on 1 March 2016. Engagement undertaken with working groups established at each of the affected schools and actions proposed following these discussions was outlined.

Decision

- 1) To note content of the report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families.
- 2) Based on the assessment of options set out in appendix one to the report by the Acting Director of Communities and Families, to approve the delivery of four new classrooms at Liberton Primary School for August 2017, subject to the final decision regarding the necessity for such provision being delegated to the Executive Director of Communities and Families to be taken in January 2017 (or earlier if appropriate) upon assessment of pupil registration figures.
- 3) To approve that internal reconfiguration works be undertaken at Bruntsfield and St Margaret's Roman Catholic Primary Schools to provide increased classroom provision for August 2017.

- 4) To approve the detailed development of new accommodation at Trinity Primary School, subject to the final decision regarding the necessity for such provision being delegated to the Executive Director of Communities and Families to be taken in January 2018 (or earlier if necessary) upon assessment of pupil registration figures and the long-term accommodation solutions identified through any formal or informal consultation processes.
- 5) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Communities and Families to:
 - a) Agree what the most appropriate final solution for each school would be taking into consideration factors such as cost, deliverability and the impact on the school.
 - b) To approve the final costs of the most appropriate final solution (whilst always ensuring that value for money is achieved).
- 6) To approve that feasibility studies be commissioned regarding Victoria Primary School and the former Fort Primary School building to identify potential additional capacity which may be achieved in the Trinity/Victoria area.
- 7) To note the intention to use the completed feasibility studies to inform a single Trinity and Victoria Primary Schools working group to develop a long-term strategy for the Trinity/Victoria area and report the proposed approach to Committee in October 2016.
- 8) To approve that a feasibility study be commissioned regarding Corstorphine Primary School to assess the viability of sub-dividing the existing dining hall.
- 9) To note the intention to report the findings of the feasibility study and conclusions of the Corstorphine Primary Working Group to Committee in October 2016.
- 10) To approve that a feasibility study be commissioned regarding Newcraighall Primary School to assess options to relocate the nursery class and refurbish the existing nursery class for primary classroom use.
- 11) To note the intention to report the findings of the feasibility study and conclusions of the Newcraighall Primary Working Group to Committee in October 2016.
- 12) To note that the latest cost projection to 2020/21, excluding any further costs to deliver the additional capacity which may be required at Stockbridge, Corstorphine and Victoria Primary Schools (the latter including any works required at the former Fort Primary School) represented a funding deficit of £2.213m (including the delivery of four new classrooms at Liberton Primary

School) for which additional resources would need to be identified in future capital budgets.

(References – minute of the Education, Children and Families Committee 1 March 2016 (item 3); report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted.)

13. Gaelic Medium Education and Capacity at James Gillespie's and Boroughmuir High Schools

A potential capacity issue at James Gillespie's High School (JGHS) had been identified in the 'Strategic Management of School Places: P1 and S1 Intakes for August 2016' report which was submitted to the Education, Children and Families Committee on 1 March 2016, but subsequently withdrawn.

Whilst a solution was subsequently identified to address the capacity issue at JGHS for August 2016, given the continuing pressure on the school due to rising school rolls and other factors the position was not deemed sustainable without there being a change required to the current arrangements. A Short Term Working Group was created to allow the Council to engage with key stakeholders to consider options to address the projected capacity issue at JGHS and allow a sustainable position to be reached. An update on the matters considered by the Working Group, the conclusions reached and a proposed way forward was outlined.

Motion

- 1) To note the decision taken by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, under urgency provisions, to create a 'Short Term Working Group on Gaelic Medium Education and Capacity at James Gillespie's High School', the remit and membership of which were detailed in the report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families.
- 2) To note the content of the report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families and the proposed way forward.
- 3) To note that a further report would be taken to a future meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee seeking approval for a statutory consultation to change the existing arrangements at James Gillespie's High School to address the capacity issue at the school; this being most likely a proposal to establish Darroch as a permanent annexe of both James Gillespie's High School and Boroughmuir High School.
- 4) To note that it was likely that a further report would be taken to a future meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee seeking approval for a statutory consultation to change and restrict the catchment for Bun-sgoil Taobh

na Pàirce to be only the City of Edinburgh Council area, and exclude Lothian authorities.

- 5) To approve that, having achieved the purpose for which it was established, the 'Short Term Working Group on Gaelic Medium Education and Capacity at James Gillespie's High School' should now cease and to thank members of the Working Group for their participation and input.
- 6) To note that the future strategy for the provision of Gaelic Medium Education at early years, nursery, primary and secondary levels would be considered and would form part of the wider revised Council Gaelic Language Plan. This strategy would be co-produced between Council officers from Communities and Families and representatives of the Gaelic community through the Gaelic Implementation Steering Group and would be reported to a future meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee for consideration.
- 7) To note that, based on the latest roll projections, even with the use of Darroch as a permanent annexe of both James Gillespie's High School and Boroughmuir High School, a capacity issue was very likely to arise beyond 2021. The use of Darroch would therefore represent a short to medium term solution and a long term solution for secondary GME would still require to be identified which would be informed by the work which was planned to be undertaken on a strategy for 3-18 Gaelic Medium Education.
- 8) To agree that the Convener thank the staff at James Gillespie's High School on behalf of the Committee for their work at Darroch.
- 9) To note that the cluster primaries for both James Gillespie's and Boroughmuir High Schools would be included in the education review outlined at paragraph 3.53 (i) of the Acting Executive Director's report at an appropriate stage.

- Moved by Councillor Godzik, seconded by Councillor Fullerton.

Amendment

In similar terms to the motion, subject to the inclusion of the following:

- 1) To note:
 - a.) That two new secondary schools, James Gillespie's and Boroughmuir, will breach their original planned capacity from 2016 onwards.
 - b.) The need for urgent measures to be taken this year to provide additional accommodation in the short term in an annex
 - c.) That the long-term projected needs were currently unplanned for.

- 2) Therefore to call on the Acting Executive Director to review decisions made and underlying data used for forecasting of pupils numbers and school rolls, so that the Council can better plan its school estate in the long-term, and to report with options going forward to the Committee in one cycle.

- Moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Corbett

Voting

For the motion 17

For the amendment 4

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Godzik.

(References – minute of the Education, Children and Families Committee 1 March 2016 (item 8); report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Allan Crosbie declared a non-financial interest in the foregoing item as a teacher at James Gillespie's High School and a parent of a pupil due to attend Boroughmuir High School in 2021.

Councillor Main declared a non-financial interest in the foregoing item as the parent of a child at James Gillespie's High School.

Councillor Key declared a non-financial interest in the foregoing item as the parent of a child due to attend Boroughmuir High School in 2023.

14. Recent Developments in Gaelic Education Provision in Edinburgh

As previously requested by the Governance, Risk and Best Value (GRBV) Committee on 3 March 2016, details were provided of recent developments in Gaelic education provision in Edinburgh.

The GRBV Committee request related to capacity issues identified at James Gillespie's High School in the 'Strategic Management of School, Places: P1 and S1 Intake for August 2016' report which was submitted to, and subsequently withdrawn from, the meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee on 1 March 2016. The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee asked that the report contain detail on whether due process was followed and identify any lessons learned.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the joint report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families and the Acting Executive Director of Resources.
- 2) To note that due process was followed in the 'Strategic Management of School Places: P1 and S1 Intakes for August 2016' report which was submitted for consideration to the Education, Children and Families Committee meeting on 1 March 2016 but was subsequently withdrawn.
- 3) To note the lessons which had been learned as set out in the joint report by the Acting Executive Directors of Communities and Families and Resources, and the possible actions identified which would be subject to consultation with the Head Teachers Executive and the Consultative Committee with Parents prior to decisions being taken regarding the implementation, or otherwise, of any changes for the 2016/17 School Placements process.
- 4) To note that, since 1 March 2016, the Acting Director of Communities and Families and the Head of Operational Support have had very constructive discussions and engagement with Bòrd na Gàidhlig and representatives of the Gaelic community. A Working Group was established to consider options to address the projected capacity issues at James Gillespie's High School and allow a sustainable position to be reached regarding which excellent progress had been made and a clear way forward established.
- 5) To refer the joint report the Acting Executive Directors of Communities and Families and Resources to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.

(References – minutes of the Education, Children and Families Committee 1 March 2016 (item 8), Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee 3 March 2016 (item 3); joint report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families and the Acting Executive Director of Resources, submitted.)

15. 1 in 5: Raising Awareness of Child Poverty in Edinburgh

Details of the 1 in 5: Raising Awareness of Child Poverty in Edinburgh project, set up in order to improve the understanding of the causes and impact of child poverty, and to begin to look at what changes schools could make to better support children from low-income families, especially in terms of reducing school-related costs, were provided.

Decision

- 1) To endorse and support the recommendations outlined at appendix 1 to the report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, to be taken forward by the Children's Partnership.
- 2) To approve the wider 'roll out' of the 1 in 5: Raising Awareness of Child Poverty in Edinburgh project.

- 3) That a further report be submitted to the Committee on the resources required to take the project forward.

(References – minute of the Education, Children and Families Committee 6 October 2015 (item 13); report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted.)

16. Looked After Children: Transformation Programme Progress Report

The Looked After Children Service had developed a transformation programme containing a range of initiatives to shift the balance of care towards more preventative and less costly services. This would avoid a continued increase in costs and deliver cashable savings from 2015/16.

The Committee was provided with an update on progress to the end of December 2015 which had also been considered at the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee on 21 April 2016.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress made to date against the targets as set out in appendix 1 to the report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families.
- 2) To note the actions in progress to achieve the targets to March 2018.
- 3) To note that the next update would be provided in September 2016.

(References – minute of the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee 21 April 2016 (item 13); report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted.)

17. Early Years Strategy Report

Details were provided of national priorities in early years and progress towards the implementation of requirements in line with current legislation; including the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. Key achievements and future priorities for the Early Years Service were also outlined.

Decision

To note the content of the report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families and the priorities for the next stage of development within early years.

(Reference – minute of the Education, Children and Families Committee 19 May 2015 (item 11); report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted.)

18. Standards and Quality Report 2016

Details were provided of the Standards and Quality Report 2016 and the Children and Families Service Plan 2015-18.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the Standards and Quality Report 2016.
- 2) That an update on recent Finance and Resources Committee decisions in regard to business support to schools be included in the Committee's next business bulletin.

(References – minute of the Education, Children and Families Committee 19 May 2015 (item 8); report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted.)

19. Community Learning and Development Annual Report

A year end summary of Community Learning and Development (CLD) activities was submitted. Details were also provided of developments and achievements over the previous year in relation to the Adult Education Programme, community-based Adult Learning provision, Community Centres, community development and a range of youth work.

Decision

To note the developments and achievements detailed in the report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families.

(References – minute of the Education, Children and Families Committee 19 May 2015 (item 23); report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted.)

20. Parental Engagement

An update was provided on progress with the implementation of the final year of the Parental Engagement Strategy and Action Plan.

An overview was also provided on the work of the Neighbourhood and City Wide Special Schools parent groups, the Consultative Committee with Parents and the new Partnership Schools project with the Scottish Parent Teacher Council.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families.

- 2) To request a report on the Partnership Schools Project in October 2017.

(References – minutes of the Education, Children and Families Committee 11 September 2014 (item 13) and 19 May 2015 (item 4.2); report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted.)

21. Policies - Assurance Statement

Details were provided of the Communities and Families Policies which had been reviewed and assessed as current, relevant and fit for purpose.

Decision

To note that the policies detailed in the report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families had been reviewed and were considered as being current, relevant and fit for purpose.

(References – minute of the Education, Children and Families Committee 19 May 2015 (item 26); report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted.)

22. Review of Community Access to Schools (CATS) – Progress Report

An update on achievements and issues in relation to the Review of Community Access to Schools (CATS) was provided.

Decision

- 1) To note the key achievements of Community Access to Schools (CATS) detailed in the report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families.
- 2) To note that the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 29 September 2015 had approved a proposal for Edinburgh Leisure to develop a joint business plan with Council Officers to manage school sports facilities. Council Officers were working closely with Edinburgh Leisure to take forward these developments.
- 3) To note that the former Improving Access to Schools member officer group had ceased to operate in April 2016. However, there was still a need for officers to identify and develop appropriate mechanisms to address issues that impacted upon the Council's ongoing commitment to CATS which included investing in the school estate to ensure ongoing community use and subsequent income generation.

- 4) To note that a further report would be made available to committee when progress had been made in these areas.
- 5) To request a progress report to Committee in one years time.
- 6) To note that a report on a Joint Implementation Plan was scheduled to be submitted to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 14 June 2016.

(References – minutes of the Education, Children and Families Committee 20 May 2014 (item 11), the Finance and Resources Committee 3 February 2015 (item 21) and the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee 29 September 2015 (item 2); report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Lewis declared a non-financial interest in the foregoing item as the Vice-Chairman of Edinburgh Leisure.

23. Social Work Complaints Review Committee – 11 March 2016

The recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee (SWCRC) held on 11 March 2016 on a complaint against the Communities and Families Directorate were detailed, together with the actions taken by the Chief Social Worker in response to the decision taken by the Review Committee.

Decision

- 1) To approve the recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 11 March 2016 and to note the actions taken by the Chief Social Worker in response to the Review Committee's decision.
- 2) To note that recommendations two and three of the SWCRC related to the Council's Housing and Regeneration Team, located within the 'Place' directorate and as such were outwith the scope of the Education, Children and Families Committee, and had therefore been passed to the Housing and Regeneration Team for consideration and action as appropriate.

(References – reports by the Chair of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee and the Chief Social Worker, submitted)

24. Social Work Complaints Review Committee – 21 April 2016

The recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee (SWCRC) held on 21 April 2016 on a complaint against the Communities and Families Directorate were detailed, together with the actions taken by the Chief Social Worker in response to the decision taken by the Review Committee.

Decision

To approve the recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 21 April 2016 and to note the actions taken by the Chief Social Worker in response to the Review Committee's decision.

(References – reports by the Chair of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee and Chief Social Worker, submitted.)

25. Motion by Councillor Main – Commercial Sponsorship Aimed at School Children

The following revised motion, moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Corbett, was tabled at the meeting.

“Committee notes:

- 1) That Edinburgh school children were recruited for INEOS sponsored GO RUN FOR FUN event held in Edinburgh on the Meadows.
- 2) That parents were not made aware of the INEOS sponsorship when permission forms to attend were issued, that permission for photography and filming did not stipulate third party use of photographs and that once aware of INEOS' involvement some parents complained about the process and others withdrew their children.
- 3) That partnership working within the local and wider community has an important and valuable contribution to make to the life and development of our schools.

Therefore Committee agrees:

- 4) That parents will always be made aware in writing of any sponsors when permission is requested to attend Council run or supported events.
- 5) To request officers draft policy and procedures on sponsorship targeted at primary and secondary school pupils through events, visits and partnership working, in consultation with parent councils and schools, and provide a report for consideration of Committee within 2 cycles.”

Decision

- 1) To note the revised wording of the motion.
- 2) To request that officers review policy and procedures on sponsorship targeted at primary and secondary schools pupils through events, visits and partnership working, in consultation with parent councils and schools and provide a report for consideration of Committee within 2 cycles.

26. Morris Smith

The Convener advised that this would be Morris Smith's final meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee as he was leaving the Council.

The Convener thanked Morris on behalf of the Committee for the valued contribution he had made in his role as Clerk to the Committee.