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Liz Hunter
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EDINBURGH

Dear Liz,

CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE

I refer to our previous discussions concerning the Moray's Single Outcome Agreement and Curriculum for Excellence.

The Moray SOA very much focuses on the Community Planning Partnership's ten major priorities based on our statistical profile and evidence base. While a number of important policy areas and workstreams do not feature within the document this merely reflects the fact that the SOA does not capture all of our plans and commitments.

In the case of Curriculum for Excellence, I can confirm that implementation is a priority and that the Council and Community Planning Partnership are committed to this.

My preference is that we will amend our SOA to include our commitment to the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence and I have arranged for the matter to be discussed at the Community Planning Board on 10 June 2009 with a view to including this important policy area explicitly within our SOA.

In the meantime, I trust that this letter will demonstrate our commitment to Curriculum for Excellence. I am proposing to amend the SOA to include a commitment along the lines:-

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" We recognise that Curriculum for Excellence is a programme of transformational change in Scottish education, which aims to support all of our children and young people to be confident individuals, successful learners, effective contributors and responsible citizens, by providing a coherent, more flexible and enriched curriculum for children and young people aged 3 - 18.

A main emphasis in our work to date has been to develop a methodology to support staff development in learning and teaching. Moray is, however, committed to ensuring that the opportunities that Curriculum for Excellence affords are fully realised, and the Council will continue to work with partners to develop a coherent, strategic approach to local implementation, with a clear plan of action to ensure that the programme is delivered locally. "

I trust that this brief letter will demonstrate our commitment to the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence and that its omission from the SOA merely reflects that we have chosen to concentrate the SOA on a very limited number of priorities.

Yours sincerely,

Alastair Keddie