

Pupils' wellbeing during COVID-19 pandemic - Public petition dealt with – No further action agreed.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council advising of a petition on behalf of individuals, containing 143 signatures, of which 67 had been validated, submitted by Ms Michelle Thain, Principal Petitioner, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, which highlighted the petitioners' concerns and the outcomes sought by them in relation to their petition, together with comments from the Executive Director of Education Services regarding the issues raised in the petition, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

The Clerk advised the committee that Ms Michelle Thain, Principal Petitioner, had advised that she was not able to attend this meeting and had confirmed that she was satisfied that the committee would consider the petition in her absence, thereafter, the committee considered the Principal Petitioner's statement, which highlighted concerns regarding school pupils' wellbeing during the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to provide a warm, dry, safe area for children to be able to shelter in heavy wind and rain and freezing temperatures, together with the report from the Executive Director of Education Services, as detailed in the Appendices to the report.

After consideration, the committee agreed that the issues raised in the petition did not merit further action having acknowledged the action taken by Education Services in respect of this matter and the Service's commitment to ongoing engagement, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.