



## COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR: 15 FEBRUARY 2024

### COMMITTEE DECISION REPORT

#### EDUCATION, SPORT AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE : 6 FEBRUARY 2024

At its meeting on 6 February 2024, the Education, Sport and Children's Services Committee considered the business referred to below. The Committee has approved the recommendations detailed for approval by the Comhairle. Where the Committee has exercised delegated powers or used the conditional delegation provisions for any item, this is stated.

Items marked with an asterisk\* were considered with the press and public excluded from the Meeting.

<i>Item Title</i>	<i>Agenda Number</i>	<i>Committee's Decision</i>
Minute of Meeting of 28 November 2023	1	The Minute of the Meeting of 28 November 2023 was approved.
Declaration of Interest	2	There were no declarations of interest.
Residential Placements for Children and Young People	3 *	It was agreed to recommend, insofar as the interests of the Committee were concerned, that the Comhairle note the projected financial position for specialist residential provision for 2023/24.
Bairns Hoose Pathfinder Programme	4	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the:  (1) progress made and the intention to use the ground floor of St Lennans as the Outer Hebrides Bairns Hoose; and  (2) works ongoing to relocate the services currently delivered from the ground floor of St Lennans.
Rowantree House Inspection Outcome	5	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the outcome of the Care Inspectorate inspection of Rowantree House.
Local Residential Facility Project Update	6	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the progress of the Review of the Care Estate.
Report by HM Inspectors of Education: Bun-Sgoil Lacasdail and Sgoil Àraich Lacasdail	7	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle:  (1) note the findings of the Inspection Report, including key strengths and areas for development; and  (2) supports Bun-sgoil Lacasdail and Sgoil Àraich Lacasdail to develop and implement an effective Action Plan which will address the areas for improvement within the HMI Report.
Report by HM Inspectors of Education: The Nicolson Institute	8	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the findings of the Inspection Report, including key strengths, areas for development and actions to address improvement.

Stornoway Primary Sports Development Update	9	<p>It was agreed to recommend, insofar as the interests of the Committee were concerned, that the Comhairle agree to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) proceed with the proposed amendments to the building size and design set out in the Report in the interests of bringing the project development costs to within the range of the £2M budget; and</li> <li>(2) proceed with the project, as costed at £2.25M, if no further construction savings can be identified, and strictly subject to the successful application for external funding via the Free School Meal Expansion Programme. Should the funding bid be unsuccessful, the matter will return to the next series of meetings for the consideration of members as to how to proceed.</li> </ol>
Establishment of a Policy on Mobile Phone Use in Schools	10	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle agree to the establishment of a policy on the use of mobile phones and personal communication devices in schools.</p>
Northern Alliance Regional Improvement Collaborative: Progress and Changes to Funding	11	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) consider and note the Northern Alliance Progress and Impact Report 2022-23; and</li> <li>(2) consider and note the Scottish Government announcement about changes to the future funding of Regional Improvement Collaboratives and the establishment of a Centre for Teaching Excellence.</li> </ol>
Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools (CISS)	12	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report.</p>
Scottish Public Library Annual Survey 2023	13	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) note the results from the Scottish Public Library Annual Survey; and</li> <li>(2) respond to correspondence from Ms Pamela Tulloch, Chief Executive, Scottish Library and Information Council, detailing how the Comhairle delivers its Libraries and Information Service.</li> </ol>
Chapman/ Gibb Digitisation Map	14	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) approve the proposal to remove the Chapman/ Gibb map from its current location, in order to preserve and digitise it;</li> <li>(2) note the historical significance of the Chapman/ Gibb map of Lewis and the advantages of making it accessible online in digital format; and</li> <li>(3) note the proposal to transfer the original map to Tasglann nan Eilean for safe permanent storage after digitisation.</li> </ol>
Reports Outstanding	15	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report.</p>