

Item: 9

Education, Leisure and Housing Committee: 28 March 2018.

Orkney Schools Attainment.

Report by Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing.

1. Purpose of Report

To present Orkney Schools Attainment Report for Session 2016 to 2017.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is invited to note:

2.1.

The Orkney Schools Attainment Report for academic session 2016 to 2017, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, which outlines the level of success and achievement of Orkney's young people.

3. Policy Aspects

The proposals in this report support the undernoted Council values:

- Promoting Survival – to support our communities.
- Promoting Sustainability – to make sure economic, environmental and social factors are balanced.
- Promoting Equality – to encourage services to provide equal opportunities for everyone.
- Working to Provide Better Services – by improving the accessibility of all material published on the Council website.

4. Introduction

At its meeting held on 10 June 2015, when reviewing performance and service plan actions, the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee recommended inter alia that the following service plan actions be amended as indicated and thereafter incorporated within the service plan:

- 08 – Attainment and Achievement – “that the Council be provided with an annual report on achievement and attainment, with a target date of 31 March 2016” be added to the action.

5. Background

5.1.

An attainment seminar is held annually to brief members on the attainment of children and young people across Orkney's Schools. The seminar covers all stages in the Curriculum for Excellence 3 to 18, including levels of achievement in Broad General Education (Primary 1 to Secondary 3) and Senior Phase (Secondary 4 to Secondary 6) attainment in national examinations.

5.2.

As detailed in section 4.1 above, the Education, Leisure and Housing Service will now report annually to Council on achievement and attainment in addition to a Members' Seminar outlined at section 5.1 above.

6. Orkney Schools Attainment Report Session 2016 to 2017

The Orkney Schools Attainment Report Session 2016 to 2017, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, summarises key measures of attainment and achievement for learners in Orkney, from data collated from:

- Practitioners in the Early Years.
- Curriculum for Excellence levels achieved by pupils in their Broad General Education in Orkney schools at stages Primary 1, Primary 4, Primary 7 and Secondary 3.
- Levels of achievement by Senior Phase leavers in Orkney schools in national examinations.
- Wider Achievements of young people reported by the Community Learning and Development Service.
- Positive Leaver Destinations of young people, in Orkney, during the 2016 to 2017 session.

7. Financial Implications

There are no significant financial implications arising from this noting report.

8. Legal Aspects

The Council should comply with all legal recommendations made and subject to that, there are no legal implications arising directly from this noting report.

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10. Appendix

Appendix 1: Orkney Schools Attainment Report Session 2016 to 2017.