

PROGRESS WITH OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE AS AT 3 DECEMBER, 2020

	Item Title	Date of Meeting	Action Agreed	Responsible Officer	Progress to Date
1.	DEVOLVING BUDGETS IN AN EMPOWERED SCHOOL SYSTEM	29 08 19	Noted that a further report providing an update on key workstreams would be submitted to the Committee at an appropriate time.	Anne Marie Davies MacLeod	As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, progress has been limited in relation to updating the DSM scheme and changes have had to be made to the roll-out of the cluster pilots. It is the intention of the Service, in line with revised national expectations, to have the updated DSM scheme in place for financial year 2022/23 and, as a consequence, an update report will be submitted to a meeting of the Committee at some point during school session 2020/21 with a final report and the revised scheme to follow thereafter.

<p>2.</p>	<p>LONGHAVEN SCHOOL</p>	<p>29 08 19</p>	<p>Agreed to receive a further report in due course.</p>	<p>Rachael Goldring</p>	<p>The first in a series of engagement sessions with the community took place on 9 October, 2019. Officers were looking to stage the next engagement session in May, 2020, but, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this will require to be revisited. There continue to be challenges around holding face to face meetings.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY 2018-2021 – “LEARNING TOGETHER IN ABERDEENSHIRE”</p>	<p>10 10 19</p>	<p>Instructed the PESHA team and CLD to present a six month implementation report to the Committee by April, 2020.</p>	<p>Philip Boath</p>	<p>A report was to have been submitted to the Committee meeting on 28 May, 2020, this was put on hold due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The emphasis of the Strategy is currently being reviewed in light of the requirement to respond to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the council priorities. Whilst Parental involvement and Engagement activity has been on-going over the last few months, there has not been the opportunity to engage schools and parents in the development of the PIE Strategy, and therefore there is not any significant progress to report on PIE to the committee at this time. It is hoped that we will be able to provide an update by May 2021.</p>

<p>4.</p>	<p>STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON THE CLOSURE OF STRACHAN SCHOOL</p>	<p>05 12 19</p>	<p>Agreed to receive a further report in due course on the outcome of the consultation.</p>	<p>Craig Clement/ Rachael Goldring</p>	<p>The statutory consultation on the proposed closure of Strachan School was launched on 7 January, 2020, and extended until 28 February, in order to include the mid-term school break. During the consultation period, a further option regarding rezoning was proposed by members of the local community. Officers consider this to be a legitimate option. A report on the outcome of the consultation is being prepared, this will hopefully be submitted to a meeting of Marr Area Committee for comment by the end of this calendar year and thereafter to a meeting of this Committee.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>HILLSIDE SCHOOL REZONING EXERCISE</p>	<p>30 01 20</p>	<p>Instructed officers to report to the meeting of the Committee in August, 2020, on the outcomes of the consultation with stakeholders.</p>	<p>Rachael Goldring</p>	<p>The consultation period has been extended due to the current situation with Covid-19. It has now closed and officers are considering all the responses and the report from Education Scotland. A final report is being developed which will be brought to a meeting of the ECS Committee following consideration by Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee towards the end of this year.</p>

6.	LEARNING ESTATES UPDATE	19 03 20	Instructed officers to submit further update reports on progress with the Learning Estate to the Committee meeting in March, 2021.	Maxine Booth	An overview report will be provided in March, 2021. This will be complemented by reports on specific projects, where appropriate.
7.	SCHOOL CATERING UPDATE	27 08 20	Agreed that a visit would be arranged to a secondary school to enable members of the Committee to sample a school lunch, whenever pandemic conditions might permit.	Ian Paterson/ Liz Powell	A visit to both a primary and a secondary school to sample a school lunch will be arranged for councillors as soon as COVID-19 restrictions allow.
8.	LITERACIES STRATEGY UPDATE	27 08 20	Instructed officers to submit a further progress report, containing a first draft of the Literacies Strategy, to a meeting of the Committee in 2021.	Philip Boath	The emphasis of the Strategy is currently being reviewed in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Engagement with education literacy leads needs to be re-established and then further engagement work will be carried out with protected groups and Aberdeenshire Youth Forum. The first draft of the Literacies Strategy will be presented to a meeting of the ECS Committee in 2021, with the actual date to be confirmed.