QUESTION NO 2

By Councillor Johnstone answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

Question

Further to the letter of 2 February 2011 sent by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee to all head-teachers and parent council chairs;

- 1 Can the Convener provide a detailed breakdown of which schools have benefited from the actions outlined in that letter?
- Which schools have had additional budget payments for energy costs and how much in each case?
- 3 Which schools have had smart metering installed?
- Which schools have benefited from energy conservation measures and what these measures are?

Answer

- Total payments of £412,000 were made to schools that were overspent in their energy budgets and these adjustments were reflected in the 2010/11 Devolved School Management carry forwards. In total 57 primary schools, 6 secondary school and 3 special schools benefited. The costs of heating in nursery schools was all funded centrally.
- 2 See appendix 1 attached.
- A total of 191 smart electricity meters and 147 gas data loggers are installed across the school estate. A further 28 electricity supplies and 13 gas supplies are waiting for the utility providers to upgrade their supply equipment to allow smart meters to be installed.

A list of these schools highlighting where smart meters have been installed and the other measures taken is at appendix 2.

Progress with the smart meter programme was reported to Education, Children and Families Committee on 21 June 2011 in report item No 9 – Schools Energy Report.

4 Since 2007/8 a total of £3.04m has been specifically invested in energy conservation. These works have been targeted at the non PPP element of the estate and 125 schools have benefited.

The following is a summary of the types of works carried out across the school estate:

Energy Audits Thermal Imaging Attic Insulation Cavity Wall Insulation Valve and Piping insulation Draught proofing Installation of Thermostatic Radiator Valves Lighting Upgrades to High Frequency Lighting Lighting controls Swimming Pool Heat Recovery Heating Controls Upgrading Wet Heating Systems to Replace Electric Heating Coal to Gas Boiler Replacement (Liberton High School) Direct Gas Fired Hot Water Heaters to replace electric immersions Voltage Optimisation Variable Speed Drives to pumps Swimming Pool Covers Heating System Water Treatment

Information on the works that have been undertaken and further planned works to improve the energy efficiency of schools was reported to Education, Children and Families Committee on 21 June 2011 in report item No 9 – Schools Energy Report.

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QUESTION NO 3

By Councillor Johnstone answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Question

To ask the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee what action can be taken to ensure that goods in good condition, for example, bicycles, taken to Council recycling sites, are diverted from landfill?

Answer

All Community Recycling Centres are equipped with a Reuse Cabin to allow good quality household items to be diverted from landfill for reuse via our partner organisations.

Our site staff advise people that household items in good condition can be donated by using the Reuse Cabin and that donated items will be taken away by charities and reused.

Barnardos, Bethany Christian Trust, British Heart Foundation, CHAI (Community Health and Advice Initiative), Combat Stress, DEBRA, EFI (Edinburgh Furniture Initiative) and MARC (Midlothian Advice and Resource Centre) pass reusable items on to people in need at low or no cost.

The following materials are examples of what can be recycled and passed to charities to reuse at Community Recycling Centres – clothing, irons, hairdryers, cookers, fridges, bed sheets, blankets, shoes, televisions, video game consoles, sofas, armchairs, bicycles and beds.

A full list of the items that can be reused and recycled at Community Recycling Centres can be downloaded from the Council's website at http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/1055/recycling/433/community-recycling-centres.

Supplementary Question

The reason I asked this question was that a cycling forum in Edinburgh, you know a sort of well used cycling forum, had said it was always depressing to have a wee look in the metal skip and that on this particular day they had seen a brand new rally Ikea folding bike that had never been ridden and they had actually offered the staff member £20 if they could take it out of the skip. They were told that was forbidden and that really is what prompted my question. So, I just wonder if there is a way that we can ensure that perfectly usable goods are not heading to landfill.

Supplementary Answer by Councillor Aldridge

Thank you for raising that. I have looked very carefully at this and in fact we have amended the website to make sure that bicycles are specifically mentioned as items that can be left in the reuse cabin for reuse. I am sorry that that happened. That should not have happened because anything that can be reused should of course be reused and bicycles are part of that so I am quite happy if the details come forward that it could be looked into but it certainly should not be happening.

QUESTION NO 4

By Councillor Rust answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

Question

(1) Why were parents of pupils at Pentland Primary School, Oxgangs Green informed of the likelihood of 5 composite classes a fortnight prior to final numbers being known?

Answer

(1) The situation became public following the decision of the Appeal Committee on 31 May. Parents successful at appeal immediately informed the acting Headteacher of their place at Pentland Primary School. The acting Headteacher advised the Parent Council of the projected pupil numbers at their meeting of 6 June.

Question

(2) How many complaints or concerns were raised by parents with the Department directly or through the school by letter, telephone or e-mail following communication of the outcome of the appeals and proposed 5 composite class structure?

Answer

(2) The school have indicated that they received 34 complaints. The department received 16 complaints.

Question

(3) Given the level of concern expressed to local elected members by parents regarding the independent appeal process, will the Convener/Director undertake to collate these concerns and make representations to the appropriate parties to assist in improving the system?

Answer

(3) At the Education, Children and Families Committee on 21 June it was agreed to review the placing appeals process.

Question

(4) What consideration is being given to the potential development of new properties on the former Hunter's Tryst Primary School site (and also the Scottish Water site) in reviewing future places at Pentland Primary School?

Answer

(4) The former Hunters Tryst site has previously been marketed for housing development; however there is currently no market interest in the site. As a consequence, the site is unlikely to generate any new pupils for a number of years. The Scottish Water site lies in the Buckstone Primary School catchment area and provision for any new pupils would be made at the catchment school.

Question

(5) Has consideration been given as to how the 73 Primary 1 entries in the new session will affect class organisation in the school the following year and in future years?

Answer

(5) Yes, as in all schools. If numbers remain constant the 73 children will become 2 classes of 30 and one of 13 in a composite class for next session.

QUESTION NO 5

By Councillor Rust answered by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee

Question

(1) In the Edinburgh Evening News on 1 November 2007, you commented that the proposed new Firrhill Health and Social Care Centre will be a "fantastic addition" to the area. What stage of development has this fantastic addition reached?

Answer

(1) The standard business case was completed last year. However due to the change in procurement in the NHS to hubco, progress has been delayed. A community meeting will take place in August with local representatives to review the services that will be provided in the centre.

Question

(2) Which Council services have expressed an interest in operating from the proposed new Centre and at what stage are discussions?

Answer

(2) The Health and Social Care department has expressed interest in operating practice teams and day services for older people from the facility. However, the department is also exploring another opportunity for the delivery of day services within the Oxgangs area.

Question

(3) When is the finalised Business Case going to be made available?

Answer

(3) The finalisation of the full business case will depend on the outcomes of the NHS Lothian Capital Investment Group and the City of Edinburgh Council Joint Asset Management Group in September.

Question

(4) What representations have you made to the Scottish Government and NHS Lothian regarding delays in this process, given that the initial completion of the building was to have been 2010?

Answer

(4) The City of Edinburgh Council remains committed to this project. During the last year, I have raised the issue with the Director of Health and Social Care on a number of occasions at our regular meetings. I have raised the matter directly with both the former and current Community Health Partnership General Manager. I have written to the Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment, Alex Neil MSP.

QUESTION NO 6

By Councillor Cook answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

Question

For each high school:

what were the numbers of Learning Support Teachers in each of August 2009, August 2010 and projected for August 2011?

what were the numbers of Learning Support Assistants in each of August 2009, August 2010 and projected for August 2011?

Answer

The numbers of Learning Support Teachers and Learning Support Assistants are captured in the attached table.

Supplementary Question

Thanks for the information that has been provided. The Administration has made a commitment not to cut frontline educational services. Can you confirm that no cuts will be targeted at the vulnerable school children who require learning support and that the numbers of Learning Support Teachers and Assistants in schools like Gilmerton, sorry Gracemount and Liberton High Schools will not be cut?

Supplementary Answer

There are many and various reasons for the numbers in Learning Support Teachers and Learning Support Assistants. One is there can be a reduction in the hours for any particular individual child after that child has been re-assessed. Another is that it is dependent on school rolls and there has been a decrease in some primary school rolls; and thirdly the department can say how many additional support needs teachers there may be but in the end it is up to the Head Teacher to organise their school and some Head Teachers do organise it in a different way and vire their money from particular staff to another function, so there are lots of reasons as to why the numbers of assistants and teachers fluctuate from year to year.

Appendix 1

High School	ing Support		ng Support	
	Teac	hers (FTE)	Assis	tants (FTE)
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Balerno	2.41	2.41	6.07	5.78
Boroughmuir	2.00	2.00	5.39	5.79
Broughton	3.00	2.00	6.52	5.64
Castlebrae	1.50	1.50	7.22	4.70
Craigmount	4.00	4.00	9.96	8.99
Craigroyston	3.84	3.62	4.26	4.29
Currie	3.13	3.13	6.96	6.51
Drummond	4.00	4.00	8.32	7.83
Firrhill	1.78	1.78	7.09	7.79
Forrester	2.00	2.00	4.60	4.81
Gracemount	2.00	2.00	5.91	5.68
Holy Rood	3.00	3.00	9.93	10.17
James Gillespie's	2.88	2.88	5.36	3.89
Leith Academy	3.86	4.86	8.94	8.80
Liberton	2.00	1.00	4.10	4.23
Portobello	3.50	2.00	9.56	8.64
Queensferry	3.00	2.50	5.81	6.58
St Augustine's	3.30	2.87	6.04	6.04
St Thomas of Aquin's	4.00	4.00	9.43	10.48
The Royal High	3.00	2.80	5.46	6.09
Trinity Academy	2.00	2.00	7.15	7.75
Tynecastle	2.50	2.00	3.02	4.20
Wester Hailes Education Centre	4.00	3.00	5.81	5.44
TOTAL	66.70	61.35	152.91	150.12

Data for August 2011 will be available in September. The allocation for Learning Support Assistants comprises the allocation through the DSM formula, audit funded hours for individual children and virement from other budget areas in schools. The Devolved School Management allocation is based on pupil numbers which reduced from 2009 to 2010.

QUESTION NO 7

By Councillor Child answered by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee

Question

How many people with learning disabilities are placed in hospitals or care homes for the elderly, funded by the City of Edinburgh Council and/or NHS Lothian, and what arrangements are made to monitor those placements?

Answer

All individuals placed by the Council in care homes are done so on the basis of a multi-disciplinary assessment based on professional and clinical judgements.

<u>People with learning disabilities living in care homes</u> registered for older people

The Council funds 43 people who live in Edinburgh care homes and 5 people who live in care homes out of Edinburgh.

People with learning disabilities living in care homes registered for learning disabilities

The Council funds 148 people who live in Edinburgh care homes and 89 people who live in care homes out of Edinburgh.

Hospital

No person who has a learning disability is 'placed' in a hospital setting. People with a learning disability may be admitted to hospital care by NHS consultants. This would be because of medical issues that can only be addressed over a period of time in that setting.

Monitoring arrangements

All individuals with learning disabilities have a care plan put in place following assessment and this is reviewed on an annual basis in line with Council policy.

QUESTION NO 8

By Councillor Godzik answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

Question

(1) To ask what percentage of school children in Edinburgh currently receive 2 hours of PE per week?

Answer

(1) Good progress has been made in increasing the percentage of school children who receive 2 hours sport and PE per week:

	2006/07	2009/10	2010/11	(100+ minutes)
Primary	11%	23%	62%	(90%)
Secondary (S1-4)	9%	22%	39%	(61%)
Special	54%	54%	62%	(69%)

Question

(2) To ask what action is being taken to increase the number of school children who are provided with 2 hours of PE per week?

Answer

- (2) Good progress has been made in increasing the number of school children who are provided with 2 hours sport and PE per week. Ongoing actions to further increase the percentage include:
 - Quality Improvement Officers working with schools to increase PE time;
 - good practice and feedback received from schools which have made significant progress in the last 12 months is being disseminated;
 - all schools are prioritising PE in the improvement planning process; and
 - the availability of outside facilities and primary access to high school facilities being investigated for schools currently below the target.

Supplementary Question

I thank the Convener for the answer and congratulate her for the progress that has been made on this issue. The Convener will be aware that there is a particular issue in South Morningside Primary School which is outlined in a motion in Councillor Johnstone's name at item 10.3. Could I have her thoughts on the proposals being put forward by the parents at South Morningside Primary School which could greatly enhance the PE that is taken in that school?

Supplementary Answer

Thank you Councillor Godzik, you are obviously trying to pre-empt Councillor Johnstone. I had correspondence from the South Morningside Parent Council some weeks ago and was very happy to respond to them saying that we were looking at this seriously and that indeed is what is happening and I am hopeful there will be a report to Committee at the same time as Councillor Johnstone's motion hits Committee. I do not know whether this is going to work out but I am certainly very sympathetic to the idea and also very grateful to South Morningside Parent Council who identify a need which they have but then also identify a saving which they could make. I would like to see that as a way forward for all Parent Councils.

QUESTION NO 9

By Councillor Blacklock answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

Question

The Director of Children and Families has issued a statement to elected members that "it has now been established that there has been a serious deterioration in the condition of the Bonnington building. This deterioration is a direct result of vandalism and damage to the roof resulting in water ingress to the building causing significant internal damage. It is now clear that the costs of bringing the Bonnington building back into use as a school have increased significantly compared with the estimate of £1.6m included in my report". Can the Convener set out the steps taken to secure the Bonnington School building?

Answer

Firstly I share the concerns of the elected member about the deterioration of Bonnington School and am as shocked by it as I am sure everybody in this Chamber is. Some weeks ago when we first heard of this my colleague, Councillor Wheeler, wrote immediately to John Bury asking for an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the deterioration of the school and Mr Bury has agreed to that and I am very happy when that report is completed to share the recommendations with spokespeople of all the Opposition Groups.