

7. WEST LOTHIAN COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT INSPECTION

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) providing an overview of the findings of the Education Scotland Inspection of Community Learning and Development in West Lothian which took place in August and September 2018.

A report arising from the inspection, which was appended to the report, outlined the findings from the strategic inspection of community learning and development and the place-based inspection which had focussed on Armadale and Whitburn. The purpose of the inspection was set out in the report.

Members noted from the report that partnership had contributed to the preparation of joint self-evaluations, the collection of evidence and the inspection timetable and focus groups and visits. The inspection team had spoken to a variety of children, young people, adults and community organisations, as well as elected members, senior leaders and staff across the range of partner organisations.

The Interim Community and Policy Manager then spoke more about the variety of local groups within the ward who had been involved in the inspection. She also commented on the sense of civic pride which the inspectors had noted.

The report concluded that the inspection had noted the high quality of leadership, self-evaluation and that partners had a good understanding of their strengths and areas for improvement to ensure communities were achieving well and recommended that committee note the outcome of the inspection.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.