

8. SCHOOL LEAVER DESTINATIONS RESULTS 2011/2012

The Panel considered a report by the Head of Area Services providing details of the School leaver Destination Results (SLDR) for 2011/12 based on the School Leavers' Destinations Review carried out by Skills Development Scotland in September 2012. Appendices to the report provided details of the SLDR 2011-12 by local authority, initial destinations by school and an analysis for the period.

The Community Regeneration Manager advised that in 2011/12, 89.8% of West Lothian's school leavers progressed into positive destinations, an increase of 0.8% on the 2010/11 level. This was the highest ever level of positive destinations for West Lothian. Out of 32 local authorities, West Lothian was joint 18th in relation to comparator authorities in Scotland. More Choices More Chances key workers provided support in schools which was found to be beneficial. It was also noted that development of the partnership with West Lothian College in the joint delivery of Higher National units and courses within the West Lothian Campus was ongoing.

In conclusion, a full analysis of West Lothian's positive results was carried out which demonstrated that the key strategies put in place over the past four years were proving to be effective and successful in targeting key groups of young people in West Lothian.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.