



EDUCATION EXECUTIVE

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SERVICE UPDATE

REPORT BY HEAD OF EDUCATION (LEARNING, POLICY AND RESOURCES)

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Education Executive on the Instrumental Music Service (IMS) in line with decisions taken in January and June 2019.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Education Executive notes the content of this report and the requirement for officers to bring an update to a future meeting of the Education PDSP.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Focusing on customers' needs, being honest, open and accountable, making best use of resources, working in partnership.
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	The council is required to approve a balanced revenue budget for each financial year. Audit Scotland and CIPFA best practice guidance recommends medium term financial plans are prepared for at least five years in duration.
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	No implications at this stage.
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	Ongoing government funding constraints will have implications for the council's budget and performance.
V Relevance to Local Outcome Improvement Plan	Local outcome – our children have the best start in life and ready to succeed. Effective prioritisation of resources is essential to achieving key outcomes.
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	The approved revenue budget for the IMS in 2019/20 is £578,000.

The forecast is for the service to breakeven for the 2019/20 financial year.

VII Consultation at PDSP	Not applicable.
VIII Other consultations	Financial Management Unit.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D.1 Introduction

An update on the IMS was presented to Education Executive on 15 January 2019. The report provided information on the IMS following the decision of the Education Executive in May 2018 to implement an annual charge for music tuition. It concluded that there was sufficient demand for the continuation of the service on a chargeable basis.

The decision taken by the Education Executive in January 2019 required officers to:

- Investigate and make recommendations on options to extend the concessions available for instrumental music instruction to support families unable to pay the full charge, but who were not in receipt of free school meals, in time for academic session 2019/20.
- Report back to the Education Executive at its meeting in October/November with details of the numbers involved in instrumental music tuition in each school in the authority.

D.2 IMS concessions scheme

A report was taken to the Education Executive on 11 June 2019 on the IMS concessions scheme and a proposal to extend the scheme to also encompass school clothing grant criteria was approved for implementation from August 2019. It was further agreed that an update report on pupil intake in the 2019/20 session be submitted to a future meeting of the Education PDSP. Officers intend to do so early in 2020.

D.3 IMS student numbers by school

A report has been prepared drawing information from pupil registers prepared by IMS staff as at 24 September 2019, which provides the numbers involved in instrumental music tuition in each school in the authority. This breakdown features as Appendix 1 to the report and also includes comparative data from the same point last year. Based on these pupil registers the forecast is for the service to breakeven for the 2019/20 financial year.

It should be noted that the information included in the appendix is a snapshot in time and uptake numbers have the potential to vary, even on a daily basis, due to a wide range of factors.

Further analysis of the uptake information for the 2019/20 session, detailing, for example, the number of students benefiting from free music tuition under the revised concession scheme, will be included in the update report to Education PDSP.

E. CONCLUSION

The IMS continues to provide instrumental music lessons to primary and secondary pupils with students are guaranteed a minimum of 30 lessons within an academic year.

It also provides the opportunity for these pupils to play in bands and ensembles that take place throughout the year. There has also been a realignment of resources to more closely align staff capacity with student demand and ensure the service remains affordable within approved council resources.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

IMS reports to Education Executive on 19 January and 11 June 2019.

Appendices / Attachments – one:

- Appendix 1 – IMS student numbers by school

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Appendix 1 – IMS student numbers by school (organised by cluster)

School	IMS pupil nos. September 2018	IMS pupil nos. September 2019
Armadale Academy	16	17
Armadale Primary School	1	3
Blackridge Primary School	0	0
Eastertoun Primary School	1	5
Southdale Primary School	0	1
Windyknowe Primary School	4	2
Bathgate Academy	35	37
Balbardie Primary School	9	23
Boghall Primary School	2	11
Blackburn Primary School	1	3
Murrayfield Primary School	4	4
Simpson Primary School	7	13
Broxburn Academy	29	19
Broxburn Primary School	4	4
Kirkhill Primary School	1	3
Pumpherstoun Primary School	1	1
Uphall Primary School	4	21
Deans Community High School	53	47
Knightsridge Primary School	0	2
Meldrum Primary School	7	13
Carmondean Primary School	8	20
Deans Primary School	5	5
Seafield Primary School	5	7
Inveralmond Community High School	33	25
Harrysmuir Primary School	1	7
Letham Primary School	2	3
Livingston Village Primary School	1	2
Riverside Primary School	2	2
Toronto Primary School	1	3
Peel Primary School	11	19
The James Young High School	81	71
Bankton Primary School	10	7
Bellsquary Primary School	9	14
Dedridge Primary School	4	8
Williamston Primary School	13	34
Linlithgow Academy	138	128
Bridgend Primary School	4	1
Linlithgow Bridge Primary School	7	21

Lowport Primary School	22	49
Springfield Primary School	12	32
Winchburgh Primary School	7	11
Linlithgow Primary School	20	35
Torphichen Primary School	5	14
St Kentigern's Academy	59	48
Our Lady's Primary School	1	0
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	0	0
St Columba's Primary School	6	4
St John The Baptist Primary School	3	14
St Joseph's Primary School (Whitburn)	3	5
St Mary's Primary School (Bathgate)	9	25
St Anthony's Primary School	1	4
St Joseph's Primary School (Linlithgow)	3	16
St Mary's Primary School (Polbeth)	3	3
St Thomas Primary School	0	1
St Margaret's Academy	62	49
St Nicholas Primary School	6	17
Holy Family Primary School	3	9
Howden St Andrews Primary School	2	9
St John Ogilvie Primary School	7	12
St Nicholas Primary School	3	9
St Ninian's Primary School	10	9
St Pauls Primary School	2	4
West Calder High School	73	68
East Calder Primary School	9	14
Mid Calder Primary School	7	15
Parkhead Primary School	3	6
Woodmuir Primary School	1	1
Kirknewton Primary School	6	9
Whitburn Academy	35	33
Croftmalloch Primary School	4	3
Fallahill Primary School	9	7
Greenrigg Primary School	2	1
Longridge Primary School	2	8
Polkemmet Primary School	1	4
Whitdale Primary School	4	21
Addiewell Primary School	1	3
Total Pupil Number	920	1178