

REPORT TO: EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE ON 9 APRIL 2008

SUBJECT: PUBLIC PERFORMANCE REPORTING - EXCLUSIONS FROM SCHOOLS IN SCOTLAND 2006/07

BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The purpose to this report is to notify the Committee of performance information with regard to exclusion from schools in Scotland.

1.2 This report is submitted to the Education and Social Services 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 the information contained in Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Further to the report approved at Educational Services Committee on 6 October 2004, 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 4 April 2007.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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

The contents of this report are in accord with the Working Principles of the Corporate Development Plan.

(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 the contents of this report.

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APPENDIX 1**APRIL 2008 PERFORMANCE INFORMATION****Exclusions from Schools in Scotland 2006/07**

The main findings detailed in the Scottish Executive Publication Notice on Exclusions from Schools, 2006/07 published on 29th January 2008 detail that during the period –

- There were 44,794 exclusions from local authority schools in Scotland, an increase of 4% from 2005/06 and a continual increase from 2002/03. About 22,800 different pupils (3% of pupils) were excluded during the year. In Moray, there has been a slight increase in the total number of exclusions from 491 in 2005/06 to 496 in 2006/07, mirroring increasing national and comparator authority trends. 294 different pupils in Moray schools (2% of pupils) were excluded during the year.
- Moray, as a low excluding authority is currently the 9th lowest excluding authority in Scotland in terms of exclusions per 1,000 pupils.
- Over 99% of all exclusions both nationally and in Moray were temporary. There were 2 removals from the register and in both cases alternative educational arrangements have been made.
- Nationally, overall, male pupils accounted for 78% of temporary exclusions, the same as 2005/06. In Moray, male pupils accounted for 83% of temporary exclusions, a slight increase from 81% in 2005/06.
- Nationally, 13% of the total exclusions were from local authority primary schools, equivalent to 16 exclusions per 1,000 pupils, equal to the 2005/06 result. In Moray, 17% of the total exclusions were from primary schools, an equivalent of 12 exclusions per 1,000 pupils, a 2% decrease from exclusions in 2005/06. Temporary exclusion percentage rates peaked with 48% of all temporary exclusions occurring in P7.
- Nationally, 84% of the total exclusions were from local authority secondary schools, equivalent to 120 exclusions per 1,000 pupils. Exclusion rates peaked during S3, with 204 exclusions per 1,000 pupils, a 4% increase from exclusions on 2005/06. In Moray, 83% of the total exclusions were from secondary schools, an equivalent to 69 exclusions per 1,000 pupils, a 2% increase from exclusions in 2005/06. Temporary exclusions percentage rates peaked with 32% of all temporary exclusions occurring in S3 and 27% in S2.

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