

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
17 FEBRUARY 2010**

**SUBJECT: ELGIN ACADEMY STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO
HMIE INSPECTION SEPTEMBER 2009**

BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to notify Committee of the action plan which has been prepared in response to the inspection findings on Elgin Academy. This action plan has been placed on the Elected Members` portal and is attached as 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 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 Elgin Academy was inspected by HM Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) in September 2009 and a Report was published in November 2009. This report was the subject of a report by the Director of Educational Services to the Children and Young People`s Services Committee on 2nd December 2009. During discussion members noted that an action plan would be presented to the February meeting of Committee (paragraph 15 of the minute refers).
- 3.2 Educational Services Officers have visited the school regularly since the inspection in order to provide support, advice and monitor the school's progress in preparing an Action Plan to address the areas for improvement identified in the HMIE report and to evaluate the impact of developments. Support provided includes the following:-
- Meetings with the Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team to discuss and clarify HMIE feedback and recommendations.
 - Meetings with the Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team to discuss the school`s Strategic Action Plan following inspection.
 - A presentation to all staff on the legislative framework for inclusion.
 - Education Services Officers met with the principal teachers of those departments which were inspected to discuss recommendations and progress.
 - Education Services officers will conduct a school review of Elgin Academy on 14-16 April 2010 to provide an update report prior to the return of HMIE.

A report on progress will be presented to Committee in June 2010.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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

The contents of this report relate to Key Priority 5 (Attainment and Achievement of Children and Young People) in the Single Outcome Agreement.

(b) Policy and Legal

This report links with the Standards in Scotland`s Schools etc. Act 2000, where there is a duty placed on local authorities to secure improvement in school education.

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

None

(d) Consultations

This report has been circulated to Senior Officers in Educational Services and to Margaret Cowie, Head Teacher at Elgin Academy who are in agreement with the contents.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 That the Committee scrutinises and notes the contents of this report.

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Background Papers:

Ref: DMD/JR/Reports/Elgin Academy Strategic Action Plan in response to HMIE Inspection September 2009