

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 AT 10:00am AT SILVERDALE BOARDROOM, THE  
SLIEAU WHALLIAN AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

<b>In attendance:</b>	Minister Julie Edge, MHK Mr Graham Kinrade Mr Alex Downie Mrs Margaret Mansfield Mrs Malgorzata Simpson Mrs Barbara Brereton Mr Joff Whitten Mr Leslie Foster Mrs Janet Bailey Mrs Carol Glover Mrs Kelly Quaye Mr Peter Whiteway	Minister for Education, Sport and Culture Chief Executive Officer Education Council Member Education Council Member Education Council Member Education Council Member Education Council Member Education Council Member Education Council Member Education Council Member Education Council Member Education Council Member
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<b>In attendance:</b>	Emma Harmer	Private Secretary to the Minister
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<b>Apologies:</b>	Andrew Shipley	Head of Legislation and Policy Development
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<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
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<b>[011/22]</b>	<b>Declarations of interest or conflict</b>	
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It was noted that both JB and JW work for the Isle of Man Children's Centre.

<b>[012/22]</b>	<b>Minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	
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Minutes of the meeting dated 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were agreed and will be signed by the Minister.

The Education Council Members voted unanimously to include names/initials rather than titles in the minutes of all future Education Council Meetings.

<b>[013/22]</b>	<b>Matters arising – Review of action points from the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	
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The following matters were discussed:

**Terms of Reference**

It was agreed that EH would discuss with the Head of Legislation and Policy Development and provide an update at the next meeting. **EH**

**Education Council Members Training**

The on boarding process for new Education Council Members was discussed.

CG stated that a list of mandatory training sessions and dates should be included as part of the on boarding process.

This was discussed and it was decided that the Department would look to put together a list of mandatory training for Education Council Members **EH**

PW asked if members could complete training online. The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that this would be considered, and provide online channels for training courses for the Education Council members. **GK**

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### **Clarification of Governance**

CG requested that the most up to date version of the Isle of Man Government's Code of Conduct would be uploaded to the Education Council MS Teams Channel. **EH**

CG noted that the Department does not have an External Conflicts of Interest Policy and asked if this is something that could be reviewed. **GK**

The Chief Executive Officer noted this and would look into this.

Following discussion of governors meetings it was agreed that a standing agenda would be created for governors meetings in order to have consistency across all school governing bodies.

There was discussion over what data would be shared with the Education Council. The Minister stated that the Education Council should be seeing an overview from schools monthly at governors meetings and all information received should be standard across the board. It was noted that this item should be included in the standing agenda for governors meetings. **EH**

It was decided that a sub committee consisting of the Chief Executive Officer and a number of members from the council would be formed to discuss what data is shared with the Education Council. EH will arrange this. It was agreed that the Chief Executive Officer would provide an update at the next Education Council meeting following this subcommittee meeting. **GK**

### **Technology**

It was noted that the Education Council member's emails were still being worked on. The Chief Executive advised that he would look into this. **GK**

### **UCM Governor Role**

CG stated that she had still not sat on any governors meetings for UCM. It was agreed that the Chief Executive would speak to the Head of Legislation and Policy for an update on this.

**[014/22]**

**Education Policy for Consideration**

It was agreed that the Education Council Regulations would be reviewed.

It was noted that EH would share these to the Education Council MS Teams channel ahead of the next Education Council Meeting. **EH**

**[015/22]**

**Education Council views concerning the needs of public education**

The Education Council had a discussion over the amendments to the Education Act. It was noted that two amendment bills would be put forward to Tynwald. The first in 2023 and the second in 2024.

**[016/22]**

**School issues to be raised with the Department**

**AEN students**

KQ stated that excellence in schools stretches to all students including those with additional needs.

The AEN Code was discussed and it was noted that funding would be an issue for this.

The Minister requested that the Department's fully inclusive policy be shared to the Education Council MS team's channel. **EH**

**Childcare Strategy**

The Education Council discussed the Childcare strategy.

CG asked if parenting skills classes were currently on offer within schools.

JB confirmed that there are third sector organisations that work with schools to provide these classes. A conflict of interest was noted for JW and JB as one of these organisations is the Children's Centre.

This was discussed and it was decided that the Department would look to see which 3<sup>rd</sup> parties provide classes of this sort within school and confirm if these classes are offered across the board.

**Department updates**

The Chief Executive Officer provided an update on Freedom of Information and Data Subject Access requests.

The Chief Executive Officer provided an update on the Quality Assurance Task and Finish Group. It was noted that the Quality Assurance Framework would be implemented by a phased approach in

schools from September 2022. It was agreed that the framework would be posted and shared on the Education Council MS Teams Channel.

The Chief Executive Officer provided an update on the task and finish group for Governing Bodies.

**[017/22] Any other business**

**a) Health and Safety (H&S) Training in Schools**

LF stated that the teachers at one of his schools had not received H&S training.

Minister Edge confirmed that every school has a designated body responsible for H&S and that this person will have received the appropriate training.

Following discussion it was agreed that Education Council Member's should receive H&S training in order to be fully informed when carrying out H&S inspections around schools. It was agreed that this would be arranged for the next academic year.

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It was noted that H&S should be a mandatory item on all Governing Body's meeting agendas.

**b) Website**

It was noted that JW is not listed as an Education Council Member on the Government Website. EH will amend this.

EH

**c) Facilitated Moves/Permanent Expulsion**

BB requested to discuss this at the next Education Council Meeting. It was agreed that EH would add this to the agenda.

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**d) Work Experience**

MM requested an update on Y10 Work Experience. It was noted that work experience will resume in the 2022/23 academic year.

**e) Andrew Shipley's retirement.**

BB extended her thanks and gratitude to Mr Shipley ahead of his retirement in September, stating that Mr Shipley had been very supportive over her time in the Education Council. AD echoed this statement.

The rest of the council extended their thanks to Mr. Shipley.

**f) Meeting Dates**

LF requested that a calendar with Education Council Meeting dates be shared with members. It was agreed that EH would share a calendar on the Education Council MS teams channel once next year's meeting dates had been confirmed.

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**g) Recruitment**

LF requested that the Department look into contacting suitable teachers that are not successful on application for a post and be referred to other available teaching positions.

The Chief Executive Officer commented that he would look into this

**[018/22] Date of next meeting**

**The next meeting of the Education Council will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00am.**

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The meeting closed at [12:00pm]



**Hon. Julie Edge MHK**  
Minister for Education, Sport & Culture

31/06/2022

