

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE
ABERDEENSHIRE EDUCATIONAL TRUST SUB-COMMITTEE

WOODHILL HOUSE, ABERDEEN, 5 JUNE, 2019

- Present:** Councillors I Davidson (Chair), M Findlater, A Forsyth and J Whyte.
- Apology:** Mrs A Guy.
- Officers:** Principal Accountant (Shirley-Ann Gordon), Senior Committee Officer (Allan Bell), Senior Solicitor (Iain Meredith) and Accountant (Wendy Evans), all Business Services.

1. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Chair asked members if they had any interests to declare, in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct. No interests were declared.

2. PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY

In taking decisions on the undernoted 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 relations between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it, and
- (2) to consider, where an equality impact assessment has been provided, its contents and to take those into consideration when reaching a decision.

3. DRAFT MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 17 MAY, 2018

On consideration of the circulated Minute of Meeting of the Sub-Committee of 17 May, 2018, members **approved** the Minute as a correct record and **noted** that the three-monthly updates which officers had been requested to provide on grants approved by the Head of Finance had not been supplied because there had been no such grant awards since the last meeting.

Thereafter, the Minute was signed by the Chair.

4. ABERDEENSHIRE EDUCATIONAL TRUST CHARITABLE MANAGEMENT

Consideration was given to a circulated report dated 27 May, 2019, by the Director of Business Services (1) which explained that the Council's External Auditors had recommended that a Management Plan be prepared for Aberdeenshire Educational Trust, in order to ensure that the Trustees discharged their functions appropriately and (2) to which was appended a copy of the Aberdeenshire Educational Trust (AET) Charitable Management Plan, setting out the history of the Trust's purpose, and the specific roles and duties of the Trustees.

After consideration, the Sub-Committee **approved** the AET Charitable Management Plan, as appended to the report, subject to consideration of members' comments in respect of councillors' term of office, the provision of a definition of the "County of Aberdeen", the scope of "educational" purposes, the provision of audited Trust accounts on the Council's website, a quarterly report being provided to Trustees with details of grants made and duties fulfilled on their behalf, and the availability online of interests declared by Trustees.

5. ABERDEENSHIRE EDUCATIONAL TRUST GRANT FUNDING

There was circulated and **noted** a report by the Director of Business Services, which outlined grants awarded by Aberdeenshire Educational Trust for school trips and post-school education grants.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee **requested** officers to provide a bulletin on the scope of the original Trust deed for disbursing funds for sports and cultural activities.