

MINUTE of MEETING of the EDUCATION EXECUTIVE held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, LIVINGSTON, on 15 NOVEMBER 2022.

Present – Councillors Andrew McGuire (Chair), Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Stuart Borrowman, Tom Conn, Peter Heggie, Danny Logue, Maria MacAulay, Moira McKee Shemilt, Andrew Miller, Cathy Muldoon, Sally Pattle, George Paul, Veronica Smith, Pauline Stafford and Kirsteen Sullivan; Appointed Members Mark Bonallo, Lynne McEwen; and Andy Walker

Apologies – Councillors Craig Meek and Tony Pearson; Appointed Member Heather Hughes

Absent – Appointed Members Kent Ballantyne and Margaret Russell

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 7 (Summer Programme 2022) - Councillor Andrew Miller stated a connection in that he was a Director of Knightsridge Adventure Project who were a partner organisation to the programme. He would take part in the item of business.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Members of Education Executive intimated that they wished to ask questions on Agenda Item 8 (Summer Programme 2022) which was for information only.

3. MINUTE

The Education Executive approved the Minute of its meeting held on 6 September 2022. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

4. ANNUAL PLAN 2022-2023: SCOTTISH ATTAINMENT CHALLENGE REFRESH

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Heads of Services (Education) seeking approval for the West Lothian Annual Plan 2022-2023 for the refreshed Scottish Attainment Challenge and subsequent submission to the Scottish Government.

It was recommended that the Education Executive approves the West Lothian Annual Plan 2022-2023 for the refreshed Scottish Attainment Challenge and notes the key activities planned for Session 2022-23 to further improve outcomes for children, young people and families.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report

5. ADDITIONAL YEAR OF EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE (DEFERRED ENTRY TO P1) - POLICY STATEMENT AND PROCEDURE AND ADDITIONAL YEAR OF SCHOOL EDUCATION - POLICY STATEMENT AND PROCEDURE

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Primary, Early Years and Resources) seeking approval for the revised policy statements and procedures on an Additional Year of Early Learning and Childcare (Deferred Entry to P1) and an Additional Year of School Education.

It was recommended that the Education Executive note the revised procedures and approve the revised policy statements on an Additional Year of Early Learning and Childcare (Deferred Entry to P1) and an Additional Year of School Education.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report

6. SUMMER PROGRAMME 2022 REPORT - REPORT BY HEAD OF EDUCATION (SECONDARY, COMMUNITY LEARNING AND INCLUSION) (HEREWITH)

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Secondary, Community Learning and Inclusion) reporting the outcomes of the West Lothian “Get into Summer 2022” summer holiday provision in line with Scottish Government guidance 2022 and supplemented by funding from West Lothian Council to widen provision.

The Education Executive was asked to note: -

1. The positive engagement of local partner providers and the diverse range of activities offered to vulnerable children, young people and families in line with the Guidance received from the Scottish Government.
2. The additionality of West Lothian Council sourced funding which supported access to the “Get into Summer 2022” programme by a wider population of families across West Lothian
3. The impact of the delivered activities for the wellbeing of children and young people.

Decision

To note the content of the report

