

ANGUS COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE – 25 April 2019

CAREER INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE SERVICES DELIVERED BY SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND IN ANGUS; A REPORT BY HM INSPECTORS 12 APRIL 2019

1. Background

- 1.1 Between 11 and 15 February 2019 Education Scotland conducted an external review of Career Information, Advice and Guidance (CIAG) services delivered by Skills Development Scotland (SDS) in Angus. SDS is Scotland's national skills body. They work with a range of partners to provide services that deliver the very best outcomes for Scotland's people, businesses and the economy. SDS colleagues work in partnership with each of our secondary schools to deliver careers advice and contribute to ensuring that our young people develop essential career management skills. SDS is fundamental to the on-going development of the Angus senior phase offer.

2. Outcomes of the External Review

- 2.1 The review focused on 6 key themes and awarded grades based on the following criteria:

Excellent: outstanding and sector leading
 Very Good: major strengths
 Good: important strengths with some areas for improvement
 Satisfactory: strengths just outweigh weaknesses
 Weak: important weaknesses
 Unsatisfactory: major weaknesses

The grades awarded were

Key Theme	Grade
Customer progression and achievement of relevant high quality outcomes	very good
Meeting the needs of stakeholders	excellent
Delivery of key services	very good
Management of service delivery	excellent
Strategic leadership	excellent

- 2.2 The report also listed two 'main points for action' relevant to Angus Council:

- SDS and the local authority should continue to work together to improve positive destinations for young people in schools where their outcomes are lower than the national average.
- SDS, the local authority and staff in schools should continue to work together to fully implement the entitlements from the Career Education Standard (CES) in school activities and the development of schools customers' Career Management Skills (CMS).

2.3 The full report is available at

<https://education.gov.scot/assets/contactorganisationinspectionreports/angusciag120419.pdf>

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