

**West Dunbartonshire Council**

**Report by the Executive Director of Educational Services**

**Educational Services Committee: 11 September 2013**

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**Subject: Curriculum for Excellence Implementation Plan – 2013/14**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To provide members with a copy of West Dunbartonshire's Implementation Plan for Curriculum for Excellence (appendix 1) which details the actions planned to address priorities for Educational Services.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** The Curriculum for Excellence Implementation Plan will be monitored regularly and reviewed.
- 2.2** The Committee is invited to note the contents of this report.

**3. Background**

- 3.1** Curriculum for Excellence has been in development for a number of years. August 2010 saw the first cohort arrive in S1 and these learners have completed their Broad General Education and are now beginning Senior Phase.
- 3.2** Educational Services have supported all aspects of Curriculum for Excellence and it has been given the highest priority in improvement plans across all our schools.

**4. Main Issues**

- 4.1** Education Scotland published the revised national Implementation Plan for 2013/14 in July 2013. (Appendix 2)
- 4.2** The national Implementation Plan sets out objectives and available support. It enables local authorities to plan activities to realise the objectives.
- 4.3** Education Scotland states that the emphasis of Curriculum for Excellence Implementation should focus on learning and teaching and that systems and processes should be manageable and effective.
- 4.4** New qualifications and the Senior Phase continue to be important features of the plan.

- 4.5 The national Implementation Plan recognises that the Community Learning and Development (CLD) has an increasingly significant place within Curriculum for Excellence.
- 4.6 It is noted that Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) development requires a focus within West Dunbartonshire's Curriculum for Excellence plan. (Appendix 2)
- 4.7 The Government's initiative to ensure that all young people study two Modern Languages in addition to their mother tongue, known as the Languages 1 + 2 policy. West Dunbartonshire's Curriculum for Excellence plan will reflect this.
- 4.8 The Curriculum for Excellence, 3-18 Steering Group will be reformed to extend professional learning opportunities to other staff.
- 4.9 The 3-18 Steering Group will monitor the implementation of West Dunbartonshire's Implementation Plan and liaise with staff groups to ensure appropriate support is in place.

## **5. People Implications**

- 5.1 The roles and responsibilities of all learners, school staff and partners are detailed within the 'Building Our Curriculum' series of national publications.
- 5.2 The Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers sub group and Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers (LNCT) have on-going discussion about Curriculum for Excellence related matters.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 The actions identified in the Implementation Plan, as attached to this report, are funded from existing education budgets, except for those elements which are funded from recent additional funding allocated to the Council from the Scottish Government to support the ongoing development of Curriculum for Excellence. This covers funding for Assessment and Moderation of £69,000 and £73,222 to support the 1+2 Languages initiative.

## **7. Risk Analysis**

- 7.1 West Dunbartonshire's Implementation Plan has been aligned to the national implementation plan. Development activities across Educational Services will be expected to work to this timeline to ensure that the curriculum for children and young people meets the national outcomes. Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) inspect establishments against the national outcomes.

## **8. Equalities, Health & Human Rights Impact Assessment**

- 8.1 No issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report.

## **9. Consultation**

- 9.1** Legal Services and the Section 95 Officer 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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**Appendices:**

Appendix 1	Curriculum for Excellence - Implementation Plan - Education Scotland
Appendix 2	Implementation Plan for Curriculum for Excellence - West Dunbartonshire Council

**Background Paper:** Equality Impact Assessment Screening

**Wards Affected:** All wards