

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILAUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE8 August 2024Report by ClerkBREAKFAST CART SERVICE AT NEILSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL - CLARIFICATION**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To summarise the clarification received and circulated on a query raised at the meeting of the Committee on 20 June 2024 regarding the Breakfast Cart Service at Neilston Primary School.

RECOMMENDATION

2. It is recommended that the Committee notes the position.

REPORT

3. In June 2022, it was agreed to implement recommendations made by the Committee in April 2022 arising from its self-evaluation.

4. One of the self-evaluation observations made was that when queries on reports are raised at meetings, it is not always possible for answers to be provided at the meeting itself. Although the provision of clarification or assurances subsequently was considered acceptable, it was agreed, in the interests of transparency, that the Clerk should submit a summary of clarification received and circulated to the next meeting.

5. A related observation endorsed by the Committee in June 2022 and highlighted subsequently, was that it is useful, where possible, for Members to alert the Clerk or Chair in advance to issues they wish to raise at meetings. This is with a view to helping to ensure that answers can be requested, prepared and made available to the Committee where possible at its meetings, also in the interests of transparency. Members of the Committee are therefore encouraged to alert the Clerk or Chair to issues in advance to the extent possible.

6. Clarification provided on a query raised at the meeting on 20 June 2024, which has already been circulated through correspondence, is itemised in Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDATION

7. It is recommended that the Committee notes the position.

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Background Papers:-

1. Audit and Scrutiny Committee Agenda – 20 June 2024:-
[2023/24 Unaudited Annual Accounts](#)

CLARIFICATION SOUGHT AND CIRCULATED

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM AND ISSUE(S) RAISED	CLARIFICATION
20 Jun 2024	<p data-bbox="443 416 1032 443">2023/24 UNAUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS</p> <p data-bbox="443 483 1106 715">It was noted that the Chief Accountant would seek and provide clarification on whether or not the Devolved School Management Reserve would provide sufficient funding to enable the Breakfast Cart Service based at Neilston Primary School, which was being sustained through COVID funding until the end of June 2024, to continue</p>	<p data-bbox="1144 416 1827 443">The Chief Accountant provided feedback as follows:-</p> <ul data-bbox="1189 483 2101 719" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1189 483 2101 584">• The Devolved School Management Reserve for the School will provide sufficient funding to enable the Cart Service based at the School to continue for session 2024/25 at least; and <li data-bbox="1189 624 2101 719">• A review will be undertaken during 2024/25 to measure the impact of this expenditure which will enable the school community to consider sustainability in the longer term.

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