

EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EARLY YEARS CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 20th August 2026.

Education, Skills and Early Years City Policy Committee.

Present: Graham Campbell (Chair), Blair Anderson, Saqib Ahmed, Alexander Belic, Jill Brown, Stephen Curran, Stephen Dornan, Fyeza Ikhlaiq, Ann Jenkins, Lilith Johnstone, Paul Leinster (substitute for Susan Aitken), Christy Mearns and Malcolm Mitchell.

Also present: Christina Cannon.

Apology: Susan Aitken.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); J McGhee, Executive Director of Education Services; and F Ross (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Education Services Standards and Quality Report 2025/26 noted etc.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding the Education Services Standards and Quality Report for session 2025/26 and an overview of the progress, performance and improvement activity undertaken across Education Services during the academic year, advising that

- (1) the Education Services Standards and Quality Report 2025/26 provided an evaluation of the effectiveness and impact of Education Services during session 2025/26 and of the service's commitment to continuous improvement, setting out the progress made in delivering positive outcomes for the children and young people across Glasgow, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) Education Services had continued to deliver significant improvement activity through a strong focus on:
 - (a) raising attainment and achievement;
 - (b) improving attendance and engagement;
 - (c) promoting inclusion and reducing exclusions;
 - (d) supporting the health and wellbeing of children and young people;
 - (e) developing leadership capacity at all levels;
 - (f) improving outcomes for children and young people affected by poverty; and

- (g) strengthening self-evaluation and quality assurance processes;
- (3) the Standards and Quality report had identified several key strengths across Education Services and whilst significant progress had been made, the report identified priorities for further improvement during 2026/27; and
- (4) that the findings contained within the report provided assurance regarding the effectiveness of Education Services and would inform the priorities contained within the Education Services Improvement Plan 2026/27, ensuring a continued focus on maximising pupil progress, promoting inclusion and improving wellbeing for all children and young people across Glasgow.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the content of the Education Services Standards and Qualities Report 2025/26;
- (b) acknowledged the progress made by Education Services during session 2025/26 in improving outcomes for children and young people across Glasgow; and
- (c) further noted the findings and priorities identified through the Standards and Qualities report that would inform the Education Services Improvement Plan 2026/27.