

**HMIE REPORT 2004 – 05**

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**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 but indicated areas where further improvement could be made.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**3. DETAILS**

3.1 An agreed Action Plan between the Community Services department and HMIE was presented to and approved by the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2005. Thereafter the Audit Committee received quarterly updates on management progress addressing the inspectorates Main Action Points. At the last Audit Committee Internal Audit was able to report that all of the action points were being progressed with the majority complete.

3.2 Internal Audit at the end of August 2006 carried out a review of management progress in addressing the inspectorates Main Action Points. Internal Audit has concluded that the Education Service management and staff have expended a considerable amount of effort and time addressing the main issues raised by the inspectorate's report. Internal Audit is currently preparing a draft report and once finalised a copy will be sent to HMIE for their attention. HMIE are scheduled to return to check implementation progress during the academic year 2006 – 2007.

**4. CONCLUSIONS**

Internal Audit will continue to monitor progress by Education Service management in addressing HMIE recommended improvement areas.

**5. IMPLICATIONS**

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