

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 27 JUNE 2008**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT FOR 2007**

##### **Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services**

### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1** To advise Elected Members of the on-line publication of the Standards and Quality Report for the Department of Educational and Social Services for 2007.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** The Standards in Scotland's Schools etc Act 2000 placed a requirement on Education Authorities to publish annually a report on the standards and quality of provision as measured against the Department's Annual Statement of Local Improvement Objectives
- 2.2** Initial Standards and Quality Reports reflected the performance of mainstream education services only. However, since 2004 the Report has encompassed the work of all of the services within the Department and records activity in Education Services, Social Work Services, Early Years Services, Community Learning and Development Services and in Facilities Management.
- 2.3** Over the years the various reports have evolved to describe performance against comparator authorities and national averages using quantitative performance measures as well as quality indicators. Most recently the reports have been written in such a way as to highlight the impact that the services have on children, young people and their families, the services staff and on the wider community. They have always been in traditional hard copy format. East Ayrshire continues to be one of the few authorities that produces such a report for Social Services.

### **3. PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT**

- 3.1** In previous years The Standards and Quality Report was printed at some considerable cost for distribution to our stakeholders. It is proposed for the 2007 report to make it available on-line with a one page "flier" for widespread distribution indicating the website addresses where the reports can be accessed.

3.2 The various service reports are available on:

[www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/ess/ess-publications.asp](http://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/ess/ess-publications.asp)

[www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/ess/socialwork/sw-publications.asp](http://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/ess/socialwork/sw-publications.asp)

and on the Elected Members' portal.

#### **4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Nil

#### **5. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The priorities of the Department of Educational and Social Services are explicitly cross-referred and contribute to the delivery of all aspects of the Community Plan.

#### **8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 Nil

#### **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:

- (i) note the positive progress made by the various services within the Department of Educational and Social Services against previous performance
- (ii) invite the Executive Director to continue to report to Committee on an annual basis
- (iii) otherwise note the content of the report

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**18 June 2008**

Members requiring further information should contact Kenneth McKinlay, Principal: Quality Improvement, (01563-55650).

#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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