

HMIE REPORT 2004 – 05

1. SUMMARY

The Education Service of Argyll & Bute Council was inspected during the period December 2004 to January 2005 by HM Inspectorate of Education (HMIE), as part of a 5 year national inspection programme of all local authorities in Scotland. In June 2005 HMIE issued their inspection report. This outlined service key strengths plus areas requiring improvement. The HMIE review found that the service demonstrated good and improving performance and indicated areas where further improvement could be made.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The contents of this report are noted and to be followed up by Internal Audit.

3. DETAILS

3.1 In response to the report, HMIE & Education Service management at the beginning of September 2005 agreed an Action Plan. This was then presented and approved by the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) on the 8th of September 2005, and provided to the Audit Committee at the last meeting. The Action Plan contained 4 main action points, with sub sections detailing areas of concern, management comment, the responsible officer and implementation dates.

3.2 As at the 6th of February 2006, Education Service management have reported to Internal Audit that all of the action points are being progressed. They point to the fact that they are entering the evaluation phase on some of the action points, thus ensuring that the work done addresses the point agreed with HMIE. See Appendix 1.

4. CONCLUSIONS

Internal Audit will monitor progress by Education Services management as they address the issues contained in the agreed Action Plan.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1	Policy:	None
5.2	Financial:	None
5.3	Personnel:	None
5.4	Legal:	None
5.5	Equal Opportunities:	None

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