



**REPORT TO: EDUCATION, CHILDREN'S AND LEISURE SERVICES
COMMITTEE ON 28 NOVEMBER 2023**

**SUBJECT: INFORMATION REPORT: ACTIVE SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT
2022-23**

**BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES AND
ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT)**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the progress made by the Active Schools team across the 2022-23 academic year.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III (D) (13) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to exercise the Council's statutory functions to provide facilities and support activities related to the development of recreation, sport, culture and social activities.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of Education, Children's and Leisure Services Committee on 2 November 2022, the Committee approved the extension of Active Schools and Community Sports Hub programmes from existing budget for a further four year period from 1 April 2023 in partnership with sportscotland at a total cost of £979,077 for the four year period to secure an investment of £1,185,928 from sportscotland over the same period (para 10 of the minute refers).
- 2.2 The Active Schools team continued to make significant progress across the 2022-23 academic year, working towards strategic outcomes in the sportscotland Sport for Life strategy, the Moray Council Corporate Plan, Children Services Plan as well as the Local Outcome Improvement Plan. Full details of the developments can be found in the illustrated annual report included as **Appendix I**.

2.3 A summary of the key developments within the report are as follows;

- 33% of Moray school roll participated in the 22/23 programme, up from 26% in 21/22.
- 4,040 distinct participants were involved which was up from 3,218 in 21/22.
- 1,476 of the 4,040 distinct participants were noted as having an additional support need through the SEEMIS system.
- 7,106 free sessions were delivered, up from 3,227 in 21/22.
- 95% of all the activities were delivered by volunteers, up from 91% in 21/22.
- £17,850 of external funding was sourced by the team to increase resource for projects such as Young Leaders and ASN activities.

2.4 The Active Schools team have identified the following priority areas for the 2023/24 academic year;

- Bridge the gap between male and female participation figures
- Increase the distinct participant figures at secondary schools
- Continued focus on working with pupils with additional support needs
- Increase number of school to community club links, utilising the recently launched club accreditation scheme as a tool for engagement.

3. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))

This report supports the following LOIP outcomes;

- Building a better future for children and young people in Moray
- A place where children and young people thrive;
- A place where they have a voice, have opportunities to learn and can get around;
- A place where they are able to reach their full potential.

This report also supports the aims of the Corporate Plan to;

- Provide opportunities where young people can achieve the potential to be the best they can be.

(b) Policy and Legal

There are no policy or legal implications arising from this report.

(c) Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report, however the Active Schools team continue to be pro-active in sourcing external funding to support projects delivered locally.

(d) Risk Implications

There are no specific risk implications arising from this report.

(e) Staffing Implications

There no staffing implications arising directly from this report.

(f) Property

There are no property implications arising from this report.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

Reducing inequalities through sport continues to be a priority of the Active Schools team as highlighted in the report, with a specific focus on supporting provision for young people with an additional support need. It is also stipulated by SportsScotland that all activities delivered directly by the Active Schools team are offered at no cost to the participant and this was upheld across 2022/23, improving accessibility to sessions.

(h) Climate Change and Biodiversity Impacts

No climate change or biodiversity implications have arisen however the Sports Kit for All project detailed in the report contributes towards the Council's Climate Change strategy.

(i) Consultations

In preparing this report, consultations have been undertaken with the Sport and Culture Service Manager, Head of Education Resources and Communities and Caroline O'Connor, Committee Services Officer whose comments have been incorporated in the report.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Committee is asked to note the continuing progress made by the Active Schools team during the 2022/23 academic year and the priorities for this academic year.

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Background Papers:
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