

## Department of Education, Sport & Culture

### Education Council Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	<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 Education, Sport and Culture
Professor Ronald Barr	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Robin Turton	Education Council Member
Mr Ray Smith	Education Council Member
Mr Steven Bevan	Education Council Member
Mr Alex Downie	Education Council Member
Mrs Margaret Mansfield	Education Council Member
Mrs Diane Brown	Education Council Member
Mrs Malgorzata Simpson	Education Council Member
Mr Andrew Shipley	Legal and Administration Manager
<b>Apologies</b>	
Mrs Louise Strickett	Education Council Member
Mrs Ann Corlett, MHK	Department Member
Mrs Barbara Brereton	Education Council Member

#### AGENDA ITEMS

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> Mrs Louise Strickett Education Council Member, Mrs Barbara Brereton, Education Council Member and Mrs Ann Corlett, MHK offered their apologies.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b> Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were agreed.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING – From minutes dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b></p> <p>The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture discussed PSC concerns. Concerns were also raised by Education Council members about PSC. Staff transfers now support of it after confirmation from MHK was received. The Chief Executive Officer confirms existing staff no changes to salary.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising – From the minutes dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b></p> <p><b>ParentPay</b> – The Chief Executive Officer and the Legal and Administration Manager advised that ParentPay is successfully being incorporated into the Island’s Primary Schools. The Legal and Administration Manager explained that the Department are working with Public Health in regard to allergies.</p> <p><b>Pupil Premium Update</b> – The Chief Executive Officer advised that this matter has been deferred from Treasury until further information has been received.</p> <p>There was discussion about the pay and the Chief Executive Officer explained that a meeting</p>

was scheduled to discuss this further. Concern was raised by an Education Council member of the difficult relationships that were evident at this time.

**Update on the Education Bill** –Minister Cregeen confirmed that there had been meetings with unions about the Education Bill. The Legal Administration Manager advised that a final draft should be received in the following weeks which will need to be checked along with supporting documentation in preparation for submission to the Branches in January 2020. The Minister hoped that it could be introduced into the Keys in December 2019.

## 5 Any Other Business

**Risk Register-** New Headteachers have an introductory session to consider 'risk registers'.

**Equality Act** – The Legal and Administration Manager advised that Education Council Members will need to undertake Equality Act training in the new year.

**School Sites-** The Chief Executive Officer supported the proposal for Scoill yn Jubilee Primary School to operate on a single site in the future.

An Education Council Member raised the issue of fish and chip vans parked on School car parks. The Legal and Administration Manager informed the Education Council that the fish and chip vans can be found at five schools on the Island operating on one evening each week in each location. There was then some discussion about obesity in the Isle of Man and it was advised that the Department is seeking to work with the Public Health about weighing and measuring pupils.

Discussion took place regarding cars parked in Scoill Vallajeelt Primary School. The Legal and Administration Manager advised that information about cars parked inappropriately should be sent to the Department of Infrastructure by the Headteacher to report the issue [Department of Infrastructure: report a problem <https://apps.esriuk.com/app/questionwhere/45/view/6dcbfe9247e94d14b93023c423175457/index.html> ]. There was then some discussion about works to be done on school buildings and Minister Cregeen proposed that these matters are to be raised with the Department Member responsible for properties. Members were asked to submit information about the schools that they are involved with to the Legal and Administration Manager by 13 December, 2019.

**Anti-Bullying questionnaire** – An Education Council Member raised concerns about some of the questions on the anti-bullying questionnaire. The Chief Executive Officer gave some background information about why the survey was commissioned and the Legal and Administration Manager advised that the questions were derived from research by the organisation responsible for the survey.

**Playing Fields** –Minister Cregeen confirmed that a planning application for Castle Rushen High School playing fields had been made and that this and the QEII High School STEM block are to be discussed further with the Treasury. There was some discussion about costs per square meter for both sites.

**School finances** – An Education Council Member queried the breakdown of the money returned to Treasury by schools. The Director of Finance will be asked to provide information on this to the Legal and Administration Manager.

**Fire alarms** – There was some discussion about fire alarm call outs for schools and the cost of these.

**Dates for further Education Council Meetings** – Future dates of meetings are scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 and 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

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