

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
7 OCTOBER 2009**

**SUBJECT: HMle INSPECTIONS OF COMMUNITY LEARNING AND
DEVELOPMENT – MORAY COUNCIL FOLLOW-THROUGH
REPORT AUGUST 2009**

BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for Committee to scrutinise and note the recent HMle Follow Through Report on Community Learning and Development in Bishopmill East and East New Elgin, August 2009 (**Appendix 1**).
- 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 It is recommended that Committee scrutinises and notes the contents of this report.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 When a service is inspected by HM Inspectorate of Education (HMle) a report is published by HMle which gives commentary on the services performance. These reports are presented to this Committee, usually at the first available opportunity after publication.
- 3.2 These reports provide a summary of the 'Key Strengths' of the service and HMle recommendations for improvement, listed as 'Main Points for Action'. The reports also provide a summary of the service performance against a number of quality indicators from 'How Good Is Our Community Learning and Development 2'.
- 3.3 Each report gives an indication of how and when HMle intend to follow-through the inspection process. This can include:-
- asking the service and education authority to prepare an action plan indicating how they will address the main findings of the report;
 - making arrangements for HM Inspectors to monitor progress in liaison with the education authority;
 - arranging further visits to the service to support and monitor improvements.
- 3.4 Where HMle decide to revisit the service then they themselves will publish a short follow through report, usually within two years. These are reported to Committee following publication.

- 3.5 Where HMle indicated in their published report, or subsequently decide, that they will not revisit to re-inspect the school then they expect Moray Council to prepare and publish an equivalent follow-through report.
- 3.6 The Council published follow-through reports contain an evaluation of the extent to which the school has continued to improve since the original inspection and evaluations of progress made by the service and the education authority in responding to the main points for action in the initial report. Follow-through inspection reports are usually published within five years of the initial report.
- 3.7 In August 2009 the Council published a progress report on the Community Learning and Development in the Bishopmill East and New Elgin East (May 2007).
- 3.8 Copies of all Council reports are available in the Members Library, from the Education Services Department as well as the HMle website (www.hmle.gov.uk).

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan

- (i) This report provides Committee with information relevant to Local Priorities 5 (Attainment and Achievement – Improving overall qualifications and attainment of the population) and 6 (Young People – Ensuring effective early intervention and improving the life of looked after children) within the Single Outcome Agreement.
- (ii) Within the Service Improvement Plan – Dimension 1 (Engage Learners in highest quality learning activities) – Dimension 2 (Focus on outcomes and maximise success for all learners) – Dimension 5 (Work in partnership with other agencies and the community).

(b) Policy and Legal

HMle inspect and report on Community Learning and Development Services as part of their inspection of the performance of education authorities. Their reports are intended to provide parents, local authorities and Scottish Ministers with information about how well services are performing against the National quality indicators.

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

There are no immediate, Financial, Risks, Staffing or Property implications arising from this report.

(d) Consultations

Senior Officers within Educational Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the relevant sections of this report.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 That the Committee scrutinises and notes the contents of the report on progress made by Community Learning and Development Services in Bishopmill East and East New Elgin since the inspection in May 2007.

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Background Papers:

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