

SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

Minutes of hybrid webcast meeting on
22 June 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Present
in County
Buildings: Councillors Bob Shields (Chair), Chris Cullen and Gavin Scott.

Present
Remotely: Councillors Kenneth Bell, Ian Cochrane and George Weir.

Attending
in County
Buildings: M. Newall, Assistant Director – People; W. Carlaw, Service Lead – Democratic Governance; B. McClean, Head of Community Health and Care Services; A. Valenti, Quality Improvement Manager; K. Braidwood; Head of Roads, Ayrshire Roads Alliance; A. Gibson, Committee Services Officer; and C. Buchanan, Committee Services Officer.

Attending
Remotely: M. Alexander, Service Lead – Housing Services.

1. Chair's Remarks.

The Chair

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting; and
- (2) outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that this meeting would be broadcast live.

2. Sederunt and Declarations of Interest.

The Chair called the Sederunt for the meeting and having called the roll, confirmed that there were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

3. Action Log and Work Programme

There was submitted an update of the [Action Log and Work Programme](#) (issued) for this Panel.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note that there were currently no actions in the Log; and
- (2) to agree the current status of the Work Programme.

4. **Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2020/21.**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 14 June 2022 by the Assistant Director - People

- (1) providing an update on the publication of the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) data for 2020/21; and
- (2) requesting this Panel to consider where scrutiny of this information could help drive improvement.

CHN20b LGBF - School Exclusion Rates for Looked After Children (per 1000 looked after children).

Following a question from a Member of the Panel as to how school exclusion rates were calculated, the Quality Improvement Manager advised that the rates were calculated on the number of exclusions and not the number of children.

CHN11 LGBF - Percentage of school leavers going into positive and sustained destinations (Initial survey).

A Member of the Panel enquired

- (1) why the Covid pandemic had not negatively impacted on the figures relating to the percentage of school leavers going into positive and sustained destinations but in fact the figures had improved; and
- (2) regarding the high target figure of 98.5 % for the years 2021/22 to 2023/24.

The Quality Improvement Manager advised that the reasons for the Covid pandemic not having an effect on the percentage of school leavers going into positive and sustained destinations and the high target figures were both a result of ongoing partnership working and the efforts of staff.

Having recognised the efforts of all staff within the Council in relation to school leavers' positive and sustained destinations and having reviewed the data and accompanying summary report within Appendix 1, the Panel

Decided: to note the contents of the report.

The meeting ended at 2.20 p.m.