

West Dunbartonshire Council

Report by the Executive Director of Educational Services

Education and Lifelong Learning Committee: 14 March 2012

Subject: Standards and Quality Report 2010/2011

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To inform Members of the publication of Educational Services' Standards and Quality Report for 2010/2011 (a copy of which is provided as Appendix 1).

2. Background

- 2.1** The Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000 requires Education Authorities to secure improvement in the quality of school education and to report annually on progress made to secure improvement.
- 2.2** To meet this requirement, and also in line with the Council's policy on Public Performance Reporting, this year's Standards and Quality Report, summarising the performance of the Education Services, has been produced and will be distributed widely.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** This Standards and Quality Report is comprehensive, containing information on the performance of the Department against the Local Improvement Objectives which were set for the relevant period.
- 3.2** The report will be distributed widely both within and outwith the Authority to a wide audience including Elected Members, educational establishments, Parent Councils, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education, Scottish Education Authorities, as well as parents, staff and a number of partner agencies.

4 People Implications

- 4.1** There are no people implications

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1** There are no financial implications.

6 Risk Analysis

- 6.1** The production of a comprehensive Standards and Quality Report helps the department to set clear targets and minimises the risk of underperformance.

7 Equalities Impact Assessment

7.1 No significant equalities issues were identified in relation to this report.

8 Strategic Assessment

8.1 The Council has identified four main strategic priorities for 2011/2012, namely Social & Economic Regeneration, Financial Strategy, Asset Management Strategy and Fit for Purpose Strategy.

8.2 The work of Educational Services aligns with the Council's strategic priorities and takes forward our statutory duties contained in The Standards in Scotland's Schools etc Act 2000.

9. Conclusions and Officers' Recommendations

9.1 Priorities for the subsequent planning period will be to build on the successes of the past year, to seek improvements in attainment, particularly at SCQF 5, 6 and 7 and to implement the Service Plan generated as a result of the Standards and Quality Report.

9.2 During this period 2010/2011 all of the establishments visited by HMIE have generated positive reports.

9.3 Members are asked to:

- a) note the contents of this report; and
- b) approve the proposals for the distribution of the Standards and Quality Report.

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Appendix 1: Standards and Quality Report

Ward Affected: All