

Report

Report to:	Education Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	18 September 2018
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	Standards and Quality Report 2017/2018
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide background and information about Education Resources' Standards and Quality Report for session 2017/2018.

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 2017/2018 be noted
- (2) that future plans for reporting on progress in this way, be noted.

3. Background

3.1. Education Resources sets out how it takes forward the progress priorities within CONNECT, the South Lanarkshire Council plan. The vehicle for reporting on service delivery is the Education Resources plan.

3.2. The established vehicle for reporting on progress for South Lanarkshire Council is through IMPROVe and reports are submitted quarterly on specific targets within the Education Resource Plan.

4. National reporting requirements

4.1. The publication in 2016, of the update to the 'Statutory Guidance Standards in Scotland's Schools Etc. Act 2000', places a statutory duty on schools and local authorities to report on progress towards achieving the National Improvement Framework (NIF) priorities, including raising attainment for all and closing the poverty-related achievement gap.

4.2. Therefore, in addition to Council planning and reporting formats, Education Resources are also required to submit additional reports on progress to the Scottish Government. This includes an annual report on progress towards meeting the NIF priorities and a report on the impact of Pupil Equity Funding.

4.3. The production of an annual published Standards and Quality Report forms part of this requirement.

5. Standards and Quality Report

- 5.1. The purpose of our Standards and Quality Report is to provide high-level information about the successes and achievements of Education Resources. It has been written to provide information about how we are performing as a service, the kind of activities we are delivering and examples of the impact that these are having on children, young people and families. Its key purpose is to provide information and assurance about the educational experiences we offer learners.
- 5.2. The Standards and Quality report is designed to answer the three main questions, taken from the document “How Good is our School” (HGIOS). These are:
- ◆ How good are we at ensuring the best possible outcomes for our learners?
 - ◆ How good is the quality of the care and education we offer?
 - ◆ How good is our leadership and approach to improvement?
- 5.3. The report makes specific links to both our priorities as an Education Resource and the National Improvement Framework Priorities.
- 5.4. 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.
- 5.5. 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.

6. Next Steps

- 6.1. The report will be published on the South Lanarkshire Council website in the next few weeks. An electronic copy will be sent to all schools, establishments and elected members and other stakeholders. In addition a small number of printed copies will be made available on request.
- 6.2. 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 give information to stakeholders.

7. Employee Implications

- 7.1. None.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. Financial implications are within existing budgetary resources.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. There are no implications for sustainability or 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.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Improve achievement, raise educational attainment and support lifelong learning

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Education Resources Resource Plan
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council Leadership Framework

Contact for Further Information

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