



CYP Item 05

MINUTE OF MEETING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BOARD

Friday 5 April 2019

COSLA Offices, Verity House, 19 Haymarket Yards, Edinburgh

Present

COSLA President	Councillor Alison Evison
NHS Health Scotland	Kerry McKenzie
Children's University Scotland	Neil Mathers
Aberdeen City Council	Councillor John Wheeler
Angus Council	Councillor Derek Wann
Argyll and Bute Council	Councillor Kieron Green (Substitute)
Clackmannanshire Council	Councillor Graham Lindsay
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	Councillor Paul Finnegan (Substitute)
Dumfries and Galloway Council	Councillor Jeff Leaver
Dundee City Council	Councillor Roisin Smith
East Ayrshire Council	Councillor Fiona Campbell
East Dunbartonshire Council	Councillor Jim Goodall
East Lothian Council	Councillor John McMillan (Substitute)
East Renfrewshire Council	Councillor Paul O'Kane
Falkirk Council	Councillor Adanna McCue
Glasgow City Council	Councillor Chris Cunningham
Highland Council	Councillor John Finlayson
Midlothian Council	Councillor Jim Muirhead
Moray Council	Councillor Sonya Warren (Teleconference)
North Ayrshire Council	Councillor John Bell
North Lanarkshire Council	Councillor Clare Quigley (Substitute)
Orkney Islands Council	Councillor Rob Crichton
Perth and Kinross Council	Councillor John Duff (Substitute)
Renfrewshire Council	Councillor Jim Paterson
Scottish Borders Council	Councillor Carol Hamilton
Shetland Islands Council	Councillor Theo Smith (Substitute)
South Ayrshire Council	Councillor William Grant
South Lanarkshire Council	Councillor Katy Loudon
Stirling Council	Councillor Susan McGill
West Dunbartonshire Council	Councillor Karen Conaghan
West Lothian Council	Councillor Dom McGuire (Substitute)
ADES	Mr Michael Wood
SOLACE	Angela Leitch
SPDS	Kristine Johnson
Social Work Scotland	Ben Farrugia

Apologies

COSLA Spokesperson	Councillor Stephen McCabe
Aberdeenshire Council	Councillor Anne Simpson
Argyll and Bute Council	Councillor Yvonne McNeilly
City of Edinburgh Council	Councillor Ian Perry
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	Councillor Angus McCormack
East Lothian Council	Councillor Shamin Akhtar
Fife Council	Councillor Fay Sinclair
Inverclyde Council	Councillor Natasha Murphy
North Lanarkshire Council	Councillor Frank McNally
Perth and Kinross Council	Councillor Willie Wilson
Shetland Islands Council	Councillor George Smith
West Lothian Council	Councillor David Dodds
ADES	Terry Lanagan
CIPFA - Directors of Finance	Alan Puckrin
Directors of Public Health	Dr Linda de Caestecker
Social Work Scotland	Sharon McAlees

Public Session

Welcome and Apologies

In welcoming Members to the meeting and noting apologies including from the Spokesperson for Children and Young People, COSLA's President confirmed she would chair the Board meeting on the Spokesperson's behalf.

1. Children and Young People Board Workplan

Members were asked to note the updated Workplan; some key points were highlighted by COSLA officers:

- On Education Reform and the Education Bill, progress is being made and the Deputy First Minister would like to ensure the pace of progress continues. A fuller report will be submitted to both the CYP Board and COSLA Leaders in May 2019.
- COSLA officers suggested the removal of two items from the Workplan as current activity on those has reached a conclusion: (1) Keys to Life Learning Disability Strategy and (2) Instrumental Music Tuition.
- It was also suggested that the Workplan item on 'Workforce Planning - Other Professionals' - focusing on the ELC workforce – should be combined with Priority 1 under 'Early Learning and Childcare'.

Board Members were content with the Workplan and agreed the changes to remove two items and combine one other item into Priority 1.

2. Children's University Scotland (CUS) Presentation

A presentation on the work of Children's University Scotland was delivered by the Chief Executive of CUS, Neil Mathers.

Children's University works to give children aged 5 to 14 opportunities to take part in exciting, interactive and voluntary learning activities outside of normal school hours. The aim is to raise aspirations, boost achievement and instil a love of learning that will stay with children throughout their lives. It also aims to consider the impact of poverty, reduce barriers that prevent engagement with learning and promote the goals of accessibility, engagement and achievement.

The project is working with approximately 100 schools currently. CUS is keen to contact Member Councils to explore engagement and collaboration.

- Key points delivered during the presentation included:
- Support and recognise children's commitment to learning and their ways of learning.
- Improve access to affordable, high quality learning.
- Ensure quality and types of learning available beyond the classroom.
- Support schools and focus beyond the classroom (home learning and community environment learning).
- Work with partners to encourage children to take up learning.
- Identifying learning providers.
- Set out current partnership areas, new partnership areas and those under development.
- Also targeting certain groups in particular such as care experienced, gypsy traveller children and young people.
- Impact – connecting home and community learning life with in school learning.
- Digital platform available which provides information on available learning.
- Exploring alternative methods of engagement such as through libraries.
- Gain evidence and insight from children and families.
- System of credits and awards providing incentivisation and positive reinforcement.
- Celebration ceremony events to recognise achievements.
- Create opportunity to build awareness of engagement and health and wellbeing.

Discussion included determining costs for CUS support (£600 annual fee per school plus a one-off set up fee), affordability testing in advance with schools, main approach being to provide access through schools, but piloting is underway for instance through the Summer Reading Challenge with Fife Libraries, age range is Primary through the early Secondary, but it is not specifically limited, evaluation methods including rich data from digital platforms, children's feedback on learning and attitudes, self-assessment.

The Chair acknowledged that, from the discussion and questions following the presentation, this project is of significant interest to Members; she thanked the Chief Executive for his informative, constructive presentation and encouraged Members to contact CUS directly to engage further.

3. Child Poverty Presentation (NHS Health Scotland)

Kerry McKenzie, Organisational Lead for Child Poverty at NHS Health Scotland, provided a presentation on the duty on Local Authorities to publish Local Child Poverty Action Reports by June 2019.

A recap of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 was provided, focussing on councils' duties in relation to the Action Reports, and an overview of the support that can be provided from national partners. National partners form a Local Child Poverty Co-ordination Group with representatives including the Improvement Service, NHS Health Scotland, Poverty Alliance, COSLA, NHS National Services, Scottish Government, Scottish Poverty and Inequality Unit and Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland. The support available includes planning, using data and evaluation, networking exchange, good practice examples, development of plans and raising awareness.

The action reporting is intended to bring additional focus to the Prevention agenda, provide impetus for change and partnership working and contribute to wider poverty outcomes.

It was recognised that there is already lot of good work taking place across Scotland to tackle child poverty. The Organisational Lead highlighted a webinar briefing that was created to support Elected Members with the Action Reporting; it was agreed that COSLA officers would share this with Members.

4. Public Health Reform

The paper submitted provided Members with an update on the establishment of Public Health Scotland and the broader reform of public health of which COSLA, alongside Scottish Government, is a main partner.

Board Members expressed general support for the approach. Additional comments included an acknowledgement that the COSLA Health and Social Care Board has also contributed to the reform, and there was a request to see an increasing focus on nurseries.

Members:

- i. Noted the update on the reform of public health;
- ii. Provided feedback on the top lines for Local Government and Public Health Reform which provide clarity on our position ahead of the publication of the consultation for Public Health Scotland; and
- iii. Considered the interest of the CYP Board in receiving progress updates on the reform programme and the extent to which ongoing involvement is required.

5. Scottish Government Social Isolation and Loneliness Strategy

The paper provided the Children and Young People Board with information on the Scottish Government's Social Isolation and Loneliness Strategy, COSLA engagement with Scottish Government to date, and governance arrangements for the delivery of the strategy.

COSLA officers confirmed that poverty and isolation in rural communities will be captured and will ensure cross-cutting issues such as cross generational mental health are on the agenda.

Members:

- i. Noted the publication of the Scottish Government Social Isolation and Loneliness Strategy;
- ii. Noted the comments made by the Community Wellbeing and the Health and Social Care Boards and considered providing further views to inform next steps;
- iii. Considered the need for specific dialogue with the Minister for Children and Young People.

6. Everyday Heroes – The Delivery of Equally Safe

The paper informed Members of the 'Everyday Heroes' children and young people's participation programme and asked Members to approve the proposed next steps.

Following a query, COSLA officers provided reassurance that representatives working with children and young people with learning disabilities and support needs are included in the work.

Members:

- i. Considered this report;
- ii. Approved the recommendations for proposed next steps.

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7. Minute of Last Meeting of 8 February 2019

The minute of the last meeting was approved as an accurate record.

8. Improving the Lives of Gypsy/Traveller Children and Young People

9. Early Learning and Childcare: Guidance on Transition Options, Sustainable Rates and Business Sustainability

10. Give Them Time

11. Home School Link

12. Learning Estate Strategy and Investment Programme

13. Children and Young People's Mental Health

14. Independent Panel on Career Pathways for Teachers

15. Secure Care National Standards for Scotland

16. AOCB and Close

Date of Next Meeting: Friday 10 May 2019

In closing the meeting, the Chair thanked Members for attending.