

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Educational Services

Educational Services Committee: 05 March 2014

Subject: Standards and Quality Report 2012/13

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To inform Members of the publication of Educational Services' Standards and Quality Report for 2012/13 (a copy of which is provided as Appendix 1).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** 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.

3. Background

- 3.1** 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.
- 3.2** To meet this requirement, and also in line with the Council's policy on Public Performance Reporting, the annual Standards and Quality Report, summarising the performance of Education Services, has been produced and will be distributed widely.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** This Standards and Quality Report is a comprehensive, evidence based evaluation of the performance of the service against the Local Improvement Objectives which were set for the relevant period.
- 4.2** 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. The Standards and Quality report will be published electronically and made available via the Council's website.

- 4.3** This priorities for session 2013/14 have been presented to Members previously. They are to:
- raise attainment and achievement
 - implement Curriculum for Excellence (CfE), Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) and Early Years Strategy
 - improve self evaluation processes and systems
 - implement the ICT Strategy for Learning with Technologies
 - further regenerate the education estate.
- 4.4** During this period 2012/13 all establishments in West Dunbartonshire which were inspected by HMIE/Education Scotland received positive inspection reports.
- 5. People Implications**
- 5.1** There are no personnel issues as a consequence of this report.
- 6. Financial Implications**
- 6.1** There are no financial implications as a consequence of this report.
- 7. Risk Analysis**
- 7.1** The production of a comprehensive Standards and Quality Report enables the department to set clear targets. Failure to produce a report on Standards and Quality would result in a reputational risk to the Council impacting on the Local Area Network.
- 8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**
- 8.1** No equalities issues were identified in relation to this report because the content provides an update on service delivery rather than stating a change in policy.
- 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 2012-17.

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Appendix 1: Standards and Quality Report 2012/13

Background Papers: EIA Screening

Wards Affected: All wards.