

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT SERVICE COMMITTEE
18th September 2008

Agenda Item	
Report No	

Trialling and Consultation on Curriculum for Excellence Health and Wellbeing
Report by Director of Education, Culture and Sport

SUMMARY

The Highland Council, Education, Culture & Sport Service is one of seven in Scotland officially trialling the Curriculum for Excellence Health and Wellbeing Outcomes and Experiences. This report sets out the approach being taken in Highland to ensure that partners and stakeholders have an opportunity to engage in the process.

1. The Programme of the Highland Council

- 1.1 The delivery of the cross-curricular health and wellbeing outcomes within a Curriculum of Excellence will contribute to the following Programme outcomes:
- 1.6 We will continue to raise levels of attainment in literacy and numeracy for pupils in pre-school, primary and secondary provision and maintain high levels of achievement in the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework and achieve the outcomes of a Curriculum for Excellence.
- 1.11 We will give a high priority to Highland's children being healthy and active and implement the Highland Play Strategy.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Curriculum for Excellence has at its heart, the aspiration that all children and young people should be: -
- successful learners
 - confident individuals
 - responsible citizens
 - effective contributors.

'Health and Wellbeing' is one of the eight 8 new Curriculum for Excellence subject areas. 'Health and Wellbeing' is also a 'cross-cutting' theme that will become the responsibility of all professionals working with children and young people in a school community, emphasising the need for working in partnership. Numeracy, Literacy and Health and Wellbeing are seen as three key priorities in Highland, underpinning the new curriculum.

- 2.2 The draft Health and Wellbeing experiences and outcomes were published in May 2008. They were the penultimate set of outcomes and experiences to be published due to the complex nature of the subject and the large multi-agency writing team.

They are now subject to a national consultation. The date of the trialling/consultation period is the end of November 2008.

3. Official Trialling

- 3.1 The Highland Council is officially trialling on behalf of The Scottish Government and Learning Teaching Scotland, the draft experiences and outcomes. There are ten Highland schools participating as 'official trialling' schools:

List of schools participating in official trialling:

- Raigmore Primary School
- Craighill Primary School
- Tain Royal Academy
- Glen Urquhart High School
- Kilchuimen Academy
- Gergask Primary School
- Kingussie Primary School
- Avoch Primary School
- Dornoch Primary School
- Dornoch Academy

- 3.2 As official trialling schools, the feedback they will be providing is not anonymous and will be used in future Scottish Government & Learning and Teaching Scotland publications. The key to rounded feedback, formal and informal and including the views of young people will be through each secondary and associated primaries working together.
- 3.3 To support the trialling process a website www.hwbtrialling.wikispaces.com was established to facilitate collaborative learning and participation. The site is also a one-stop-shop of information and advice on the engagement process in Highland. Trialling schools will use the site to ensure a good coverage of all aspects of the Health and Wellbeing area.

4. Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1 In addition to the official trialling schools, a further number of schools have requested to participate in the trialling process.

The views of young people - A Young People's consultation is being carried out with the Highland Youth Voice group and feedback will be included in the corporate response. It is intended to bring the results of the trialling in Highland to the November 2008 committee prior to its submission.

5. Trialling and consultation outcomes

- 5.1 By participating in this valuable opportunity and gaining feedback from the trialling schools, the "Your Choice" Health Action Group intend to develop training and guidance to schools on the Health and Wellbeing Outcomes. This will support the implementation of the final experiences and outcomes which will be published in January 2009.

6. Resource Implications

6.1 No identified additional resource implications at present.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:-

- 7.1 Members note the trialling in Highland schools of the Curriculum for Excellence Health and Wellbeing Outcomes and Experiences.
- 7.2 Members request a further report on the results of the trialling to come to the November 2008 meeting.

Signature:

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