



**REPORT TO: EDUCATION, CHILDREN'S AND LEISURE SERVICES
COMMITTEE ON 25 JANUARY 2023**

**SUBJECT: INFORMATION REPORT: MUSIC INSTRUCTION AND
PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

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

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update to Committee on the expansion of music making opportunities for academic year 2022/23 as a result of the additional Scottish Government funding allocation to support increased provision.
- 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 on 8 June 2022, Committee agreed to recommend to Corporate Committee to allocate additional funding of £35,000 from the Scottish Government towards the expansion of music making opportunities across Moray for academic year 2022/23. The recommended approach was to allocate the additional funding to the Music Instruction and Performance Team to develop project based music opportunities (paragraph 12 of the Minute refers). On 14 June 2022 Corporate Committee agreed the recommendation from the Education, Children's and Leisure Services Committee (paragraph 11 of the Minute refers).
- 2.2 The Music Instruction and Performance team have supported a number of music making opportunities to ensure diversity and inclusion. There has been a focus on easing the current waiting lists for music instruction and responding to the survey consultation evidence received from teachers, pupils and parents/guardians earlier in 2022. The service has also taken account of the temporary nature of the funding, and has looked for opportunities to support projects that will have longer term impacts once the funding is no longer available.

2.3 The £35,000 has been allocated as follows;

- **£8,000** for 0.2FTE additionality to brass music instruction for terms 2, 3 and 4 of 2022/23. The brass instructor is delivering whole class brass instruction to 22 additional Primary 4 pupils on a weekly basis at Craigellachie and Rothes Primary Schools (with a view to offering to Pilmuir Primary in term 3) and 4 additional pupils at Andersons Primary School. All new brass pupils will be encouraged to join Moray Music Centre Junior Brass Band in the new academic year to ensure a sustainable learning pathway and the growth of Moray Music Centre. This additional instruction has eased the current waiting list however there are still 25 first choice brass registrations of interest that are unable to receive tuition this academic year.
- **£8,000** for 0.2FTE additionality to guitar music instruction for terms 2, 3 and 4 of 2022/23. This instructor is delivering guitar instruction to two Primary 7 classes, one at New Elgin and one at Greenwards Primary in response to consultation evidence – guitar being the 2nd most in demand instrument. The total number of pupils taking lessons is over 100. This music instructor delivers guitar instruction at Elgin High therefore any Primary 7 pupils that enjoy this experience will be able to register their interest for continued instruction once they transition to the High School.
- **£3,000** to the National Youth Choir of Scotland to fund the creation of resources and staff training to support the creation and delivery of a Primary School Choir that will be delivered through Moray Music Centre during term 4. Voice instruction was the 4th highest request for music instruction in the pupil consultation survey.
- **£8,000** to the Moray Youth Pipes and Drums Tuition Scheme (MYPDTS), administered by Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust (SSPDT), to expand the current Moray offering in these instruments. The funding is contributing to an enhanced programme, with financial support also available from the SSPDT, and will provide free tuition to 44 pupils entitled to Free School Meals/Clothing Grant.
- **£5,000** to purchase equipment to support the above new opportunities and the existing instruction programme, where investment in music equipment has not been possible for several years.
- **£3,000** to organise music workshops for our Youth Music Initiative, Instrumental Music Instruction and Moray Music Centre learners. So far this funding has been used to support workshop visits from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and to provide staffing/additional transport to facilitate the inclusion and showcase of YMI pupils/programme as part of the Moray Music Centre Winter and Spring Concerts, helping establish and strengthen progression pathways and opportunities for children and young people learning across the Music Instruction & Performance team.

3. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

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

In relation to the LOIP, this report supports three of the main priority areas which are building a better future for our children and young people in Moray, empowering and connecting communities and improving the wellbeing of our population.

In relation to the Corporate Plan, this report contributes to three of the main priority areas which are providing opportunities for people to be the best they can be throughout their lives with a strong and sustained focus on those individuals and groups in our society who experience the most disadvantage and discrimination, empower and support communities to build capacity and creating a sustainable council that provides valued services to our communities.

(b) Policy and Legal

Local Authorities have a legal duty to ensure adequate provision of support activities related to the development of recreation, sport, culture and social activities. Evidence demonstrates that music education can improve attainment for all learners particularly around numeracy, literacy and cognitive function.

(c) Financial implications

There are no financial implications connected to this report.

(d) Risk Implications

There are no risk implications connected to this report.

(e) Staffing Implications

The staffing implications connected to this report have all followed the appropriate Council processes and therefore no staffing implications arising from this report.

(f) Property

There are no property issues connected to this report.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

Due to the additional funding made available for expansion this report contributes to reducing inequalities of outcome caused by socioeconomic disadvantage.

(h) Climate Change and Biodiversity Impacts

No climate change or biodiversity implications have been determined for this report because

(i) Consultations

Jo Shirriffs, Head of Education Resources and Communities and Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer have been consulted and the comments received have been incorporated into the report.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 That the Committee notes the progress of the allocation of the £35,000 additional funding for the Music Instruction Service.**

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Background Papers:

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