

REPORT TO: AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON 28 APRIL 2010

SUBJECT: IMPROVING ATTAINMENT IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to notify Committee of the approaches to raising attainment in secondary schools and the up-dated position relating to attainment. The report was requested by Councillor Hogg at the meeting of The Moray Council on 17 March 2010 (item 11 refers).
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section J 16 of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to reviewing current performance information for all services.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee scrutinises the information contained in APPENDICES 1, 2 AND 3.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 'Improving the overall qualifications and attainment of the population' is one of the ten key priorities for Moray in the 2009 Single Outcome Agreement. Attainment in S4, S5 and S6 is one of the twenty action areas in the Educational Services, Service Improvement Plan for 2009 – 12.
- 3.2 At the meeting of The Moray Council on 17 March, Councillor Hogg requested that Audit & Performance Review Committee scrutinise the raising attainment strategies in Moray.
- 3.3 **APPENDIX 1** contains statistical information on the attainment of Moray schools extracted from the Educational Services Public Performance Report for Primary and Secondary Schools 2008/09 submitted to the Children and Young People's Services Committee on 14 April. **APPENDIX 2** is a report provided for HMIE as part of the follow-up to the Inspection of Education Authorities (INEA 2) process. **APPENDIX 3** is a list of the strategies being used to raise attainment in Moray secondary schools.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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

This report links to local priority 5 (Attainment/Achievement) in the Single Outcome Agreement and to priority 14 in the Service Improvement Plan.

(b) Policy and Legal

Under the Standards in Scotland's Schools, etc Act 2000, it is the duty of Education Authorities to endeavour to secure improvement in the quality of school education which is provided in the schools managed by them.

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

None arising directly from this report.

(d) Consultations

This report has been circulated to the Senior Management Team in Educational Services who are in agreement with its contents.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 That the Committee scrutinises the contents of this report.

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Background Papers: Appendix 1: Statistical information on the attainment of Moray schools
Appendix 2: Report provided for HMIE as part of the follow-up to the Inspection of Education Authorities 2
Appendix 3: Strategies being used to raise attainment in Moray secondary schools
Ref: DMD/JR/Reports/Audit & Performance Review Committee/28 April 2010/Improving Attainment in Secondary Schools