

## NATIONAL LEARN TO TEACH 2019

The Panel were provided with an update report by the Depute Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) on the National Learn to Teach programme for 2019.

The programme, which had been in place since 2017, allowed local government employees to retrain as primary school teachers. In relation to the programme which was currently underway, ten employees from over 50 applicants had been successful and had begun an 18-month part-time study with Dundee University in January 2018. Two employees had withdrawn from the programme but eight employees were due to complete their PGDE in June 2019 and would be offered probationary posts if they successfully achieved the qualification.

The Scottish Government had confirmed that the National Learn to Teach initiative would continue in 2019 with an intake of students in August 2019. The initiative would be delivered by Dundee University who would provide funded places to undertake the qualification.

The Council had supported the initiative by providing school placements to the candidates and allowed them to attend their three six week placements while in their current role and receiving their current salary. Benefits to the Council included increasing the number of teachers, successful outcomes for staff in posts at risk and creating vacancies within the Council when staff resigned to take up teaching posts on successful completion.

Following discussion, the Chair commended those taking part in the programme.

The Panel was recommended to note the content of the report.

### Decision

- 1) To note the terms of the report.
- 2) To note the comments made by the Chair commending those who were taking part in the programme.