

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE 4th MAY 2006

STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT FOR 2005 COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise the Local Committee of the publication of the annual Standards and Quality Report for Community Learning and Development covering 2005.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting on 24th May 2005, the Education Committee gave approval to a new format of Standards and Quality Report. This report, for the first time covered all aspects of the work of the Department of Educational & Social Services, reflecting its multi-disciplinary nature and the increasing emphasis on integrated service delivery. It was presented in a folder, with separate booklets representing the different aspects of work. This format proved to be highly successful, and attracted substantial amounts of national interest.
- 2.2 These individual reports are concise, readable and contain a wealth of factual information. They will be of interest to workers within the services of the department and to their colleagues. Most importantly, there is information that will be of interest to particular service users and the local community. Individually, and as a whole, they describe the considerable achievements within the Educational and Social Services Department. They provide an opportunity to celebrate success.
- 2.3 Members of the Education Committee were advised at the meeting held on 9th March 2006 that the Executive Director (Educational and Social Services) proposed to produce a report in similar format for 2005.

3. STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT FOR 2005 COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

- 3.1 The innovative Community Learning and Development part of the report highlights the considerable contribution of the service to a number of aspects of the Authority's work. This is particularly true in the areas of Community Planning and Best Value. Community Learning and Development staff have been active in the promotion of family and adult literacy and integrated services at learning partnership level. The service continues to engage with young people and adults to facilitate their personal, social and educational development. Community groups are supported to enable them to develop confidence, understanding and skills.
- 3.2 The following highlights may be of particular interest to members of the Northern Area Local Committee.
 - The young person awarded East Ayrshire's first Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award is a resident of Stewarton

- The Essential Skills Project supported twelve volunteers from the Northern Area to deliver literacy and numeracy learning to adults.
- All Community Learning & Development Centre Supervisors in Northern Area participated in training offered to support their continual professional development.
- The Princes Trust xl programme is being delivered to young people through the Stewarton Learning Partnership.
- Community representatives continue to be supported to participate in the Northern Area Local Committee.
- Support is given to twenty community organisations currently active or delivering services in the Northern Area.

3.3 The Standards & Quality Report for 2005 Community Learning & Development can be accessed from the Education pages of the Councils web site. Copies of the report will be available from Community Learning & Development.

4. **POLICY AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Nil

5. **COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The Standards and Quality Report contains information which is of relevance across all aspects of the Community Plan.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Nil

7. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) Note the publication of the Standards and Quality Report for Community Learning and Development for 2005
- (ii) Otherwise note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Standards and Quality Report, Education Committee, 24th May 2005
2. Standards and Quality Report, Education committee, 31st January 2006

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