

Report

Report to:	Education Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	26 September 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	Standards and Quality Report 2022/2023
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide an update on the Education Resources' Standards and Quality Report for session 2022/2023.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the Education Resources' Standards and Quality Report for session 2022/2023 be noted.

3. Background

3.1. The Standards and Quality Report reflects how Education Resources, through its schools, establishments and services, takes forward the Council's vision of improving the lives and prospects for everyone in South Lanarkshire.

3.2. The focus over the last year for Education Resources has been to continue to work together to raise achievement and attainment, inspire learners and work in partnership with our communities so that children and young people have the best start in life and are supported to develop their skills for learning, life and work.

3.3. Our values and priorities are the building blocks for this Standards and Quality report as they are for our school and service improvement plans. This is to help ensure we have a shared and clear purpose and an ethos which empowers our schools and establishments to nurture ambition and aspirations, improve attainment and achievement and create and widen opportunities for all children and young people.

3.4. This Standards and Quality report provides an update on our performance and achievements over the last year against our five strategic priorities along with some examples of good practice.

4. South Lanarkshire Council Education Resources' Standards and Quality Report

4.1. The purpose of the Standards and Quality Report is to provide high-level information about the performance and achievements of Education Resources. It has been written to provide information about how Education Resources is performing as a service, along with an insight into some of the activities being delivered to support the education and wellbeing of children, young people and families.

- 4.2. The Standards and Quality Report is designed to address progress towards meeting Education Resources' key priorities, namely to:-
- ◆ improve health and wellbeing to enable children and families to flourish
 - ◆ ensure inclusion, equity and equality are at the heart of what we do
 - ◆ provide a rich and stimulating curriculum that helps raise standards in literacy and numeracy
 - ◆ support children and young people to develop their skills for learning, life and work
 - ◆ empower learners to shape and influence actions on climate change and sustainability
- 4.3. The 2022/2023 Standards and Quality Report makes specific references to the impact of the pandemic and the fact schools and establishments are still deemed to be in the recovery phase given that restrictions were still in place up until the end of the Spring in 2022.
- 4.4. It reports on all elements of our service, whilst acknowledging that it is neither possible, nor desirable, to capture every single achievement in this manner.
- 4.5. The Standards and Quality Report is designed to be read by a wide audience of stakeholders, including councillors, staff, parents, young people and members of the public and has been written in an accessible format and in plain English, wherever possible.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1. The Standards and Quality report sets out how our schools, educational settings and services will improve. Our recent positive inspection reports continue to evidence high standards and our work in looking after our most vulnerable children and families will continue. This will require us to maintain and focus on prevention and early intervention approaches as well as a continued focus on high standards of educational delivery.
- 5.2. Education Resources will continue to submit to this committee a progress report on performance against the measures and actions highlighted in the Resource Plan at quarters 2 and 4.
- 5.3. Education Resources will continue to use the data we hold more effectively to effect improvement and achieve better outcomes for children, young people and families.
- 5.4. Work is ongoing to enable this report to be shared publicly via the SLC website in a format that meets the accessibility standards. A copy will be made available for all schools, establishments and elected members and other stakeholders.
- 5.5. There is a requirement under the Standards in Scotland's Schools. Etc (Scotland) Act 2000 to publish an annual Standards and Quality report. A similar report will be published in the autumn term of each year, reflecting the work of the previous school session. The format and content will continue to meet national requirements for reporting and provide information on performance as well as a focus on what is making a difference and recognising success.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. None.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. Financial implications are within existing budgetary resources.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. There are no implications for sustainability, climate change, or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. There are no implications for risk in terms of the information contained in this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1 This report does not present a new strategy, policy or plan and is, therefore, not subject to equality impact assessment.
- 10.2. There was no requirement to undertake any formal consultation in terms of the information contained within this report. However, the Standards and Quality report by its nature is produced from the evidence gathered from schools, establishments and services and other stakeholders.

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5 September 2023

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ◆ Education and learning: inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

Previous References

- ◆ Education Resources Committee – 15 November 2022

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Education Resources Resource Plan 2022/23
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council Strategic Equity Fund Plan
- ◆ Standards in Scotland's Schools. Etc (Scotland) Act 2000

Contact for Further Information

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