

REPORT TO: AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE 6 FEBRUARY 2008

**SUBJECT: AUDIT SCOTLAND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS –
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to the Committee to highlight areas of The Moray Council performance that have been ranked within the bottom quartile of all Scottish Councils, and to provide an explanation of how this performance can be improved.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section I of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to reviewing how performance information can be used to improve performance.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Committee considers and approves the areas for improvement as identified by the service (Appendix 1).**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 It was agreed that when Audit Scotland performance information was published that any areas of performance ranked within the bottom quartile of all Scottish Councils be reported. This was to identify areas of performance that could be improved and how the services propose that this could be achieved.
- 3.2 The results for 2006/07 show that The Moray Council have 44% (36 of 82) of performance indicators in the top quartile, 5 of which are ranked first, but 12% (10 of 82) in the bottom quartile when compared with all Scottish Councils. Of the ten indicators one is related to Educational Services and this has been identified and analysed to highlight any areas for improvement (**Appendix 1**).

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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

Performance measures and Service Improvement Plan priorities are linked to the Corporate Development Plan and the Council's Performance Management Framework.

(b) Policy and Legal

None.

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

None.

(d) Consultations

The relevant Officers have been consulted to identify how the service proposes to improve performance.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 It is recommended that the Committee considers and approves the areas for improvement as identified by the service.

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Appendix 1

Department – Educational Services - Leisure Services

Indicator Title – Indoor facilities – The number of attendances per 1,000 population

Description of Indicator – The number of attendances per 1,000 population for other indoor sports and leisure facilities, excluding pools in a combined complex

Results	05/06	06/07
PI Measurement	2,455	2,796
Ranking (25 - 32)	25	25

Background – The figures relate to the Moray Leisure Centre only. Results have shown a gradual increase over the previous 3 years. Moray continues to have one of the busiest leisure centres in the UK per head of population at a cost significantly less than other facilities in Scotland.

Actions for Improvement – This indicator is affected within Moray by the remote and rural settings of the population and yet, the retention of numbers over the years has remained consistent, despite increases in prices. Moray Council offer services within its community centres / school sports facilities that would be included in this indicator but we were unable to quantify attendances for this year but are confident if these attendances were included the rating results would improve considerably. The Council has implemented a process to ensure that this information is available in relation to Community Centre attendances for future reporting years.