

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

CULTURE AND SPORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

WOODHILL HOUSE, ABERDEEN, 30 MAY, 2019

Present: Mr D Cook, (Chair); Councillor A Simpson (Vice-Chair); Councillor L Berry; Councillor A Forsyth; Mr J Knowles and Ms K Penman.

Apologies: Councillor C Pike and Mr C Sutherland.

Officers: Director of Business Services; Head of Lifelong Learning & Leisure; Head of Finance; Service Manager Life Long Leisure and Learning; Principal Solicitor (Governance); and Senior Committee Officer.

In Attendance: Active Schools Manager and Active Schools Co-ordinator.

1. SEDERUNT AND DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Chair asked if members had any interests to declare. No interests were declared.

2. RESOLUTIONS

A. STATEMENT ON EQUALITIES

In making decisions on the following items of business, the Sub-Committee **agreed**, in terms of Section 149 of the Equality Act, 2010:-

- (1) to have due regard to the need to:-
 - (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - (b) advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
 - (c) foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
- (2) where an Equality Impact Assessment was provided, to consider its contents and take those into account when reaching a decision.

B. EXEMPT INFORMATION

The Sub-Committee **agreed**, that under Section 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the public and media representatives be excluded from the Meeting for Items 6 and 7 of the business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in the Paragraphs 8 and 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There had been circulated and was **approved** as a correct record, the Minute of Meeting of the Sub-Committee of 18 April, 2019.

4. LIVE LIFE ABERDEENSHIRE – PERFORMANCE REPORT 2028/19

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of the Communities Committee of 21 February, 2019 (Item 10), there was circulated a report dated 9 May, 2019, by the Director of Education and Children's Services which presented the 2018/19 annual performance report which provided a full year's information on the newly agreed framework measurements, together with comparison data for the preceding three years.

The Sub-Committee **agreed** to:-

- (1) acknowledge the performance measurements for the 2018/19 year; and
- (2) acknowledge the fourth quarter performance measurements (January to March 2019) and the key messages detailed within Section 2.3 of the report.

5. ACTIVE SCHOOLS – CELEBRATING SUCCESS

There was circulated a report dated 10 May, 2019, by the Director of Education and Children's Services on the Active Schools Aberdeenshire Programme.

The report reminded members that Aberdeenshire Council had introduced the Active Schools Programme in 2005. The programme aimed to support people in leading longer and healthier lives by encouraging young people to take part in sport and physical activity sessions, developing leadership skills and supporting a healthier lifestyle.

The Active Schools Manager and the Active Schools Co-ordinator were joined by two Banchory Academy pupils in making a presentation to the Sub-Committee on the Active Schools Programme. There followed a question and answer session, after which the Chair, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, thanked those who had made the informative presentation.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee **agreed**:-

- (1) to acknowledge the achievements of the Active Schools Aberdeenshire Programme, as detailed within the report and appendix; and
- (2) that the Council enters a four year partnership agreement with SportScotland, which supports the continuation of the Active Schools Programme, in accordance with the revenue budget for 2019/20, which was approved on 14 February, 2019, and subject to the Council's budget decisions; and
- (3) that in the future officers adjust the timeline for approval of the agreement to ensure that consideration of approval takes place in advance of the end of the existing agreement.

6. LIVE LIFE ABERDEENSHIRE PROCUREMENT

There was circulated a report dated 9 May, 2019, by the Director of Education and Children's Services on the Live Life Aberdeenshire Procurement.

The report explained that there were no contracts that required to be placed this year and therefore there was no requirement for an annual work plan for financial year 2019/20. However officers wished to draw attention to specific items that would be submitted to the relevant Area Committee, seeking approval of expenditure over the £50k threshold. These were detailed in appendices to the report.

The Sub-Committee **agreed** to:-

- (1) acknowledge the specific item submitted for approval to the Banff and Buchan Area Committee on 18 June, 2019, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) acknowledge the service-wide approved items on work plans previously agreed for financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

7. PROMOTING LOCAL MANAGEMENT

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of the Sub-Committee of 18 April, 2019 (Item 5), there was circulated a report dated 10 May, 2019, by the Director of Education and Children's Services on promoting local management.

The report reminded members that at the meeting of the Sub-Committee on 18 April, 2019 consideration was given to the empowerment of local managers to lead a process of reviewing the amount of public opening hours in pools and centres. In addition, the Communities Committee had agreed a Statement of Ambition which highlighted the benefits of genuine empowerment of local managers, with local budget responsibilities and flexibility.

The report went on to outline subsequent developments and the preparation of a Communications Plan.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee **agreed**:-

- (1) to acknowledge the approach to support local managers to meet financial targets through enhanced trading, and to manage services locally in response to customer demand and usage;
- (2) that the Communication Plan be produced by 21 June, 2019 and provided to members of the Sub-Committee; and
- (3) that this new approach be reviewed in five months.

MINTLAW LIBRARY PROVISION – BRIEFING PAPER

At the conclusion of the meeting a briefing paper on Mintlaw Library Provision was provided to Sub-Committee members. It was not discussed.

