

## ANGUS COUNCIL

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

27 NOVEMBER 2008

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SERVICE PLAN 2008/09: PROGRESS REPORT

## REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

**ABSTRACT**

This report advises of progress being made by the Education Department in implementing the actions set out in the department's service plan.

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee note the progress being made in delivering the actions in the Education Department service plan, 2008/09.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

Scrutiny by elected members of progress made in delivering service plan actions is a vital component of the effective performance management arrangements.

Accordingly the Monitoring Group on 28 May 2008 agreed that mid-year performance reports on progress against actions in departments' service plans should be submitted to the November/December committee cycle.

Attached to this report is the [mid-year report for the Education Department](#) setting out the performance status as at four weeks prior to the date of this committee.

The report has been produced from Excelsis, the council's performance management system.

**3 COMMENTARY**

3.1 Progress to date in implementing this year's service plan is entirely satisfactory. Of the 54 actions set out in the plan, 28 actions have been completed, with the remaining 26 on target for completion by the due deadline. 8 of the completed actions were 'signed off' ahead of the due date.

3.2 There are in all, within this year's plan, 4 actions which are now on schedule but whose deadlines have been revised. Those actions relate to:

(a) **The conduct of an Angus-wide mapping exercise in relation to the educational, care and health needs of pre-school children** – the original Community Plan deadline of 31 March 2008 related, in the main, to the arrangements which needed to be undertaken to specify and prepare for this 'needs assessment' exercise. It is anticipated that the conduct of the exercise, now underway, will be completed and the related report published ahead of the revised deadline of 31 October 2010.

(b) **Implementation of the Angus Physical Activity Strategy** – the original deadline of 31 October 2007 was extended to 31 October 2008 to take account of revised arrangements made by colleagues in Sports and Countryside Services who have responsibility for the production of the strategy document. That document is now in its final draft and the Education Department's commitments within the document in relation to the delivery of the Active Schools Programme are now fully in place.

- (c) **The provision of support to schools to achieve Health Promoting School status** – the original deadline of 30 June 2007 was overly ambitious and needed to be revised to take account of competing improvement priorities in individual school improvement plans; it is confidently anticipated that all schools in Angus will achieve Health Promoting School status, in line with local accreditation procedures, by the revised deadline of 31 December 2009.
- (d) **The development of information packs/training resources for new Parent Forums and Parent Councils** – the revision of the original deadline from 31 December 2007 to 31 December 2008 was necessary to take account of the actual schedule of establishment of individual Parent Councils, many of which were not in place until January 2008. Extensive consultation has taken place with individual Parent Councils and networks of councils to ascertain their information and training needs. Arrangements are well in hand to ensure that information packs and training resources are in place ahead of the revised deadline.

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with the terms of this report.

#### **5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no human rights implications associated with this report.

#### **6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.

#### **7 CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Law & Administration and Head of Finance have been consulted on the terms of this report.

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#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**NOTE** No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.