

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Educational Services

Educational Services Committee: 20 February 2013

Subject: Standards and Quality Report 2011/2012

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To inform Members of the publication of Educational Services' Standards and Quality Report for 2011/2012 (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 The priorities for session 2012/13 have been presented to Members previously. They are

- To Raise Attainment and Achievement.
- To Implement Curriculum for Excellence (CfE), Getting it Right for Every Child and Early Years Strategy.
- To improve Self Evaluation Processes and Systems.
- To implement the ICT Strategy for Learning with Technologies.
- To further regenerate the Education Estate.

4.4 During the period 2011/12 all establishments in West Dunbartonshire which were inspected by HMIE/Education Scotland received positive inspection reports.

5. People Implications

5.1 This report has no implications for personnel.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 This report has no financial implications.

7. Risk Analysis

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

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 No significant equalities issues were identified in relation to 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 - Standards and Quality Report 2011/12

Background Papers: EIA Screening

Wards Affected: All Wards