

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

**SUBJECT: CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE – UPDATE AND MORAY
POSITION**

BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the national development 'Curriculum for Excellence' and to advise Committee of the position of Educational Services in relation to this development.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section D(1) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to exercising the functions of the Council as Education Authority.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Committee is asked to:-

- i) note the update on Curriculum for Excellence and the position of Educational Services in relation to this development.**
- ii) agree to receive regular updates on this initiative as it develops in Moray.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Curriculum for Excellence is the national initiative which aims to bring coherence to the curriculum of 3 – 18 year old children and young people in Scotland. The aspiration is for all children and young people to be:-
- Successful Learners
 - Confident Individuals
 - Responsible Citizens
 - Effective Contributors
- 3.2 A paper was presented to Educational Services Committee on 8 February 2006 (para 8 of the minute refers). This paper outlined the background to the development and the approach being adopted in Moray.
- 3.3 The increasing clarity round the national position means that this is an opportune time to provide an update for Committee and also for others, both within and outwith Educational Services. Accordingly, a 'Moray Information Pack' on Curriculum for Excellence has been produced and is being distributed to a wide range of stakeholders (**Appendix 1**). The pack aims to provide:-
- a synthesis of the main ideas from national documents
 - the key ideas for taking Curriculum for Excellence forward in Moray.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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

The four capacities of Curriculum for Excellence are National Outcome 4 of the Concordat agreed by the Scottish Government and Scottish local authorities and therefore forms part of the Moray Community Planning Partnership's Single Outcome Agreement. Curriculum for Excellence is dimension 2.1 of the Service Improvement Plan for Educational Services.

(b) Policy and Legal

None.

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

None arising directly from this report. However it is likely that school capacity formulae will require to be reconsidered over the next 2-3 years to take account of changed curricular demands.

(d) Consultations

The contents of this report have been the subject of consultation with the senior management team in Educational Services, and Quality Improvement Officers.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 That Committee notes this update on Curriculum for Excellence and the position of Educational Services in relation to the development.

5.2 That Committee agrees to receive regular updates on this initiative.

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Background Papers:
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