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Report to:	Education Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	31 August 2010
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	Celebrating Success
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ advise of the range of achievements and success of young people and staff in national and local awards during 2010.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the very positive success of young people and staff in national and local awards during 2010 be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. Celebrating the success and achievements of young people and staff has been a key feature for Education Resources through nurseries, schools, youth learning centres and other services and is closely aligned to the principles of Curriculum for Excellence, where there is a focus on achievement as well as attainment.
- 3.2. Schools and youth learning services are centres of creativity, talent and diversity and this makes them strong and successful. It is, therefore, important that Education Resources continues to recognise and celebrate the achievements and success of young people and staff, as this helps to boost self-esteem, confidence and an interest in future learning.
- 3.3. The participation of young people across our schools and services in a wide range of sporting activities, the arts, music, social enterprise, citizenship programmes and neighbourhood related projects (supporting children's appeals, local charities) deserves to be recognised. Promotion and celebration of success leads also to more positive learning outcomes and also helps to demonstrate what can be achieved through the adoption of healthier lifestyles.

4. Celebrating Success 2010

- 4.1. Over the last year children, young people and staff have achieved success in a wide variety of highly prestigious national and local awards. In June, over 300 young people attended the South Lanarkshire Pupil Award Ceremony with hundreds more taking part in nursery, school and youth learning award ceremonies. The extent of this success demonstrates the commitment by nurseries, schools, youth learning centres and other services to show how they are developing very successful learners, improving their confidence, and supporting them to be responsible citizens and effective contributors to the life of their school and local community.

4.2. It has been a rewarding year for many employees and young people and below is some examples of the following breadth of achievements gained throughout establishments and services:-

- *In June 2010, Alan Byrne from Stonelaw High picked up a lifetime achievement award at the TES Education Awards in London. Alan was also a finalist at the Scottish Education Awards.*
- *Clare Ballentine from St Leonard's Primary was nominated as teacher of the year at the Scottish Education Awards in June.*
- *Pupils and teachers from Lanark Primary were finalists in the Scottish Education Awards for their project entitled "Get Scotland Active."*
- *Calderglen High's success in the Microsoft Pathfinder Project and in the National Band Festival UK Awards.*
- *Cathkin Community Nursery gained 5 'excellent' ratings from their HMIE inspection, building on the 6 'excellent' ratings by the Care Commission last year.*
- *Our Lady of Lourdes Primary retained its Customer Excellence Status.*
- *John Ogilvie High was awarded Spanish School of the Year and was also the winner of a national anti-bullying competition for the film made by pupils entitled, Respect Me.*
- *Mount Cameron Primary won the UK Becta ICT School Award.*
- *The celebration by 250 young people of their success at the Pupil Achievement Award Ceremony.*
- *Larkhall Academy pupil, Dale Martin was awarded the Scottish Peer Educator of the Year Award in recognition of his voluntary work.*
- *Roz Gallagher received the Youth Learning Service Manager of the Year.*
- *The success of over 350 young people in gaining Youth Achievement Awards, Dynamic Youth Awards, SoLVE Awards, Youthlink Awards and Duke of Edinburgh certificates.*
- *"Give us a break!", the first programme of its kind in the UK, an innovative therapeutic programme designed to help children and young people cope with bereavement, loss and major negative changes in their lives, was developed as a result of joint work by Psychological Services, Macmillan Cancer Support and NHS Lanarkshire.*

4.3. The publication in the Education Newsletter of the achievements of young people and through the 'Celebrating of Success' supplements help to highlight many examples of the success of young people in non-certificated activities. Over the years, the Council has helped to promote the success of young people through various programmes, such as the Road Safety Programme, Crucial Crew, Home Happening, Sports Programmes and other community involvement activities. These enable young people to participate in active learning activities and to receive recognition for the success they achieve through awards, presentations and publicity.

4.4. Further consideration is being given by Education Resources, in light of the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence, to a nationally developed portfolio of children's achievements. The national portfolio of achievements will be recognised by employers and further education providers as part of the overall approach to recognising the success of young people.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. None

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. Financial implications were met from within existing budgets.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. The Education Newsletter and other communication means will be used to showcase examples of good practice.
- 7.2. The risk assessment associated with the proposals in this report is deemed to be low and will not have an adverse impact on Education Resources.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. There was no requirement to carry out an impact assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.
- 8.2. Education Resources will continue to invite establishments and services to recognise and publicise achievements as part of the overall approach of sharing success stories with parents/carers, local elected members and other stakeholders.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives

- Raise educational attainment
- Improve lives of vulnerable children, young people and adults

Previous References

- Education Resources Committee – 1 June 2010

List of Background Papers

- Celebrating success supplement

Contact for Further Information

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