

Pipes and Drums Tuition in Moray

Current Pipes and Drums Provision in Moray

- Bagpipe and pipe drum instruction is currently offered to children and young people between P5-S6 in the Elgin High School, Lossiemouth High School and Forres Academy Associated School Groups (ASGs).
- Lessons are offered on an individual or small group basis.
- Instruction is offered in schools, during the school day on arrangement and agreement with schools.
- There are a limited number of chanter, bagpipes and drum pads available on loan to pupils – funded by Scottish School Pipes & Drumming Trust (SSPDT).
- There is currently no link to the Moray Council Music Service – instructors are not obliged to follow Music Service policy or procedure.
- This model is considered to be successful in the three ASGs noted above.

Possible models for delivering bagpipe and pipe drumming instruction and additional considerations

The following models would all provide children and young people in Moray with an opportunity to learn bagpipes and/or pipe drumming free of charge in line with the Scottish Government decision to remove fees for instrumental music instruction. All would require additional funding from Moray Council.

1. Expansion of the Music Service to include bagpipes and pipe drumming instructors

- Bagpipe and pipe drumming instructors would be employed by Moray Council to deliver instruction in line with Music Service policy and procedure.
- Lessons would be delivered in line with music instruction model, i.e. 30 minute weekly lessons, in school, during school time. Lessons offered to groups of interested children and young people from P4/5 onwards.
- Children and young people would receive instruction throughout their school journey ensuring a progression pathway, wider access to the curriculum and support at SQA level.

Additional Considerations

- Number of instructors required unknown – would be dependent upon level of interest from children and young people in learning bagpipes and pipe drumming, also unknown.
- Each instructor could be expected to offer up to 11x 30 minute lessons in a secondary school day and 10x 30 minute lessons in a primary school day; this would reduce to approximately 8 lessons if there were travel required during the school day. Group lessons would be for maximum 4 pupils. Maximum capacity with 4 instructors would therefore be approximately 200 lessons per week, with some of these being group lessons.
- Instructors would need to be qualified/experienced and PVG checked as per normal recruitment procedure.
- Additional management time would need to be set aside for Principal Music Instructor – with backfill provided to cover current teaching hours
- Consideration would need to be given to possible pressures on accommodation of additional instructors in schools during the normal school day/week.

Costs

Instructors 4 x FTE (estimate)	£198,984
Additional Instructor time to cover Principal Music Instructor additional management time (0.2 FTE)	£9,949
Service development & training	£1,000
Instrument purchase (one-off)	£20,000
Instrument maintenance (ongoing)	£2,000
Mileage	£540
Total	£232,473

2. Moray Council partners with SSPDT in funding bagpipe and pipe drumming instructor posts

- SSPDT would co-fund new Music Service posts for bagpipe and pipe drumming instructors for three to six years.
- Moray Council would provide loan and maintenance of instruments.
- Lessons would be delivered in line with current music instruction model, i.e. 30 minute weekly lessons, in school, during school time. Lessons offered to groups of interested children and young people from P4/5 onwards.
- Children and young people would receive instruction throughout their school journey ensuring a progression pathway provided funding for posts was maintained after SSPDT funding withdrawn.
- SSPDT have not been approached as yet in regards to this proposal therefore would need their agreement if option were to be progressed.

Additional Considerations

- Number of instructors required unknown – would be dependent upon level of interest from children and young people in learning bagpipes and pipe drumming, also unknown.
- Additional management time would need to be set aside for Principal Music Instructor – with backfill provided to cover current teaching hours.
- Consideration would need to be given to possible pressures on accommodation of additional instructors in schools during the normal school day/week.
- Long term budget implications – Moray Council would need to fully fund instructor posts after SSPDT funding withdrawn.

Costs

Moray Council share of Instructor costs 4 x FTE (estimate)	£99,492 (50% each)
Additional Instructor time to cover Principal Music Instructor additional management time (0.2 FTE)	£9,949
Service development & training	£1,000
Instrument purchase (one-off)	£20,000
Instrument maintenance (ongoing)	£2,000
Mileage	£540
Total	£132,981

3. Individual schools could use PEF funding, matched by SSPDT, to engage bagpipe and/or pipe drumming instructor.

- Individual schools could engage a bagpipe and pipe drumming instructor funded from their PEF budget – SSPDT would match fund posts up to three years.
- Each school would be responsible for the promotion and delivery of instruction, provision and maintenance of instruments as well as management and development of instruction.
- Lessons would be delivered in school during the school day and on a model which best suited the school, i.e. individual, small group, whole class etc.
- Head Teacher would be responsible for overall management of instruction.

Additional Considerations

- PEF budget management devolved to Head Teachers – the offer would be dependent upon available budget and require Head Teacher support.
- PEF funding only been committed until 2022/23 therefore ongoing budget thereafter may be an issue if funding ceases.
- Long term budget implications – Head Teachers would need to consider long term funding to ensure progression pathways for children and young people. Progression pathways could be interrupted between primary and secondary if no buy in across the Associated School Group (ASG).
- No additional cost to the Council.

4. Moray Council partners with a pipe band local to each ASG and provides funding pot for delivery of lessons via the pipe band.

- Moray Council could provide a pot of funding to local pipe bands in order for interested children and young people to receive instruction directly from their local pipe band.
- Each pipe band would be responsible for promotion and delivery of instruction, provision and maintenance of instruments as well as management and development of instruction.
- Lessons would be delivered out with school and out with school time to any pupils interested. Perhaps children and young people in secondary schools most appropriate for this scenario. Initial taster sessions could be provided in school time if schools can accommodate.

Additional Considerations

- Responsibility and greater expectation would sit with parent/carer, i.e. taking children and young people to pipe band etc.
- Would need to establish whether or not this was something existing pipe bands would be willing to provide.
- Additional management time would initially be required to scope out possibilities and establish provision.
- Continued involvement on Moray Council's part would be required but management could be scaled back once up and running.

Costs

Additional Instructor time to cover Principal Music Instructor additional management time (0.2 FTE)	£9,949
Pipe Band Funding (8 x £2,000)	£16,000
Total	£25,949