

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON  
20 AUGUST 2008**

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC PERFORMANCE REPORTING – HOME EDUCATION**

**BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose to this report is to notify Committee of performance information with regard to elective Home Education.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to the Educational Services Committee in terms of Section D (1) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to exercising all the functions of the Council as Education Authority.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **It is recommended that Committee scrutinises and notes the information contained in Appendix 1.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 It is the duty of every parent under Section 30 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 to provide an efficient education for a child "suitable to his age, ability and aptitude". That duty may be fulfilled "either by causing the child to attend a public school regularly or by other means", for example Home Education.
- 3.2 In the cases of children educated at home under Section 37 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, educational provision is reviewed annually by an Officer from Educational Services.
- 3.3 Reviews of educational provision have been undertaken by Quality Improvement Officers and in all cases Officers are satisfied that the children being educated at home are receiving an efficient and suitable education.

**4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

**(a) Corporate Development Plan/Community Plan/Service Improvement Plan**

The contents of this report are in accord with the working principles of the Educational Services Improvement Plan.

**(b) Policy and Legal**

None

**(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)**

None

**(d) Consultations**

This report has been circulated to Senior Officers in Educational Services who are in agreement with the contents.

**5. CONCLUSION**

**5.1 That the Committee notes the contents of this report.**

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Background Papers:	
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**Appendix 1****Home Education Statistics 2007-08**

All statistics relate to the period August 2007- July 2008

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	<b>Number</b>	<b>Running Total</b>
<b>Number of children being educated at home in August 2007</b>	<b>13</b>	
Number of applications to withdraw from school approved	7	20
Number of children home educated (no consent required)	1	21
Number of children reaching age 16	1	20
Number of children re-enrolling in school	2	18
Number of home educated children leaving the area	3	15
<b>Number of children being educated at home in August 2008</b>	<b>15</b>	