



REPORT TO GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE – 9 OCTOBER 2018

EDUCATION SCOTLAND INSPECTION – INVERURIE ACADEMY

1 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Garioch Area Committee:-

1. **considers and comment on the contents of the Inverurie Academy Education Scotland Inspection Report published 26th June 2018;**
2. **acknowledges the positive progress made in school improvement at Inverurie Academy;**
3. **endorses the Service's continuing efforts in support of its schools in the Education Scotland inspection process and in the raising of standards of attainment in all aspects of school life; and**
4. **agrees to further reports on Education Scotland school inspections being presented**

2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 Inverurie Academy was inspected in February (and April) 2018 as part of a national sample of secondary education.
- 2.2 Education Scotland identified a number of key strengths as follows;
 - The leadership of the Headteacher, which has provided much needed stability
 - The effective partnership working, which has provided support for some targeted groups of young people facing potential barriers to learning.
- 2.3 Education Scotland set out a number of focus areas for improvement which were agreed with the school and Aberdeenshire Council Officers. These were:
 - coordinate strategic priorities to focus on ensuring continuing improvements in outcomes for all young people,
 - improve learning, teaching and assessment to ensure better motivation and engagement of young people
 - review proposals for curriculum development, taking account of national advice, to provide appropriately flexible and progressive pathways for all learners.
- 2.4 Education Scotland has agreed that it will visit the school again approximately eighteen months from the time of the inspection in April 2018 and will report their findings.
- 2.5 Inverurie Academy staff has already started the journey of improvement recognised positively in the report and this work will be built upon in taking forward the recommendations of the Education Scotland report.

- 2.6 The action plan to address these areas for improvement and to support the implementation is incorporated into the refreshed 2018/2019 school improvement plan.
- 2.7 The Head Teacher will provide stakeholders including parents/carers and elected members with on-going progress updates on the implementation of the plan as part of its annual standards and quality reporting arrangements and through ongoing dialogue.
- 2.8 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments are incorporated within the report and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

3 Scheme of Governance

- 3.1 The Committee is able to consider this item in terms of Section B.1.2 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to a matter of performance of Inverurie Academy which is in the Garioch Area

4 Implications and Risk

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the recommended actions will not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no staffing and financial implications arising from this report
- 4.3 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: ACORP003, Workforce (attracting and retaining the right skills. [Corporate Risks Register](#)

The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic level: ECSR002, Developing Excellence and Equality, ECSSR003, Embedding GIRFEC [Directorate Risks Register](#).

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