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Education, Children and Families Committee**

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Notice is given that a Meeting of the **Education, Children and Families Committee** is to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Windmillhill Street, Motherwell, ML1 1AB on Tuesday, 03 March 2026 at 14:00 PM which you are requested to attend.

The agenda of business is attached.

**Rachel Blair**  
**Chief Officer (Legal & Democratic)**

**Members :**

M McBride, A McCrory, A Ballinger, C Barclay, A Beveridge, M Boyd, H Brannan-McVey, B Burgess, A Bustard, C Costello, M Coyle, S Coyle, G Currie, A Duffy-Lawson, H Dunbar, F Fotheringham, H Gray, M Hughes, L Jarvie, D Johnston, T Johnston, J Jones, P Kelly, K Larson, J Logue, H Loughran, A Masterton, P McDade, F McKay, R McKendrick, C McManus, M McPake, J McPhilemy, L Mitchell, J Reddin, A Stubbs, J Toner, N Wilson. M Clarkson, G McCormick, M McCrossan.



## Agenda

- 1 **Declarations of Interest In Terms of the Ethical Standards In Public Life Etc. (Scotland) Act 2000**

### Operational

- 2 **Appointment of Teacher Representative and Third Religious Representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee** 7 - 24  
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Legal and Democratic) advising of the outcome of the recent selection processes undertaken to fill vacancies for a Teacher Representative and a Third Religious Representative on the Committee.
- 3 **Transforming Places - Town and Community Hub Programme Six Monthly Update on Progress** 25 - 40  
Submit report by Chief Officer (Assets and Procurement) providing an update of the Town and Community Hub Delivery Programme..
- 4 **2026 School Admissions Policy Placing Requests & Exclusions** 41 - 64  
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Education - North) providing an update on NLC Admission Policy, the placing request process, its legal basis, practical procedures and current challenges and outlining the appeals process for both placing requests and exclusions.
- 5 **Strengthening Inclusion - Next Steps** 65 - 78  
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Education - South) outlining the future provision for Additional Support Needs following the five year transformation programme in 2019.

### Performance

6	<p><b>Performance Update</b>  Submit report by the Chief Officer (Education - North) and the Chief Officer (Education- South) outlining key strategies implemented to further support the QI framework and facilitate improvement across NL's educational establishments.</p>	79 - 102
7	<p><b>Community Payback Order Annual Report 2024/2025</b>  Submit report by the Chief Social Work Officer (Children, Families, Justice and Integrated Practice) providing an overview of the outcomes relating to the Community Payback Scheme.</p>	103 - 144
8	<p><b>Foster Carer Fees and Allowances</b>  Submit report by the Chief Officer (Children, Families, Justice and Integrated Practice) providing information on current arrangements for the payment of fostering allowances and fostering fees and seeks approval for changes to the fostering fee structure.</p>	145 - 152
<b>Financial</b>		
9	<p><b>Revenue Budget Monitoring Report</b>  Submit report by the Chief Officer (Education - North) providing a summary of the financial performance of the Education and Families Service for the period 1 April 2025 to 2 January 2026 (Period 10).</p>	153 - 164
<b>Contracts</b>		
10	<p><b>Contract Award Report - Flexible Framework for Vocational &amp; Skills Based Interventions 2026-2030</b>  Submit report by the Chief Officer (Education - North) seeking approval to award a Flexible Framework Agreement for Vocational &amp; Skills Based Interventions</p>	165 - 178
11	<p><b>Contract Award Report for the Framework Agreement for Ad-Hoc Minibus &amp; Coach Hire</b>  Submit report by the Chief Officer (Education - North) and Chief Officer (Community Operations) seeking approval to award a Framework Agreement for Ad-Hoc Minibus and Coach Hire</p>	179 - 190

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**Contract Awards Below Committee Approval  
Threshold**

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Submit report by Chief Officer (Assets and Procurement) advising of contracts awarded since the last meeting of the Committee.