

EDUCATION – ADDITIONAL RESOURCES 2021/22

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Council set its revenue budget for 2021/22 at the Council meeting held on 25th February 2021. Specific provision was made for improving opportunities for people and communities, including £600K for “investing in the wellbeing of our young people – mental health and wellbeing resources and support for vulnerable children and families”.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise that the Education Service are currently preparing options for the utilisation of these additional funds and will present a further report to Community Services Committee on 10th June 2021.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:-

- 2.1 Note that the Education Service are currently working on the development of suitable options to utilise the additional £600K agreed at the budget meeting; and
- 2.2 Agree that a further report, setting out proposals for implementation, will be tabled at the Community Services Committee scheduled for 10th June 2021.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 At the budget meeting held on 25th February 2021 the Council agreed to allocate an additional £600K “to fund a package of measures to boost the wellbeing and build back the resilience of young people, in particular those most vulnerable, following the Covid-19 pandemic, including counselling and increased provision of childcare for children under three.”
- 3.2 The Education Service are in the process of preparing a range of possible options for implementation, to maximise the use of these additional funds. A report setting out details of the proposals within scope, together with the arrangements that will be put in place to allow monitoring and scrutiny of

progress against the expenditure of these funds, will be tabled at the next Committee meeting in June 2021.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 An additional £600K has been allocated to invest in the wellbeing of our young people. Options are currently being worked up by Officers within the Education Service to utilise these funds, which will be presented to Members at the Community Services Committee in June 2021.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy – options for use of the additional funds will developed in line with relevant policies and procedures
- 5.2 Financial – Utilisation of an additional £600K within the Education revenue budget for 2021/22
- 5.3 Legal – options for use of the additional funds will developed in line with relevant legislation
- 5.4 HR – none arising from this report
- 5.5 Equalities/Fairer Scotland Duty/Islands – none arising from this report
- 5.6 Risk – none arising from this report
- 5.7 Customer Services – none arising from this report

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