

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EDUCATION COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 AT 10:00AM AT THIE SLIEAU WHALLIAN  
AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

<b>Present:</b>	Julie Edge, MHK	Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
	Graham Kinrade	Chief Officer
	Alex Downie	Education Council Member
	Peter Whiteway	Education Council Member
	Joff Whitten	Education Council Member
	Leslie Foster	Education Council Member
	Malgoratza Simpson	Education Council Member
	Barbara Brereton	Education Council Member
	Janet Bailey	Education Council Member
	Carol Glover	Education Council Member

**In attendance:** Emma Harmer                      Private Secretary to the Minister

<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
----------------------	-------------	---------------

**At the start of meeting there was a minutes silence in order to honour the long service of the recent Margaret Mansfield, to the Education Council and wider Department as a whole.**

<b>[019/22]</b>	<b>Declarations of interest or conflict</b>	<b>[OFFICER INITIALS]</b>
-----------------	---	---------------------------

There were no declarations of interest or conflict noted.

<b>[020/22]</b>	<b>Minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>	
-----------------	---	--

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2022 were recorded as a true and accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.

<b>[021/22]</b>	<b>Matters arising – Review of action points from the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022;</b>	
-----------------	---	--

The action log was reviewed and updated.

<b>[022/22]</b>	<b>Education Policy for Consideration</b>	
-----------------	---	--

There were no items of Education Policy for consideration.

<b>[023/22]</b>	<b>School Issues to be raised with the Department</b>	
-----------------	---	--

**QE2 Health and Safety Walk**

MS requested an update on the QE2 STEM Block following the governing bodies Health and Safety Walk.

Minister Edge note that there had been a change to the Capital Scheme and this had resulted in delays.

The Chief Officer stated that the QE2 STEM Block was currently at the Design 1 phase.

MS noted that the lack of progress was a concern for the governing body of the school as there were health and safety concerns.

LF stated that if there was any areas of concern maintenance work should be arranged in the meantime.

The Chief Officer requested that MS ask the school to report any Health and Safety concerns to the Departments so that they could be looked into.

### **Scoill yn Jubilee new school**

CG requested an update.

Minister Edge stated that there was an ongoing strategic review of the Department's infrastructure needs being completed and that all buildings would be considered within this review.

The Chief Officer advised that the Park Road site was not large enough for a 2 form entry school such as Scoill yn Jubilee.

It was noted that the Park Road sight would not be released until a replacement site for the Scoill yn Jubille Murrays road site has been agreed and that discussions were ongoing.

### **Capacity in schools**

AD noted that the administration's goal was to increase the population and asked whether any consideration had been given to capacity in schools.

The Chief Officer advised that whilst there was capacity issues in the East there was not the same pressures in the North. It was noted that there would need to be a strategic review done to consider how to alleviate capacity issues across the island.

### **Laxey School Barriers**

CG asked what the insurance liability was for free access to schools following issues with the installation of a barrier to the carpark on the Laxey School Site.

PW noted that a sign on the site would cover liability issues.

The Chief Officer stated that there was no issue with the barriers being in place and that it had been installed following oil being stolen from the school.

## **[024/22] Department Updates**

### **Update on the Governance Task and Finish Group**

The Chief Officer provided an update. It was noted that early findings had been reached and that next steps would be discussed at the next meeting of the Task and Finish Group.

---

### **Update on the RSE Advisory Curriculum**

The Chief Officer provided an update.

## **[025/22] Any other business**

### **Training**

PW noted that the training pack by CPD has removed governor training. PW noted that three key areas of training that needed to be considered for governors; Roles and Responsibility, Recruitment and safeguarding. It was agreed that training options for governors needed to be considered and that the Chief Officer would look into this.

### **Induction for Education Council Members and Governors**

It was noted that an induction pack or programme would be useful for newly appointed governors and Education Council Members.

It was agreed that this would be considered with training options.

### **DESC Contact**

MS asked who the point of contact was for Education Council Members at the Department.

It was agreed that EH would be the new point of contact for Education Council Member queries going forward.

### **Budget**

AD asked if Education Council Members could have some insight as to how the Department's budget is allocated and spent.

The Chief Officer stated that each school has an allocated budget to which Head Teachers are given autonomy.

AD asked where the budget for pay dispute resolutions would be allocated from. The Chief Officer noted that funds had been allocated to the Department by Treasury for this cost and energy costs in school.

**[026/22] Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Education Council will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 10am.

The meeting closed at 12.00pm



---

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

05/07/23