

## SERVICE DESCRIPTION FORM

<b>Department: Education &amp; Social Care</b>	
<b>Service: PRIMARY SCHOOLS</b>	
<b>Income</b>	<b>(£000s)</b>
<b>Description:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The provision of primary education to children aged 4+ -11+ across 45 schools ranging in size from 15 pupils to 400+ pupils.</li><li>• All schools are implementing Curriculum for Excellence</li><li>• Current total of pupils is circa 6,400. This has fallen from 7,800 in 2001 and is predicted to rise to 7,300 by 2020</li><li>• Very significant budget provision is devolved to head teachers through the Devolved School Management (DSM) scheme. This enables head teachers to make decisions on spending which are best suited to the individual requirements of the school</li><li>• Visiting specialist teachers of art, PE and music are timetabled as part of core school staffing in Moray.</li></ul>	
<b>Outcomes / impacts:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All schools in recent years have achieved satisfactory or better inspection reports</li><li>• Scottish Government and teacher trade unions still have aspirations for smaller class sizes but this has “fallen off the main agenda” in the past year or so</li><li>• There is currently a moratorium on rural school closures pending the publication of a Government-sponsored Commission on Rural Education</li><li>• Primary education in Moray could be delivered in fewer schools</li><li>• There is a very significant buildings repair, refurbishment and maintenance requirement.</li></ul>	