

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Educational Services

Educational Services Committee: 04 June 2014

Subject: 2012/17 Education Service Plan 2013/14 Annual Performance Report

1. Purpose

- 1.1** This report informs members of the 2013/14 Annual Performance Report on the 2012/17 Education Service Plan prepared by the Department of Educational Services. The report highlights our performance across all the services delivered by the Department for the period April 2013 to March 2014 (a copy of the Service Plan Progress Report is provided as Appendix 1).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** Members are asked to note the contents of this report and the attached appendix.

3. Background

- 3.1** Educational Services' 2013/14 update to the 2012/17 Service Plan was approved by the Committee at its September 2013 meeting. It set out the key performance indicators and actions prioritised for delivery over the course of 2013/14. A mid-year progress report on the plan was presented to committee at its December 2013 meeting.
- 3.2** Provided in the report, where applicable, are comparisons against our Local Authority family group which consists of six local authorities that are considered to be similar in size and socioeconomic factors. Our group comprises Clackmannanshire Council; Inverclyde Council; Midlothian Council; North Ayrshire Council; Renfrewshire Council; and West Dunbartonshire Council.
- 3.3** The performance of all Scottish local authorities is also used to give a fuller picture of our performance nationally where this data is available.
- 3.4** It should be noted that, the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee (now known as Educational Services Committee) approved Educational Services' strategy to raise attainment. In the 2011/12 and 2012/13 school sessions, the Service has invested significantly in seconded teachers, supported study and master classes in a bid to support our young people to achieve more.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** In the 2013 exam diet, the Average tariff score of lowest performing 20% of pupils in S4 achieved its best result ever recorded.
- 4.2** So far in the 2013-14 school session two school inspection reports have been published. Based on the reference quality indicator scores, the reports are again all positive.
- 4.3** The percentage of school leavers entering positive destinations in West Dunbartonshire decreased by 1.7% to 90.9% in 2012/2013 compared to 92.6% in 2011/2012. The percentage of leavers from West Dunbartonshire in positive destinations is 0.5% lower than the national average of 91.4% in 2012/13.
- 4.4** There has been an increase in the level of use of library learning centre and learning access points and in the number of users of this service.
- 4.5** Other exam performance measures, pupil attendance and exclusion levels were reported on at a previous committee. No new data is available on these annual indicators at this time.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** There are no personnel issues related to this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1** There are no financial implications related to this report.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** Failure to plan the work of the department and to report on its progress would represent reputational damage to the Council.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** Educational Services has carried out a screening in equality for this report. The report was found not to be relevant to the specified equality duty because the content provides an update on service delivery rather than stating a change of policy.

9. Consultation

- 9.1** Legal Services, the Section 95 Officer and the VSE Project Board have been consulted in relation to the content of this report.

10. Strategic Assessment

- 10.1** This report reflects the Council's aspiration to improve life chances for children and young people which is one of the strategic priorities for 2012 - 2017.

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Appendix 1: 2012-17 Service Plan Annual Performance Report April
2013 to March 2014.

Background Papers: None.

Wards Affected: All.