

The Highland Council

Agenda Item	11
Report No	SCC/26/26

Committee: Sutherland County

Date: 31 August 2026

Report Title: Ullapool High Associated School Group Overview

Report By: Assistant Chief Executive – People Cluster

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Ullapool High Associated School Group (ASG) and provides useful updated links to further information in relation to these schools.
- 1.2 The primary schools in this area serve 155 pupils, ELC settings serve 78 children (49 in LA settings and 29 in Partner settings as at September Census), with the secondary school serving 169 young people.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
 - i. Scrutinise and note the content of the report

3. Implications

- 3.1 Resource
There are no implications arising from this report.
- 3.2 Legal
There are no implications arising from this report.
- 3.3 Risk
The Service is committed to a sustained focus on progress and improvement to mitigate against the risk of under-performance which impacts on children and young people being able to achieve their full potential.
- 3.4 Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people)
There are no implications arising from this report.
- 3.5 Gaelic
Continued improvements in primary phase Gaelic Medium Education attainment will support progress in secondary.

4. Impacts

- 4.1 In Highland, all policies, strategies or service changes are subject to an integrated screening for impact for Equalities, Poverty and Human Rights, Children's Rights and Wellbeing, Climate Change, Islands and Mainland Rural Communities, and Data Protection. Where identified as required, a full impact assessment will be undertaken.
- 4.2 Considering impacts is a core part of the decision-making process and needs to inform the decision-making process. When taking any decision, Members must give due regard to the findings of any assessment.
- 4.3 This is an update report and therefore an impact assessment is not required.

5. School Website Links

- 5.1 Secondary – [Link to Ullapool High website](#)
Primary – [Link to School information on Highland Council website](#)

School	Link to School Webpage
Achiltibuie Primary	Achiltibuie Primary website
Lochinver Primary	Lochinver Primary website
Scoraig Primary	Scoraig Primary website
Ullapool Primary	Ullapool Primary website

- 5.2 Standards and Quality Reports – latest reports:

School	Leadership of change	Learning, teaching and assessment	Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	Raising attainment and achievement
Ullapool High School	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Very Good	Good
Achiltibuie Primary	Good	Good	Good	Very Good
Lochinver Primary	Good	Good	Good	Very Good
Scoraig Primary	Good	Good	Very Good	Good
Ullapool Primary	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory

ELC	Leadership of change	Learning, teaching and assessment	Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	Raising attainment and achievement
Achiltibuie PS Nursery	Good	Good	Good	Very Good
Lochinver PS Nursery	Good	Good	Good	Very Good
Scoraig PS Nursery	Good	Very Good	Very Good	Good
Ullapool PS Nursery	Good	Good	Good	Good

6. Education Scotland Inspection Reports

6.1

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Achiltibuie Primary	21/12/2021	Link
Lochinver Primary	20/12/2022	Link
Scoraig Primary	*+ 5 Years	Link
Ullapool Primary	*+ 5 Years	Link

*Education Scotland website shows review and inspection reports in last 5 years, older reports are no longer available to view on the site.

7. School Rolls

7.1 ASG School Rolls – Session 2025-26

Primary School	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
Achiltibuie Primary	1		3		3			7
Lochinver Primary	3	6	1	4	3	8	5	30
Scoraig School	1		1	1	3	1	1	8
Ullapool Primary	13	11	21	16	13	19	17	110
Total	18	17	26	21	22	28	23	155

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	TOTAL S1-S6
Ullapool High School	25	35	30	30	27	22	169

7.2 School Roll and Capacity Forecasts

The school roll and capacity forecast for the ASG can be found here:

https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/818/school_roll_forecasts

8. Attendance / Absence / Exclusions – Session 2024/25

8.1

Primary Schools	% Actual Attendance	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	(2024/25) No of Exclusions	(2024/25) Exclusion Rates per 1000 pupils
National Primary (2024-25)	93.10%	4.30%	2.60%	2004	5.3
Highland Primary (2024-25)	92.70%	5.10%	C	61	C
Achiltibuie Primary	94.19%	5.69%	C	-	-
Lochinver Primary	93.96%	4.48%	1.55%	-	-
Scoraig School	87.48%	6.89%	5.63%	-	-
Ullapool Primary	92.69%	4.21%	3.10%	-	-

Secondary School	% Actual Attendance	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	(2024/25) No of Exclusions	(2024/25) Exclusion Rates per 1000 pupils
National Secondary (2024-25)	88.40%	6.60%	5.00%	8472	26.9
Highland Secondary (2024-25)	86.80%	7.50%	5.70%	454	32.7
Ullapool High School	86.93%	9.62%	3.45%	-	-

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9. Attainment Profile

9.1 Primary Attainment – Pupils Achieving Expected National Curriculum for Excellence Levels – P1, 4, 7 Combined, Literacy and Numeracy

2024/25	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		81%	77%	88%	80%
Highland		77%	72%	87%	75%
Achiltibuie Primary	4	c	c	c	c
Lochinver Primary	12	c	c	c	c
Scoraig Primary	4	c	c	c	c
Ullapool Primary	45	80-90%	70-80%	90+%	70-80%

2023/24	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		81%	76%	87%	80%
Highland		76%	71%	87%	74%
Achiltibuie Primary	5	c	c	c	c
Lochinver Primary	15	c	c	c	c
Scoraig Primary	1	c	c	c	c
Ullapool Primary	68	60-70%	50-60%	70-80%	60-70%

2022/23	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
National		80%	75%	87%	80%
Highland		74%	68%	74%	72%
Achiltibuie Primary	2	c	c	c	c
Lochinver Primary	12	c	c	c	c
Scoraig Primary	2	c	c	c	c
Ullapool Primary	27	60-70%	50-60%	70-80%	60-70%

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9.2 Secondary Attainment – Literacy

School Leavers Achieving Literacy			
Establishment	Year	% Level 4 Literacy	% Level 5 Literacy
Ullapool High School	2023/24	C	C
Virtual Comparator	2023/24	C	C
Ullapool High School	2022/23	C	84%
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	C	89%
Ullapool High School	2021/22	C	C
Virtual Comparator	2021/22	C	C

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9.2.1 Secondary Attainment – Numeracy

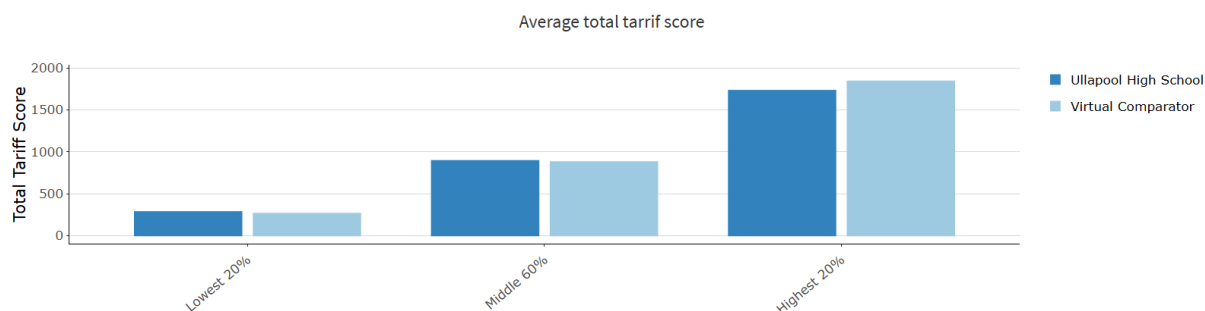
School Leavers Achieving Numeracy			
Establishment	Year	% Level 4 Numeracy	% Level 5 Numeracy
Ullapool High School	2023/24	C	84%
Virtual Comparator	2023/24	C	85%
Ullapool High School	2022/23	C	79%
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	C	79%
Ullapool High School	2021/22	C	C
Virtual Comparator	2021/22	C	C

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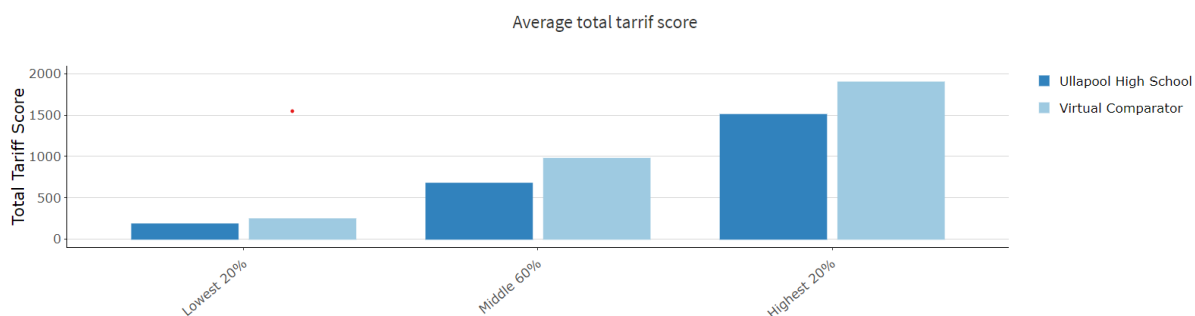
9.2.2 Senior Phase

Average Total Tariff for Leavers				
Establishment	Year	Lowest 20%	Middle 60%	Highest 20%
Ullapool High School	2023/24	282	892	1730
Virtual Comparator	2023/24	262	878	1841
Ullapool High School	2022/23	179	672	1504
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	241	973	1897
Ullapool High School	2021/22	461	1262	1894
Virtual Comparator	2021/22	298	1109	2019

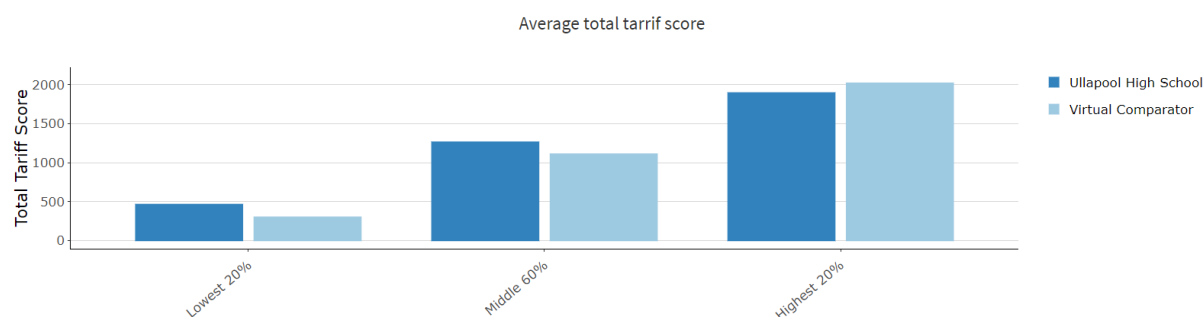
9.3 2023/24



9.4 2022/23



9.5 2021/22



9.6 Pupil Destinations 16+

Leaver destination information is taken from the School Leaver Destination data collected by Skills Development Scotland (SDS) on behalf of the Scottish Government.

	% Positive Destinations		
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Ullapool High School	91.67	97.37	96.88
Highland	94.45	95.27	96.5
Scotland	95.74	95.87	95.71

9.6.1 Number of pupils leaving in school year:

	Ullapool High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2021/22	36	2559	55211
2022/23	38	2474	54719
2023/24	32	2629	55961

9.6.2 Destination of pupils (%):

	Ullapool High School			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
DESTINATION	21/22	22/23	23/24	21/22	22/23	23/24	21/22	22/23	23/24
Higher Education	52.78	26.32	18.75	34.11	33.1	32.07	41.27	40.3	40.8
Further Education	22.22	18.42	15.63	19.54	20.53	20.39	25.45	26.62	26.43
Training	0	5.26	0	1.52	1.9	3.04	2.91	3.35	3.89
Employment	16.67	47.37	62.5	38.73	39.05	40.4	25.12	24.34	23.08
Voluntary	0	0	0	0.31	0.53	0.42	0.47	0.52	0.58
Activity Agreements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unemployed Seeking	0	0	0	2.89	2.95	2.05	2.32	2.24	2.16
Unemployed Not Seeking	8.33	2.63	3.13	1.76	1.62	1.45	1.55	1.57	1.86
Unknown	0	0	0	0.9	0.16	0	0.4	0.32	0.27

Note: National averages have been calculated from the figures for all available local authority and grant-aided schools, whereas the local authority averages are based on local authority schools only.

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Background Notes:

- (For all figures marked with "C")
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- All data used within this report comes from the most recently published source.

Appendices: n/a