

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 HMIE & Education Service management at the beginning of September 2005 agreed an Action Plan, which has 4 main action points, with sub sections detailing areas of concern, management comment, the responsible officer and a time frame for implementation. This was presented to and approved by the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) on the 8th of September 2005, and an update on progress with implementation was provided to the Audit Committee at the last meeting.

3.2 As at the 19th of May 2006, Education Service management have reported to Internal Audit that all of the action points are being progressed with some sub section items complete. HMIE will return to carry out an implementation review in the academic year 2006 – 2007. Management comment is provided in Appendix 1.

4. CONCLUSIONS

Internal Audit will monitor progress by Education Service 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