

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
14 APRIL 2010**

SUBJECT: SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SNOW CLEARING

BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of activities undertaken by schools during the recent adverse weather.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section D1 of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to exercising all the functions of the Council as Education Authority within the terms of the relevant legislation with regard to nursery, primary, secondary, further, community education and Lifelong learning.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Committee is asked to consider and note the contents of this report.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At a meeting of Children and Young People's Services Committee on 17 February 2010 (para 2 refers), Councillor Hogg asked for information on activities undertaken by schools to assist their local communities during the recent adverse weather. The Head of Educational Resource Services contacted all schools with a request for such detail and the responses are noted below.
- 3.2 53 of the 56 schools responded with a nil return.
- St.Sylvester's RC Primary School, Elgin, intimated that school staff cleared the public areas around the school on a daily basis and that the janitor had dug out cars on neighbouring streets and broken up compacted snow/ice on Abbey Street.
 - Speyside High School intimated that the Rural Skills group in S3 and S4 undertook snow clearing of community footpaths and the paths and drives of elderly people in Aberlour. S6 students carried out the clearing of a wheel-chair path for disabled access to the Support for Learning Base.
 - Elgin High School intimated that, whilst not organised by the school, a number of individuals had assisted neighbours.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- (a) Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan**

None arising specifically from this report

(b) Policy and Legal

None arising specifically from this report

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

None arising specifically from this report

(d) Consultations

All Head Teachers were asked to submit information. The Senior Management Team of Educational Services has been consulted and agrees with the contents of the report

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 Committee is asked to consider and note the contents of this report.

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Background Papers:

Ref: DMD/JR/Reports/Children and Young People's Services
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