

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON  
9 JUNE 2010**

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC PERFORMANCE REPORTING – PRE-SCHOOL  
EDUCATION AND PLACING REQUESTS 2008/09**

**BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to notify the Committee of performance information with regard to Pre-School Education and Placing Requests 2008/09 derived from the latest Scottish Government Statistical Publication Notices.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Children and Young People's Committee in terms of Section D1 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 the Committee scrutinises and notes the information contained in Appendices 1 and 2.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Further to the report approved at Educational Services Committee on 6 October 2004 (para 9 of the minute refers), information is now provided in line with the timetable set out at Appendix 1 of that report. Furthermore, a report updating this performance information was approved at Educational Services Committee on 6 December 2006 (para 16 of the minute refers).

**4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

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

The report addresses information relevant to departmental responsibilities for actions in the Single Outcome Agreement National Outcome 3, and also contributes to the Smarter Community Planning Strategic group agenda.

**(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 scrutinises and notes the contents of this report.**

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Background Papers: The Scottish Government Statistics Publication Notice, Pre-School and Childcare Statistics 2009.

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**APPENDIX 1****PERFORMANCE INFORMATION****Pre-School Education**

In January 2009, there were 55 local authority or partnership pre-school education providers in Moray, 23 were local authority pre-school education providers and 32 providers were in partnership with the local authority.

There were 670 registrations for the ante-pre-school year of pre-school education in Moray. This represents approximately 89.5% of all children eligible. The Council do endeavour to satisfy first choice requests within the agreed criteria. This may provide an explanation for the decrease in this year's result where parents/carers choose to delay entry if their first choice preference is not met.

There were 840 registrations for the pre-school year of pre-school education. This represents approximately 96.3% of all children eligible.

**Placing Requests**

In 2008/09, 438 primary school placing requests were received and 437 were granted (99.8%), above that of our comparator authorities' average of 96.1% and the national average of 86.2%.

The number of placing requests made as a percentage of the appropriate roll for P1 pupils has increased from 22% in 2007/08 to 30% in 2008/09 and remains above that of our comparator authorities' average of 19% and the national average of 24%.

The number of placing requests made as a percentage of the appropriate roll for P2-P7 pupils, at 3%, remains virtually unchanged from the previous two years, and remains above that of our comparator authorities' average of 2.1% and the national average of 2.2%.

In 2008/09, all 89 secondary school placing requests received were granted, significantly above both our comparator authorities' average of 94.8% and the national average of 79.5%.

The number of placing requests as a percentage of the appropriate roll for S1 pupils remains unchanged at 6% in 2008/09, but remains below that of our comparator authorities' average of 7.4% and the national average of 13.8%.

The number of placing requests made as a percentage of the appropriate roll for S2-S6, at 0.6%, is slightly below the previous year's result of 0.7% and below both our comparator authorities' average of 0.8% and the national average of 1%.