

APPENDIX 3 - Report

Report to:	Education Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 May 2024
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	Response to online national consultation in respect of the delivery of Community Learning and Development
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ update Committee of the authority's response to the online national consultation by the Scottish Government in respect of the delivery of Community Learning and Development (CLD), commissioned by the Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Veterans.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) note the response on behalf of the authority to the online consultation in respect of the delivery of Community Learning and Development commissioned by the Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Veterans.

3. Background

3.1. Community Learning and Development (CLD) is a professional practice within education with delivery stretching across all stages of lifelong learning. The purpose of CLD is to provide early intervention and prevention to those experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, inequality of opportunity within the education and skills system.

3.2. An independent review of CLD across Scotland was commissioned by the Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Veterans and began in December 2023.

4. Scope of Review

4.1. The review aims to reach the most marginalised people in Scotland who face barriers to learning and work.

4.2. In doing this, the review committed to:

- consider the skills and career pathways of the CLD sector workforce and hear the views of staff and volunteers who may be directly impacted by any recommended changes to the delivery of CLD
- take account of available evidence related to the provision of CLD services, the impact of these services on learners and international perspectives, where appropriate
- consider how data across the CLD sector is gathered, measured and used to ensure the best possible outcomes for learners

- make connections across the wider policy landscape and Scottish Government priorities whilst considering close alignment of CLD with the [Purpose and principles of post-16 education](#) (published June 2023)

5. Consultation process

5.1 The consultation process involves: :

- face to face consultations and evidence gathering with key stakeholders, learners, potential learners and partners across the CLD sector
- an online consultation with closing date 3 March 2024 (response attached at Appendix 3)
- an analysis of published evidence

6. Reporting

6.1 The review will report in June 2024.

7. Employee Implications

7.1 Employees are actively engaging with the series of events planned to support this consultation and gathering of evidence.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 None

9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

9.1 None

10. Other Implications

10.1 None

11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

11.1 None

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Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

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

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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