

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

At a Special Hybrid Meeting of the Educational Services Committee held in the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Friday, 7 July 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Karen Conaghan, Gurpreet Singh Johal, Daniel Lennie, David McBride, Jonathan McColl, Michelle McGinty, John Millar, Lawrence O'Neill, Lauren Oxley, Martin Rooney, Gordon Scanlan, Hazel Sorrell and Clare Steel and Miss Ellen McBride, Mr Gavin Corrigan and Ms Julia Strang.

Attending: Laura Mason, Chief Education Officer; Alan Douglas, Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration (Legal Officer); Andrew Brown, Senior Education Officer – Policy, Performance & Resources; Michelle Lynn, Assets Co-ordinator; and Ashley MacIntyre and Lynn Straker, Committee Officers.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor June McKay, Mrs Barbara Barnes and Miss Tian Qi Yu MSYP.

Councillor Clare Steel in the Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING

Councillor Clare Steel, Chair, advised that the meeting was being audio streamed and broadcast live to the internet and would be available for playback.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in the item of business on the agenda.

RECORDING OF VOTES

The Committee agreed that all votes taken during the meeting would be carried out by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

RESPONSE ON STATUTORY CONSULTATION TO DISCONTINUE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORT FOR PUPILS ATTENDING CATCHMENT SCHOOLS

A report was submitted by the Chief Education Officer informing of the outcome of the statutory consultation exercise under the terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 on the proposal to discontinue arrangements for the provision of transport for pupils attending catchment schools.

After discussion and having heard the Senior Education Officer in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to the findings from the statutory consultation exercise and the content of the associated Education Scotland report;
- (2) to keep the existing home to school distance of 1 mile for primary schools and 2 miles for secondary schools as prescribed in the existing school transport policy; and
- (3) to implement an alternative transport related saving maximising the use of the Under 22 Travel Pass scheme, in place of Council provided travel passes.

The meeting closed at 10.25 a.m.