

### 3. INVERALMOND COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

The Chair welcomed Mrs Young, Head Teacher, Inveralmond Community High School to the meeting. Mrs Young had been invited to present an overview of the school's performance and levels of attainment.

Members were advised that the presentation slides (copies of which had been circulated) provided an overview of the school's priorities to improve attainment and positive destinations for young people. Details of performance levels for S4 and S5 were given comparing Inveralmond Community High School to its virtual comparator for the period 2015 to 2018.

The School Improvement Plan for 2017/18 included the following desired outcomes for the school:

- Raising attainment and achievement ensuring equity;
- Improvement in literacy for all;
- Improvement in numeracy for all;
- Improvement in all children's and young people's wellbeing; and
- Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school leavers destinations for all young people.

Details of the pupil equity funding interventions provided in school were given which included activities and interventions which led to improvements in literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing and employability. The Head Teacher advised that the young people at Inveralmond were from a wide Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) profile, with almost 70% coming from SIMD 1-3.

The Head Teacher concluded her presentation by informing members of some of the initiatives carried out which included the school working in partnership with Ladywell Regeneration Team and the community police officers, carrying out litter picking and working on the underpass project. Another initiative was the intergenerational community project which included a group of local elderly residents known as the Elderberries, who provided support to some of the children in school, which was found to be positive. Finally, the committee was advised that Inveralmond won three out of the four categories at the 2018 Stellar Awards which celebrated education excellence in West Lothian.

The Head Teacher then responded to questions from members of the committee. In response to a question relating to whether the attendance levels for children from Craigshill had improved since the improved transport links were available to Inveralmond CHS, the Head Teacher agreed to provide members with information following the meeting comparing attendance levels before and since the improved bus service was available.

The Chair, on behalf of the committee, thanked the Head Teacher for the informative presentation and for the excellent work being carried out by staff in school.

#### Decision

- 1) To note the presentation by the Head Teacher, Inveralmond CHS;  
and
- 2) To agree that the Head Teacher would provide members with information relating to attendance levels for children attending the school from Craigshill, comparing the impact since the improved transport links were available.