

Update from the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture

The Committee for Education, Sport and Culture has made a commitment to publish quarterly updates on the main points of discussion at its Committee meetings and any decisions made or progress achieved. This is the second quarterly progress report for the period October through to December 2016.



The Committee for Education, Sport & Culture is committed to building and protecting its reputation as a well-managed, modern States Committee delivering a high standard of service to the Bailiwick's learners, families, service users, the wider community and businesses.

The Committee aims to support the delivery of its vision and key priorities by:

- Enhancing the reputation of Education Services, Culture and Heritage Services, Sport and Recreation Services, Island Archives, the Institute of Health & Social Care Studies and all other services under the control of the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture by promoting and celebrating our successes and achievements as well as those of our schools and services
- Improving the public's understanding of the work of our services and our aspirations for the future
- Providing a flow of quality and accurate public information to help ensure that the public is properly informed of all the relevant facts
- Demonstrating our commitment to the core principles of Good Governance

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Main Items Considered by the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture

During these three months there have been eight committee meetings and six induction workshops. The main areas of discussion during the committee meetings include:

Future Structure of Secondary and Post 16 Education

The Committee submitted a Policy Letter on the future structure of Secondary and Post-16 Education for consideration at the meeting of the States of Deliberation on 30th November 2016.

The Assembly resolved to continue with the move to an all-ability system and end selection at age 11 from September 2019.

The Committee confirmed that it planned to hold a workshop for States members in January to discuss some of the options available for the future structure of the education estate in line with the extant resolutions to move to a three-school model.

Detailed planning work continues on this issue.

Entitlement to pre-school education

The Committee went to consultation during November and December on the introduction of pre-school education. 2107 questionnaires were sent to recipients of family allowance with children aged between 1 and 4 years old. 527 responses were received – this represented a response rate of 25%.

The Committee has also had two meetings with members of the Committee for Employment & Social Security to understand their concerns with the Committee's proposed changes on the universality of the offering.

The consultation and the meetings will help inform the Committee's next steps.

In the meantime the new Quality Standards Framework was implemented from January 2017 and officers continue to support all providers to work towards providing a self-evaluation report against these standards from September 2017.

The standards are available online at **www.gov.gg/preschool**

College of Further Education

The Committee continues to make progress with the preparation of an Outcome Agreement for the College of Further Education as part of the move to a new governance structure. The Outcome Agreement is a key document which will govern the relationship between Education Services and the College of Further Education and set out expectations of what the College will deliver in return for the funding it receives.

A working party has been established to progress the transition of the College of Further Education to an LBG.

3% Budget Reduction for 2017

The Committee has continued to review the 2017 budget and consider opportunities for reducing general revenue expenditure without adversely affecting service delivery. The Committee has been updated on the Priority Based Budgeting work lead by PwC and commissioned by Policy and Resources. The outcome of this work should be available in Q1 2017 and will help to inform where there is a scope for reducing expenditure not just in 2017 but in future years.

Partnership with Third Sector

The Committee has entered into an agreement with Every Child Our Future for the use of the former St Sampson's Infant School buildings to operate a nursey, pre-school and children's centre to support some of the Island's most vulnerable children and families. The Centre is called Bright Beginnings.

Guernsey's Young People Survey

The Committee discussed the findings of the 2016 Young People's Survey and some of key trends over time.

Details of the survey are available at **gov.gg/youngpeoplesurvey**

Other decisions/discussions

The above sections highlight the main areas of discussion and debate for the new Committee over the last four months. Other decisions and areas considered by the Committee include:

- Guernsey Child Measurement Programme;
- Approving a policy for the professional development of staff;
- Initial consideration of QTLS status in States of Guernsey Secondary Schools;
- Providing feedback on the relationship with St James Chambers;
- Approving service level agreement and considering 2017 operational plan for the Youth Commission;
- Approved new strategy for estates maintenance;
- Nominated Mr Allister Langlois as a Member of Priaulx Library Committee Member;
- Requested the development of plans for the creation of a Guernsey Language Commission;
- Approved internal policy for planning applications for Heritage Services;
- Had an update on the work of Skills Guernsey

External Meetings

The Committee or representatives of the Committee have met with:

- Members of the Committee for Employment & Social Security (twice);
- Principals of the Grant Aided Colleges;
- President of Policy and Resources Committee with respect to the Policy & Resources Plan;
- Guilles-Allès Library and Schools’ Library Service;
- Youth Commission;
- Guernsey Pre-School Learning Association

Induction Workshops

The Committee has also been working through a comprehensive schedule of induction workshops and visits to ensure members are fully briefed on all areas of the mandate of the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture.

During the last three months in office the following areas have been covered:

- Guernsey Music Service
- SHARE (Sexual Health and Relationship Education Service)
- Guernsey Art Commission;
- Communications & Autism Support Service
- Learning Support Service
- Sensory Support Service – Hearing and Vision
- Youth Commission;
- Human Resources

The schedule of induction workshops and visits is continuing.

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