



ARMADALE AND BLACKRIDGE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

WEST LOTHIAN COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT INSPECTION

REPORT BY HEAD OF EDUCATION (LEARNING, POLICY AND RESOURCES)

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to update the Local Area Committee on the Education Scotland Inspection of Community Learning and Development in West Lothian, which took place in August and September 2018.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the committee notes the content of the attached report (Appendix 1).

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I	Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; providing equality of opportunities; making best use of our resources; and working in partnership
II	Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Corporate Plan 2018/19-2022/23 Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2013-23 Education Services Management Plan 2018/19
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	There is a suite of indicators linked to the CLD Partnership Plan 2018-2021.
V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	Outcome 1 - Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed Outcome 2 - We are better educated and have access to increased and better quality learning and employment opportunities. Outcome 4 - We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.

Outcome 5 - People most at risk are protected and supported to achieve improved life chances

Outcome 7 - We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities

VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	The CLD Partnership Plan will be implemented from existing resources of community planning partners.
VII	Consideration at PDSP	Culture and Leisure PDSP
VIII	Other consultations	CLD Steering Board

D. TERMS OF REPORT

The report attached as appendix 1 outlines the findings from the Education Scotland strategic inspection of Community Learning and Development (CLD) partners within West Lothian Council and the place-based inspection focused on Armadale and Whitburn. The purpose of the inspection was to find out:

- The quality of the strategic leadership of CLD and the quality of CLD provision in the area.
- How well paid staff and volunteers are developing their own practices and building capacity.
- How well partners are contributing to current and evolving national policy objectives such as closing the poverty-related attainment gap; prevention; reducing social isolation; tackling health inequalities; and empowering communities.

Partners contributed to the preparation of the joint self-evaluation, collection of evidence, and the inspection timetable, focus groups and visits.

The inspection team talked to children, young people, adults and community organisations. The team also talked to elected members, senior leaders and staff across the range of partner organisations.

E. CONCLUSION

The inspection team noted the high quality of leadership, self-evaluation and that partners have a good understanding of their strengths and areas for improvement and communities are achieving well.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

DATA LABEL: PUBLIC

Appendices/Attachments:

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