

# WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

## Report by the Executive Director of Educational Services

Educational Services Committee: 04 December 2013

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**Subject: 2012-17 Education Service Plan Q2 Performance Report**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** This report informs members of the second quarter 2013/14 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 to October 2013 (a copy of the Service Plan Progress Report is provided as Appendix 1).

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** Overall the majority of the department's performance indicators are achieving their targets and improving in both the short and long term trends.
- 2.2** Members are asked to note the contents of this report and the attached appendix.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1** The Council's Performance Management Framework was developed via the Risk & Performance Management Working Group and agreed by the CMT and subsequently by Audit & Performance Review Committee on 14th January 2009. The Framework states that departments are required to bring a performance report on their Departmental Service Plan to the relevant service committee twice yearly.
- 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, because of concern over school pupil attainment in West Dunbartonshire, 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 SQA exam performance indicators 3+ @ Level 6, 5+ @ Level 6 and 1+ @ Level 7 all achieved their best results in the last ten years.
- 4.2 The performance indicator 5+ @ Level 5 declined slightly since the previous year from 32.4% to 31.5%.
- 4.3 In the 2012-13 school session two school inspection reports and one Early Years Partnership Centre report have been published. Based on the reference quality indicator scores, the reports are again all positive.
- 4.4 As at the end of the second quarter 2013-14, 48% of educational establishments have been granted a Green Flag award from Eco-Schools Scotland. This is two percent below the target of 50%.
- 4.5 Primary school attendance over session 2012/13 remained 94.9%.
- 4.6 Secondary school attendance over session 2012/13 remained 91.4%.
- 4.7 The level of exclusion in West Dunbartonshire schools was reduced in session 2012/13 by 7 to 35 cases of exclusion per 1,000 pupils, 23 below target.

#### **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 As members are only being asked to note the contents of this report and the attached appendix a risk assessment is not required.

#### **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 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:** Appendix 1 - Service Plan Progress Report

**Background Papers:** EIA Screening

**Wards Affected:** All