

**REPORT TO: EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE ON 31 MAY 2006**

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL OF AMBITION – LOSSIEMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**

**BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update committee on Lossiemouth High school's successful application to become a 'School of Ambition'.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section E(1) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to exercising all the functions of the Council as Education Authority.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Scottish Executive launched The Schools of Ambition programme in 2005.

The programme supports schools to transform educational outcomes. It seeks to raise the ambitions of schools, instil belief and ambition in pupils, extend their opportunities and transform their life chances.

Schools of Ambition will aim to stand out in their locality, and nationally, as innovators and leaders, providing ambition and opportunity for young people, setting an example to the whole community of what is possible in modern Scotland, helping shape the ambitions of an ever more successful Scotland of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

- 2.2 **Appendix 1** to this report provides further details about the 'Schools of Ambition' project.
- 2.3 **Appendix 2** to this report provides Lossiemouth High School's bid to the Scottish Executive.
- 2.4 This bid was submitted to the Scottish Executive on 18 November 2005 and has now been accepted resulting in an award of £100,000 per year for each of the next three years.

**3. The Proposals**

- 3.1 It is proposed that committee notes the contents of this report.

**4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**5. Staffing Implications**

5.1 There are no staffing implications arising from this report.

**6. Environmental Implications**

6.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

**7. Sustainable Development Implications**

7.1 There are no sustainable development implications arising from this report.

**8. Consultations**

8.1 Deborah Brands, Principal Accountant, and the Senior Management Team within Educational Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the relevant sections of this report.

**9. Corporate Plan**

9.1 The information provided in this report is consistent with the Council's commitment to demonstrate partnership with communities in Moray.

**10. Recommendations**

10.1 It is recommended that Committee notes the contents of the report.

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