

### 3. ARMADALE ACADEMY UPDATE

The committee considered a report by Graham Paris, Head Teacher, Armadale Academy (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the school's arrangements for continuing improvement. The committee noted the contents of a presentation which was tabled at the meeting by the Head Teacher.

The report set out the context of the school for the benefit of members and explained that the Head Teacher had recently taken up his post on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The report explained that a team of inspectors from Education Scotland had visited the school in October 2018. They had spoken to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the former Head Teacher and staff. A note of the key strengths identified by the inspection team was listed within the report, together with 4 areas of improvement identified. The inspectors were confident that the school had the capacity to continue to improve and would make no more visits in connection with their recent inspection.

The Head Teacher then spoke of his plans to continue to develop the schools plans and drive forward the improvements identified during the 2018 inspection. He felt it was important for the school to have a high visibility in the community and spoke of his keenness to engage with the community to build positive relationships with the school. He had an ambitious programme to ensure community confidence and trust in the school was restored, that successes and achievements were celebrated, there were clear lines of communication and a strong presence in the community through a range of forums, a settled climate for learning to ensure students were safe, happy and reached their potential and a relentless focus on student health and wellbeing.

On behalf of the committee, the Chair thanked the Head Teacher for his informative update and wished him and the school every success in the future.

#### Decision

To note the terms of the report and verbal update by the Head Teacher.