

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 4 APRIL 2008

SCHOOL LEAVERS DESTINATIONS 2006/07

Report by Executive Director (Educational and Social Services)

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To advise Governance and Scrutiny Committee Members of the destinations of leavers from East Ayrshire schools in 2006/07, as published by the Scottish Government.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Scottish Executive publishes annual national and education authority level statistical information on the destinations of young people leaving Scottish schools. These reports are available through the National web-site and additionally are issued electronically as statistical bulletins. The previous practice of issuing, annual, printed statistical bulletins has been discontinued.
- 2.2. The Statistics Publication Notice and accompanying tables (Appendices 1 and 2) can be found on the Scottish Executive Web Site: www.scotland.gov.uk

3. MAIN FINDINGS

- 3.1. The main findings for leavers from East Ayrshire schools compared to the national average are:
- The proportion of young people who entered **full-time higher education** has **increased** from **25%** in 2005-06 to **26%** in 2006-07. This compares to 30% nationally.
 - The proportion of young people who entered **full-time further education** has **increased** from **23%** in 2005-06 to **28%** in 2006-07. Nationally the proportion of school leavers entering further education has remained consistent at 23%.
 - The proportion of young people who entered **training** has **decreased** from **9%** in 2005/06 to **7%** in 2006/07. This compares to a national average of 5%.
 - The proportion of young people entering **employment** has increased from **21%** in 2005-06 to **24%** in 2006-07. This is the highest proportion reported in the last eleven years.

- The proportion of young people not in **employment, education or training** has **decreased** from **22%** in 2005/06 to **13%** in 2006/07. This is the lowest level reported in the last eleven years.
- East Ayrshire has shown the largest reduction in young people entering negative destinations in Scotland.

3.2 The information on School Leavers Destinations at school level is included in **Appendix 3**.

3.3 The highest proportion of positive destinations are reported at **Loudoun Academy** were **9 out of 10** school leavers enter employment, education or training after school. This is followed by **St. Joseph's Academy** at **89%** and Grange Academy at **87%**.

3.4 In June 2006 the Scottish Executive launched "More Choices, More Changes: A Strategy to Reduce the Proportion of Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training in Scotland". Over the next two years funding will be made available to support local authorities to address a 39 point action plan.

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3.6 Seven local authorities (Clackmannanshire, Dundee, East Ayrshire, Glasgow, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire and West Dunbartonshire) where young people entering negative destinations is a particular challenge will receive £400,000 in 2006/07 and in 2007/08. Every other local authority area will receive £75,000 in each of these years.

3.7 The seven local authorities will take the lead role in putting in place a strategy to reduce the risk of young people entering a negative destination (pre-16) and to assist those in the group (16 to19) to achieve a positive outcome.

4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1. Nil

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This paper demonstrates the Department's contribution to Promoting Community Learning and Improving Opportunities.

6. RISK IMPLICATIONS

6.1. Nil

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1. It is recommended that Members:

- (i) invite the Director to continue to provide an annual report on leavers destinations and note the success of the MCMC strategy.
- (ii) note the content of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Destinations of Leavers from Scottish Schools, Scottish Executive Statistical Publication Notice, 11 December 2007

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Appendix 1

Destinations of Leavers 2006/07: The East Ayrshire Family Group

2006/07	Number of leavers	Full-time higher education (%)	Full-time further education (%)	Training (%)	Employment (%)	Other known destinations (%)	Destination unknown (%)
Clackmannanshire	541	28	19	8	31	11	2
East Ayrshire	1,540	26	28	7	24	12	1
Falkirk	1,636	25	16	10	33	13	2
North Ayrshire	1,731	27	30	7	21	12	2
North Lanarkshire	4,033	26	20	7	30	13	1
West Lothian	1,993	27	22	3	29	18	1
Comparator Family Av	9,934	26	21	7	29	14	1
Scottish Av	57,366	30	23	5	28	11	1

Appendix 2

Destinations of Leavers 2002/03 to 2006/07: East Ayrshire

		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Full-time higher education (%)	East Ayrshire	28	31	30	25	26
	Scotland	31	29	31	30	30
Full-time further education (%)	East Ayrshire	22	22	21	23	28
	Scotland	21	21	21	23	23
Training (%)	East Ayrshire	7	6	9	9	7
	Scotland	5	5	5	5	5
Employment (%)	East Ayrshire	19	19	19	21	24
	Scotland	23	25	27	26	28
Other known destinations (%)	East Ayrshire	21	20	19	20	12
	Scotland	16	16	13	13	11
Destination unknown (%)	East Ayrshire	3	2	2	2	1
	Scotland	4	4	3	2	1

Appendix 3

Destinations of Leavers 2006/07: by School

	Number of leavers	Full-time higher education (%)	Full-time further education (%)	Training (%)	Employment (%)	Other known destinations (%)	Destination unknown (%)
Auchinleck Academy	191	21	30	9	26	12	3
Cumnock Academy	216	19	34	6	24	15	2
Doon Academy	77	4	40	9	29	18	0
Grange Academy	244	32	23	8	23	10	3
James Hamilton Academy	155	23	30	8	23	15	2
Kilmarnock Academy	146	26	26	10	18	18	1
Loudoun Academy	202	25	31	5	29	9	1
St Joseph's Academy	144	35	26	3	24	10	1
Stewarton Academy	165	38	19	3	22	15	2
East Ayrshire	1,540	26	28	7	24	12	1
National	57,366	30	23	5	28	11	1