

## Department of Education, Sport & Culture Education Council Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	<b>Time</b>	10.00am	<b>Location</b>	Conference Room, Hamilton House
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<b>Attendees</b>	
Mr Graham Cregeen, MHK	Minister for the Department of Education, Sport and Culture
Mrs Ann Corlett, MHK	Department Member
Mrs Marlene Hendy, MLC	Department Member
Mrs Yvette Mellor	Director of Strategy and Corporate Services
Mrs Margaret Mansfield	Education Council Member
Mrs Barbara Brereton	Education Council Member
Mr Ray Smith	Education Council Member
Mrs Diane Brown	Education Council Member
Mr Andrew Cole	Education Council Member
Mrs Louise Strickett	Education Council Member
<b>Apologies</b>	
Mr Lawrie Hooper, MHK	Department Member
Professor Ronald Barr	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Robin Turton	Education Council Member
Mr Steven Bevan	Education Council Member

### AGENDA ITEMS

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Presentation – DFM and Behaviour by Sue Mowle, Director of Services for Children</b></p> <p>The meeting opened and the Minister introduced the Director of Inclusion and Safeguarding, who would be giving a presentation on DFM (Delegated Financial Management) and Behaviour.</p> <p>The presentation began by explaining that DFM for special needs will have a dry run in September 2018 for Primary schools and then rolled out to Secondary schools next year. There will be a working group of Primary Heads and Secondary representatives who will help develop processes. Head teachers will be instrumental in the process. They will have a general budget of £6,000 and if more resources are required there will be reference to a Higher Level Needs (HLN) panel (Eps, Sue Mowle, SEN managers). The funding the school receives can be used creatively e.g. Play therapy etc. Governors can help by asking about provision, how is it effective, what needs to be in place to help etc.</p> <p>The difference between the 'dry run' and what will actually occur is that Heads will be responsible for allocation of staffing and have an actual budget. It needs to be managed carefully to ensure that there is no duplication and risk of the system costing more.</p> <p>Regarding behaviour, Officers of the Department are undertaking research looking into why certain situations within schools are occurring; whether early intervention can take place; whether action plans can be further developed and the scope of provision at the</p>
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	<p>Education Support Centre (ESC). Discussion included that encouragement, early intervention and emotional support should be taken into account along with giving schools 'good' feedback.</p> <p>The Minister thanked the Director of Inclusion and Safeguarding for her presentation.</p>	
<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Mr Lawrie Hooper, MHK; Professor Ronald Barr; Mr Robin Turton; Mr Steven Bevan</p>	
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b></p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were agreed after minor amendments as an accurate record and signed as such by the Minister.</p>	
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING – From minutes dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b></p> <p><b>Environmental Health</b></p> <p>Environmental Health do not release details of investigations and have not given any feedback to the school where there have been issues. The Catering Manager for Government Catering Services is to attend a meeting at the school concerned. Queries about training and management issues were asked. Catering is now back with DESC. School security is to be discussed at a future time. Caretaking services cannot come back to DESC as it is for all Government properties, not just schools. SLAs are in place and managers can communicate with all caretakers.</p> <p><b>Education Bill</b></p> <p>This is in process of being drafted. A Legal Drafter was recommended by the Attorney Generals Chambers, who is based in London and has a schools background. Target for consultation is end of September/October. One area which is being considered is catchment areas.</p> <p><b>Role of Governor</b></p> <p>It was suggested that there could be a meeting to discuss the role of a School Governors which could included all Education Council Members. The Agenda could also include the new Education Bill, possibly during consultation period. Information about Governors role and responsibilities currently lies within the Instruments and Articles however these need to be reviewed and updated. The tenure of Governors and appointing of Governors is within the Articles and Instruments.</p> <p><b>Inclusion and Safeguarding</b></p> <p>There was a discussion about suspension and exclusion which are also issues being considered by the Director of Inclusion and Safeguarding and an Officer of the Education Improvement Service. There were discussions about the suspension stages and appeals and the right of a child to be educated.</p>	

<p><b>4. Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Gifted and talented</b> - There was discussion about what is available for gifted and talented children in schools. This included whether children are missing out on education because they are not stimulated and there is currently no specific provision available for these children. This is for further discussion.</p> <p><b>Minor capital works</b> – A number of questions were asked about minor capital works. An Officer involved with works in schools has now retired and will be replaced.</p> <p><b>Activity programme</b> - A pilot program to get young people involved in activities has been developed. Children at Manor Park, Ballasalla, Willaston and St Ninian’s Lower school have received letters. Children are to be encouraged to sign up.</p> <p><b>Drugs awareness</b> - The police will continue to come into schools with the drugs dogs.</p> <p><b>CRHS English Exam</b> –Governors would like to monitor syllabuses being used, and it was questioned whether this could it be included in the Articles of Government?</p> <p><b>Education Bill</b> – It was questioned when the consultation on the Education Bill will take place? It is intended that it will occur at the end of September or beginning of October. The next meeting of the Education Council should coincide with this.</p> <p><b>Education Council members changing schools</b> –Once the advert has closed, the Department would be considering how Education Council Members should be allocated to schools, which may involve the movement of some existing members to different schools.</p>	
<p>Meeting end 11:15</p>	

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