

MINUTE of MEETING of the EDUCATION EXECUTIVE held within MS TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 8 DECEMBER 2020.

Present – Councillors David Dodds (Chair), Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Stuart Borrowman, Harry Cartmill, Pauline Clark, Tom Conn, Peter Heggie, Charles Kennedy, Sarah King, John McGinty, Andrew McGuire, Cathy Muldoon, George Paul, Moira Shemilt and Kirsteen Sullivan; Appointed Members Heather Hughes, Lynne McEwen, Myra MacPherson and Margaret Russell

Apologies – Councillors Chris Horne, Dave King and Andrew Miller; Appointed Member Elsie Aitken

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair ruled that agenda item 7 (*Education Recovery - Update*), which had been circulated as a supplementary agenda, would be considered as an urgent item.

In relation to those items on the agenda that were for information only, the Chair intimated that he wished to ask officers to speak to agenda item 7 (*Education Recovery - Update*).

3 MINUTES

The Education Executive approved the minute of its meeting held on 17 November 2020 as a correct record. The minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

4 PROPOSAL TO REVIEW ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS AS A RESULT OF ALTERATION OF THE CATCHMENT AREAS OF ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, EAST CALDER, ST NINIAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, DEDRIDGE AND ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, POLBETH

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) seeking approval, following formal public consultation, of the proposal to review admission arrangements as a result of alteration to the denominational primary school catchment areas of St Paul's Primary School, East Calder, St Ninian's Primary School, Dedridge and St Mary's Primary School, Polbeth. The report also presented Education Executive with details of the outcome of the formal consultation, and the comments of Education Scotland (HMle) on the consultation.

It was recommended that the Education Executive:

1. Approve the proposal to review admission arrangements as a result of alteration to the denominational primary school catchment areas of St Paul's Primary School, East Calder, St Ninian's Primary School, Dedridge and St Mary's Primary School, Polbeth; and
2. Note the outcome of the formal consultation, and the comments of Education Scotland (HMle) on the consultation.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

5 PROPOSAL TO VARY ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS BY ALTERING THE CATCHMENT AREAS OF POLKEMMET PRIMARY SCHOOL, CROFTMALLOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL AND GREENRIGG PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) seeking approval, following formal public consultation, of the proposal to vary admission arrangements by altering the catchment areas of the following non-denominational primary schools: Polkemmet Primary School, Croftmalloch Primary School and Greenrigg Primary School. The report also presented Education Executive with details of the outcome of the formal consultation and the comments of Education Scotland (HMle) on the consultation.

It was recommended that the Education Executive:

1. Approve the proposal to vary admission arrangements by altering the catchment areas of the following non-denominational primary schools: Polkemmet Primary School, Croftmalloch Primary School and Greenrigg Primary School; and
2. Note the outcome of the formal consultation, and the comments of Education Scotland (HMle) on the consultation.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

6 EDUCATION RECOVERY - UPDATE

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive providing an update on Education Recovery, in particular the implications of Protection Level 4 on West Lothian schools, the steps being taken to support the learning of pupils who were self-isolating or shielding, the decision not to extend the period during which schools were closed to pupils at Christmas, and the anticipated decision in relation to the Higher and Advanced Higher

Examination Diets 2021.

It was recommended that the Education Executive note the implications of Protection Level 4 on West Lothian schools, the steps being taken to support the learning of pupils who were self-isolating or shielding, the decision not to extend the period during which schools were closed to pupils at Christmas, and the anticipated decision in relation to the Higher and Advanced Higher Examination Diets 2021.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.