

6. S5 AND S6 SQA EXAMINATION RESULTS 2016

The Education Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Quality Assurance) providing details of the SQA awards in the Scottish Curriculum and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) Level 6 (Higher or equivalent) attained by S5 students and at SCQF Level 7 (Advanced Higher or equivalent) attained by S6 students in 2016.

The report provided details of the continued improvement in performance of S5 students in 1+, 3+ and 5+ examinations at SCQF Level 6 (Higher or equivalent). The examination performance of S6 students in 1+ examination at Level 7 (HNC, Advanced Higher or equivalent) was up over the five year period and that the figure for 2016 did not at this stage include all college based HNC candidate results.

The Raising Attainment Strategy set out the council's key strategic plan to improve the examination performance of young people in West Lothian. The challenging examination performance targets contained in the Raising Attainment Strategy have been achieved one year ahead of schedule. In conclusion, it was noted that the SQA results for S5 students in 2016 showed continuation in the overall trend of improvement across key indicators with record success in the percentage of pupils attaining 1, 3 and 5 or more passes at Level 6. It was noted that the Level 7 figures did not include the results of students who had successfully completed the first year of the HNC courses in Computing and Engineering.

The Education Executive was asked to note the continued improvement in performance.

Decision

Noted the contents of the report.