

4. VALIDATED SELF EVALUATION UPDATE: LETHAM NURSERY CLASS

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Curriculum, Quality Improvement and Performance) providing an update of the progress made in Letham Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) setting through their action plan.

The report was a follow-up from the VSE the school had undergone in October 2018 and focused on reviewing and assessing the impact of the action plan to secure improvement in the quality of children's learning experiences. It listed a number of positive findings and showed improvement on most quality indicators for ELC class.

The report showed that the ELC action plan had resulted in a number of well-paced improvements. The Head Teacher, Sharon Wallace, had supported the Early Years Officer to lead improvement across the setting and motivate the ELC practitioner team. The Quality Improvement Team, Head Teacher and Early Years Development Officers would continue to support and challenge improvement in Letham ELC setting.

The Head Teacher advised that some of the GIRFEC levels shown in the report had changed as follows: Level 1 was currently at 82.6%, Level 2 at 13.1% and Level 3 at 4.4%. It was noted that the figures were comparable to similar schools across the authority. With regard to improving the 'securing children's progress' 'satisfactory' level indicator, the school was following through an action plan implemented in September 2018 and working closely with the Continuing Professional Learning central team.

The Head Teacher clarified that use of the outdoor learning environment had increased due to the school providing more opportunities such as daily outdoor access and appropriate clothing for pupils. She then elaborated on family involvement within the school, owed to the emphasis the school placed on trust and good relationship building.

The committee acknowledged improvement of most quality indicators and commended the school on its presentation and staff enthusiasm.

It was recommended that the committee note the contents of the report and the arrangement for securing continuous improvements.

Decision

To note the contents of the report and the update from the Head Teacher.