

Education Resources Committee Agenda of 19 May 2020 – Delegated Decisions taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Decided: that the minutes of the meeting of the Education Resources Committee of 3 March 2020 be approved as a correct record.

3 Education Resources - Revenue Budget Monitoring 2019/2020

Decided:

- (1) that the overspend on the Education Resources' revenue budget of £0.125 million at 28 February 2020, after the approved transfers to reserves, as detailed in Appendix A of the report, be noted;
- (2) that the forecast to 31 March 2020 of an overspend on the Education Resources' revenue budget of £0.038 million, after the approved transfers to reserves, as detailed in Appendix A of the report, be noted; and
- (3) that the budget virements, as detailed in Appendix A of the report, be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of 3 March 2020 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Education Resources - Capital Budget Monitoring 2019/2020

Decided:

- (1) that the Education Resources' capital programme of £25.234 million, and expenditure to date of £15.761 million, be noted; and
- (2) that the projected outturn of £20.5 million be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 3 March 2020 (Paragraph 4)]

5 Education Resources - Workforce Monitoring – January to March 2020

Decided: that the following employment information for January to March 2020 relating to Education Resources be noted:-

- ♦ attendance statistics
- ♦ occupational health
- ♦ accident/incident statistics
- ♦ discipline, grievance and Dignity at Work cases
- ♦ analysis of leavers and exit interviews

[Reference: Minutes of 3 March 2020 (Paragraph 5)]

6 COVID-19 – Update on Impact on Schools and Educational Settings

Decided:

- (1) that the response by Education Resources and key activities undertaken, as detailed in the report, be noted;
- (2) to note the Scottish Government's decision to put on hold the legislative requirement to deliver 1,140 hours of early learning and childcare by August 2020, as outlined in paragraph 3.5. of the report, and to approve the subsequent action by Education Resources to communicate that revised position and further updates to parents, carers and early years' partner providers;
- (3) to approve, until necessary, the continued provision of emergency childcare for key workers in 20 schools and 6 early years' establishments during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (4) that the arrangements to support vulnerable children and the payment of £15 per week for each child in eligible families, in lieu of free school meals, be approved;
- (5) to note that the Scottish Government had notified local education authorities that restrictions with regards to Pupil Equity and Scottish Attainment Challenge funding had been relaxed to enable councils to offset some of the costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (6) to note that, to date, there had been no indication as to when schools and educational settings would re-open.

7 ASPIRE Youth Employability Service and School Leaver Initial Destination Results 2018/2019

Decided:

- (1) that 16 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) temporary ASPIRE posts be converted to permanent posts on the Education Resources' establishment, as detailed in paragraph 10.2. of the report; and
- (2) that the outcome from the initial survey on destinations for the 2018/2019 school leavers' cohort, which showed a positive destination rate of 95.7% in South Lanarkshire, be noted.

8 Excellence and Equity – Quality Improvement Officer Post

Decided:

- (1) that 1 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) temporary Quality Improvement Officer post be converted to a permanent post on the Education Resources' establishment, as detailed in paragraph 5.1. of the report; and
- (2) that the initial progress made to reduce some aspects of the costs of the school day and measures being taken to achieve excellence and equity in terms of improved outcomes for children, young people and families be noted.

9 Early Learning and Childcare (1,140 hours) Update

Decided:

- (1) that the update on the Scottish Government's decision, in view of the current COVID-19 pandemic, to remove the statutory duty on education authorities to make 1,140 hours of early learning and childcare available to each eligible child from August 2020, be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that a further update report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

10 Education Resources – Notification of Contracts Awarded – 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020

Decided:	that details of the contracts awarded by Education Resources, in the period 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020, be noted.
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11 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.