

**REPORT TO EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE – 31st
AUGUST 2017****ABERDEENSHIRE SCHOOLS PIPEBAND****1 Recommendations**

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 Approve the naming of two new schools pipe bands.**
- 1.2 Endorse the use of tartan to be used in band uniforms.**

2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 The Instrumental Music Service (IMS) aims to enrich the lives of children and young people through music activities and to enable learners to develop confidence and self-esteem through learning to play an instrument. It provides music tuition to more than 2600 learners across each of the 17 school clusters in Aberdeenshire. Instrumental instruction is available in nine disciplines. Through matched funding from the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Trust tuition in bagpipes and pipe band drumming was introduced in 2016.
- 2.2 Through its Music Centres the IMS provides opportunities for young musicians to play together in various groups or orchestras. In the academic session 2016/17 bagpipe players and pipe band drummers were offered the opportunity to play together and approximately 70 young people enrolled. In order to maximise opportunities to both perform and compete in appropriate activities it is recommend that two pipe bands are established by the IMS:
 - a. The Provost of Aberdeenshire's School Pipe Band will be a performance band whose purpose will be to support civic events across Aberdeenshire.
 - b. The Aberdeenshire Schools Pipe Band will be a competition band and will offer those interested opportunities to take part in local and national competitions.
- 2.3 Both bands require band uniforms in order for them to fulfil their roles. A Hunting version of the existing Aberdeenshire Council tartan has been designed by the original designer. It is recommended that this version of the tartan is used for the pipe band uniforms. Associated costs can be met from within existing budgets and will be procured in line with financial regulations.
- 2.4 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 take a decision on this item in terms of Section E, Sub-section 1, of the list of Committee Powers as it relates resource matters not reserved by another committee.

4 Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment has not been carried out as part of the development of the proposals set out above.
- 4.2 There are no staffing and financial implications as costs will be contained within existing budgets.

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