

9. PROGRESS AGAINST HMI ACTION PLAN FOR BROXBURN ACADEMY

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Quality Assurance) providing an update on the progress made by the school against the action plan arising from the HMI Report.

Broxburn Academy was inspected by HMI in January 2011. The particular strengths of the school were identified as:

- Polite and well behaved young people who relate well with staff;
- A supportive ethos and learning environment;
- The range of partnership working to support learning; and
- The effectiveness of mentoring for newly qualified teachers.

The evaluations for Broxburn Academy were detailed in the report with the areas for improvement being:

- To raise standards of attainment and achievement;
- To raise teachers' expectations of young people's capacity to take responsibility and achieve;
- To further develop teachers' approaches to ensuring appropriate pace and challenge in lessons, to meet learners' needs;
- To improve the effectiveness of self-evaluation on improving learning, teaching and the curriculum; and
- To increase the impact of leadership, by strengthening teamwork at all levels.

The action plan, attached as an appendix to the report, was devised by the school to meet the identified improvements. It was decided that the school would benefit from continuous support rather than the formal review in process. It was also noted that the school, working closely with the authority, made good progress in developing the areas for improvement.

In conclusion, the school continued to make good progress towards addressing the areas for improvement identified in the HMI Report. HMI would make a return visit later in the session and the action plan would be amended to take account of the results of that visit. The Panel recommended that an update report be submitted to the Education PDSP following the return visit by HMI.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report and the progress made by the

school to date; and

2. To agree that there would be an update report submitted to the Education PDSP following the return visit by HMI.