



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR: 1 OCTOBER 2025

COMMITTEE DECISION REPORT

EDUCATION, SPORT AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE: 23 SEPTEMBER 2025

At its meeting on 23 September 2025, 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 17 June 2025	1	The Minute of the Meeting of 17 June 2025 was approved.
Declaration of Interest	2	There were no declarations of interest.
e-Sgoil Annual Evidence of Impact Report 2024-25	3	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report.
Report by Care Inspectorate and Education Scotland of Early Learning and Childcare Provision 2024-25	4	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report and continue to support Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) settings to implement continuous improvement in keeping with the Quality Frameworks.
Report by HM Inspectors of Education: Leverhulme Memorial School – August 2025	5	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 Sgoil an t-Òib - Leverhulme Memorial Primary School and the Sgoil Àraich 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: Sir E Scott School – August 2025	6	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 Sgoil an Tairbeirt - Sir E Scott to develop and implement an effective Action Plan which will address the areas for improvement within the HMI Report.
Attainment in the Broad General Education and Senior Phase 2025	7	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report.

School Estate: Pre-Consultation for Closure of Bernera School	8	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) agree to conduct an Options Appraisal for Sgoil Bheàrnaraigh to permit the views of the community to be taken, noting that one option to be considered is permanent closure of the school; (2) support community engagement and participation in the Options Appraisal process; and (3) agree to receive a Report on the findings of the Options Appraisal to permit consideration of next steps.
School Estate: Pre-Consultation for Closure of Tolsta School	9	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) agree to conduct an Options Appraisal for Tolsta School to permit the views of the community to be taken, noting that one option to be considered is permanent closure of the school; (2) support community engagement and participation in the Options Appraisal process; and (3) agree to receive a Report on the findings of the Options Appraisal to permit consideration of next steps.
Gaelic Secondary Education Feasibility Study	10	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report.
Fostering Adoption Inspection Update	11	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report and progress in addressing the various issues identified by the Care Inspectorate.
Continuing Care Policy	12	It was agreed to recommend, insofar as the interests of the Committee were concerned, that the Comhairle approve the Continuing Care Policy.
Community Learning and Development Annual Report 2024-25	13	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report.
Consultation - Sport and Health Savings 2026-27	14	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) consider the draft Initial Impact Assessments; (2) approve the commencement of a consultation exercise on mitigating the impacts of the budget savings; (3) approve that the consultation would look at the savings options across all Sport and Health budgets, including the range of options detailed in the Report; and (4) agree that the Chief Executive would submit a Report to the next meeting of the Committee to establish a Sport and Health Member Officer Working Group.
Barra and Vatersay Community Campus Update	15	It was agreed to recommend, insofar as the interests of the Committee were concerned, that the Comhairle note the Report.

Reports Outstanding	16	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report.
Residential Placements for Children and Young People	17 *	It was agreed to recommend, insofar as the interests of the Committee were concerned, that the Comhairle note the financial position for specialist residential provision for 2025-26.
Stornoway Primary Sports Development	18 *	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report.