

**EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING**

8th February, 2022

10.00 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Tony Miklinski (Convener), Ian Cameron, Bill Connor, Altany Craik, Andy Heer, Zoe Hisbent, Carol Lindsay, Mary Lockhart, Karen Marjoram, David Ross, Jonny Tepp and Ann Verner.

Religious representatives George Haggarty and William Imlay.

ATTENDING: Fiona McKay, Head of Strategic Planning, Performance and Commissioning, Health and Social Care; Shelagh McLean, Head of Education and Children's Services (Early Years and Directorate Support), Maria Lloyd, Head of Education and Children's Services, Kathy Henwood, Head of Education and Children's Services (Children and Families and Criminal Justice Services); Chris Moir, Senior Manager, Children and Families and Criminal Justice Services; Adam Brown, Depute Principal Psychologist - Strategic, Education; Deborah Davidson, Education Manager, Neil Finnie, Quality Improvement Officer (Additional Support for Learning), Education; Ashleigh Allan, Business Partner and Christine Tuffy, Accountant, Finance; Lesley Robb, Lead Officer (Committee Services) and Wendy MacGregor, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

**APOLOGY FOR
ABSENCE:** Councillor Colin Davidson.

67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made in terms of Standing Order 7.1.

68. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the Education and Children's Services, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee meeting of 16th November, 2021.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

**69. REPORT ON FINAL WORK OF THE MULTI-AGENCY STRATEGIC
OVERSIGHT GROUP FOCUS ON (NEURODEVELOPMENTAL PATHWAY)
INITIALLY FOR AUTISM**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Education and Children's Services providing an update on the progress made since the report was presented to this Committee on 14th September, 2021, outlining the work of a Multi-agency Strategic Oversight Group Focus (Neurodevelopmental pathway) initially for Autism. The/

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The Terms of Reference and purpose of the group were outlined in the initial Committee report which was submitted to the Education and Children's Services Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee on 9th February, 2020. The report detailed the progress to date of the three 'Tests of Change' being overseen by this group.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) acknowledged the progress so far, and congratulated officers from all Services represented on the group for their commitment and focus, assisting in the effective operation of the group;
- (2) approved the areas for consideration, conclusions and next steps outlined in the report;
- (3) agreed to the continuation of the Oversight Group; and
- (4) agreed that the Convener, on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee, would write to relevant Committees summarising the findings and concerns raised by members and highlighting the requirement to identify a Person from within Fife Council to lead the Oversight Group under the new administration, following the Local Government Election in May, 2022.

70. CHILDREN'S SERVICES INSPECTION UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Education and Children's Services, providing an update on the Care Inspectorate Improvement Plan following the 2019 Children's Services Inspection, since the last update provided in January 2021.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the outcome of the update report and the progress made;
- (2) agreed that the improvements identified in the 2019 report was being progressed and once achieved, would be integrated into the Child Protection Committee improvement plan, Children's Services plan or the Corporate Parenting Improvement Plan; and
- (3) agreed that updates on all three plans would be submitted to the Committee, collectively in one report, at an appropriate time.

The Committee adjourned at 11.40 a.m.

The Committee reconvened at 11.45 a.m.

71. BRIEFING NOTE - RESILIENCE IN CARE AT HOME – ASSESSMENTS & UNMET NEED W/B 17TH JANUARY 2022

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Strategic Planning, Performance and Commissioning, providing a snapshot of data each Monday covering 6 data fields relating to assessment and unmet need submitted to Public Health Scotland. The report covered 12 weeks of submissions up to 17th January, 2022.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the content of the report;
- (2) agreed to request that the statistics detailed in the report on the six data fields, regularly submitted to the Chief Executive, would also be circulated to all elected members of Fife Council; and
- (3) agreed that the Convener, on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee, would write to the Scottish Government outlining concerns expressed by members relating to resources required to increase the provision of home care packages, reduce waiting lists and request additional funding.

72. REVENUE BUDGET PROJECTED OUT-TURN REPORT 2021-22 FOR SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

The Committee considered a joint report by the Director of Health and Social Care and the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services detailing the 2021-22 projected out-turn for Fife Council Social Care Services for Adults and Older People.

Decision

The Committee noted the content of the report.

Councillor Mary Lockhart left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

73. CAPITAL MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN 2021-22

The Committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the Director of Health and Social Care providing an update on the Capital Investment Plan and advising on the projected out-turn for the 2021-22 financial year for areas in scope of the Education and Children's Services, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

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The Committee noted the current performance and activity across the 2021-22 Financial Monitoring as detailed in the report.

74. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the Education and Children's Services, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.

Decision

The Committee noted the Education and Children's Services, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme, which would be updated as required.

CONVENER'S VALEDICTORY COMMENTS

As this was the last meeting of the Committee prior to the Local Government Elections in May, 2022, the Convener highlighted areas of work undertaken by the Committee and expressed his appreciation for the contributions by all elected members and officers in supporting the work of the Committee.

The Convener invited comment on how the Committee had achieved its aims with a view to writing a final report for Fife Council consideration. Positive comments were received relating to the work on Autism and the Committee's contribution to the consultation on the SG's National Care Service. The Committee acknowledged that following Local Government Elections in May, 2022, it would be beneficial for newly elected members to receive education/training on Scrutiny.
